

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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ACADEMY PROGRAMME IN BROMLEY: UPDATE

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This is the twelfth report produced since July 2010 to ensure Members are kept up to date on the Academies Programme in Bromley.
- 1.2 The Government's Academy Programme is underpinned by the Academy Act 2010.

2. THE BRIEFING

- 2.1 At the start of the 2010/11 Academic Year, there were 95 maintained schools in Bromley which included: 17 secondary, 74 primary phase and 4 special schools. This broad spectrum of schools included Foundation, Trust, Community, Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled. In addition, Bromley maintains a Pupil Referral Service (PRS). The overall pupil population across our school and PRS provision is currently 46,539 pupils (including post-16). Educational standards in Bromley and the outcomes achieved by children and young people across our schools, places the borough in the top quartile of overall performance nationally.
- 2.2 Below is the position in Bromley regarding academy conversion as at 10 May 2012:

Type	Converted		Conversion in Progress		Potential Conversion		Maintained		Total	
Secondary	16	94%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	17	100%
Primary	13	18%	2	3%	1	1%	58	78%	74	100%
Special	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	4	100%
Total	29	31%	3	3%	1	1%	62	65%	95	100%

- 2.3 Appendix 1 provides an overview of individual schools that have converted to academy status, those in the process of conversion and those schools which have withdrawn from conversion.

- 2.4 Since the last report to the PDS Committee and the CYP Portfolio Holder on 20 March 2012, there have been a number of developments:
- **Tubbenden Primary School** has converted to academy status on 1 March 2012;
 - **St James' RC Primary School** has converted to academy status on 1 April 2012;
 - **The Priory School** has converted to academy status on 1 May 2012;
 - **Hillside Primary School** will be converting to academy status under a sponsored conversion route, with The Priory acting as the sponsor partner following formal discussion including the DfE, Local Authority and governors; with the conversion target date of 1 September 2012. Given the projected deficit for the school at the point of conversion as a sponsored Academy, the Council will be liable for the deficit on conversion;
 - **Crofton Infant School** has formally notified the local authority on 5 January 2012 of its decision to consult on possible conversion to academy status, with consultation documents published on the school website on 7 February 2012, with decision expected early in summer term.
- 2.5 Bromley has the highest number of academy conversions in the London region and is in the top ten nationally. The conversions in Bromley reflect a number of factors: the overall high performance of schools in Bromley and the percentage that are graded by Ofsted as 'Outstanding' or 'Good with Outstanding Features' and where there is strong leadership and governance; Bromley has a relatively high proportion of Foundation status schools (formerly Grant Maintained); the number of Head Teachers who are accredited National Leaders in Education (NLE) or Local Leaders in Education (LLE) (a total of 20); and the autonomy and additional funding offered by academy status.

ACADEMY DEVELOPMENTS IN BROMLEY (AS AT 10 MAY 2012)

TABLE A: Overall Summary

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TABLE B: Secondary Schools that have Converted

	SECONDARY SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	Kemnal Technology College	Conversion	1 September 2010
2	Darrick Wood Secondary School	Conversion	1 December 2010
3	Beaverwood School for Girls	Conversion	1 March 2011
4	Bishop Justus CE Secondary School	Conversion	1 March 2011
5	Coopers Technology College	Conversion	1 March 2011
6	Charles Darwin School	Conversion	1 April 2011
7	Hayes School (Secondary)	Conversion	1 April 2011
8	Langley Park School for Boys	Conversion	1 April 2011
9	Newstead Wood School for Girls	Conversion	1 April 2011
10	Ravens Wood School	Conversion	1 April 2011
11	The Ravensbourne School	Conversion	1 April 2011
12	Bullers Wood School	Conversion	1 May 2011
13	Langley Park School for Girls	Conversion	1 August 2011
14	Kelsey Park Sports College (Harris Academy Beckenham)	Conversion	1 September 2011
15	Cator Park Schools (Harris Academy Bromley)	Conversion	1 September 2011
16	The Priory	Conversion	1 May 2012

TABLE C: Primary Schools that have Converted

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	Hayes Primary School	Conversion	1 July 2011
2	Warren Road Primary School	Conversion	1 July 2011
3	Balgowan Primary School	Conversion	1 August 2011
4	Biggin Hill Primary School	Conversion	1 August 2011
5	Darrick Wood Infant School and Nursery	Conversion	1 August 2011
6	Green Street Green Primary School	Conversion	1 August 2011
7	Pickhurst Infant School	Conversion	1 August 2011
8	Pickhurst Junior School	Conversion	1 August 2011
9	Stewart Fleming Primary School	Conversion	1 August 2011
10	Valley Primary School	Conversion	1 August 2011
11	Crofton Junior School	Conversion	1 December 2011
12	Tubbenden Primary School	Conversion	1 March 2012
13	St James' RC Primary School	Conversion	1 April 2012

TABLE D: Secondary Schools Seeking Conversion

SECONDARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	St Olave's Grammar School	Notification to Local Authority (October 2010). Conversion approval 'on hold' pending resolution of governance composition between the Diocese of Rochester, the School and the Department for Education.	TBC

TABLE E: Primary Schools Seeking Conversion

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	Hillside Primary School	Governing Body resolution to convert in a trust relationship with The Priory – 7 December 2011 Confirmation from DfE that Hillside will convert to academy status under a sponsored conversion, with The Priory acting as the sponsor partner. Request to Priory and LA to complete Expression of Interest to support the sponsored conversion – 30 January 2012	1 September 2012
2	Crofton Infant School	Formal notification to Director CYP on 5 January 2012 that the Governing Body has agreed to commence consultation on possible conversion to academy status. Academy Order received – 2 May 2012	1 September 2012
3	Highfield Junior School	Confirmation of Registering Interest with DfE – 20 May 2011	TBC

TABLE F: Schools that have notified the LA of withdrawal from Pursuit of Academy Conversion

	PRIMARY SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	Darrick Wood Junior School	Application to DfE – 24 May 2011. Confirmation withdrawal of application – 12 July 2011	N/A
2	Parish CE Primary School	Application to DfE – May 2011. Confirmation withdrawal of application – 7 September 2011	N/A
3	Keston CE Primary School	Application to DfE – 9 May 2011. Confirmation withdrawal of application – 18 November 2011	N/A
4	Raglan Primary School	Application to DfE – 20 May 2011. Confirmation withdrawal of application – 18 January 2012	N/A