

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 regular 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 15 August 2012:

Type	Converted		Conversion in Progress		Potential Conversion		Maintained		Total
Secondary	16	94%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	17
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Special	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	4
Total	31	33%	1	1%	1	1%	62	65%	95

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schools that have converted to academy status, those in the process of conversion and those schools which have withdrawn from conversion.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 Education PDS Committee and the Education Portfolio Holder on 12 June 2012, there have been a number of developments:
- **Crofton Infant School** has converted to academy status on 1 September 2012; and
 - **Hillside Primary School** has converted 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 on 1 September 2012.
- 2.5 Bromley has one of the highest numbers of academy conversions in the London region and 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 15 AUGUST 2012)**

SECTION 1: Overall Summary

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SECTION 2: Schools which have Converted to Academy Status

Primary Phase Schools

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

Secondary Phase Schools

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

SECTION 3: Schools in the Process of Conversion to Academy Status

Primary Phase Schools

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION
1	Highfield Junior School	Confirmation of Registering Interest with DfE – 20 May 2011

Secondary Phase Schools

SECONDARY SCHOOLS		POSITION
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.

SECTION 4: Schools who have withdrawn from the Process of Conversion to Academy Status

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