

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 fifteenth 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.
- 1.3 60% of Bromley schools have now either converted to academy status, are in a formal process of conversion to academy status or are actively exploring conversion to academy status.

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 February 2013:

Type	Converted		Maintained - Conversion in Progress		Maintained - Potential Conversion		Maintained		Total	
Secondary	16	94%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	17	100%
Primary	15	20%	3	4%	22	30%	34	46%	74	100%
Special	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	4	100%
Total	31	33%	4	4%	22	23%	38	40%	95	100%

- 2.3 Appendix 1 provides an overview of individual schools that have converted to academy status and those either in the process of conversion or are considering conversion.
- 2.4 Since the last report to the Education PDS Committee there have been a significant number of developments:
- **Malcolm Primary School** is in the process of converting to academy status as a sponsored academy with the Harris Federation, following a formal decision of the Governing Body on 14 January 2013, with a planned conversion date of 1 September 2013;
 - **A number of schools** have commenced consultation with parents on a proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools. The schools in the proposed chain are **Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough Primary, Manor Oak Primary, Perry Hall Primary and Raglan Primary**. The LA understands that all schools are in a consultation process only at this time – no formal decision to convert to academy status has been taken.
 - **A further three** schools have commenced individual consultation with parents on a proposal to convert to academy status. The schools are **St Vincent's RC Primary, St Peter and Paul RC Primary** and **St Joseph's RC Primary**. The LA understands that all schools are in a consultation process only at this time – no formal decision to convert to academy status has been taken.
 - **A further ten** schools have notified the LA of their intent either to convert to Academy status or to undertake consultation on conversion to academy status. At this time formal decisions have not been taken by the Governing Body to proceed and therefore they are not identified in this report.
- 2.5 Bromley continues to have one of the highest numbers of academy conversions in the London region and nationally with 33% of schools having converted and a further 27% of schools either formally in the process of conversion or actively exploring conversion (via public consultation with parents or through informal notification to the LA of resolving to apply for academy status).
- 2.6 There have been a number of actions taken since the last meeting of the Education PDS Committee in January 2013 to ensure that the Council's commitment to the Government's academy agenda is fulfilled. The local authority:
- has issued a press release in January 2013 confirming the local authority's commitment to education including encouragement and support for Bromley schools that wish to convert to academy status;
 - has ongoing meetings of the academy project group of senior officers from education, HR, commissioning, legal and property services to support schools converting to academy status;
 - is completing a 'mapping' exercise of the existing and developing primary school partnerships to plan for conversions of groups of schools;
 - has hosted a road show in January 2013, in partnership with FASNA, for 20 primary schools that are currently making conversion decisions. Head teachers, Chairs of Governors and Finance Officers of these schools attended;
 - has agreed, via the January Education PDS, to remove the restrictions on applications for 'Seed Challenge' capital funding for any school considering conversion, as this was perceived by schools as a barrier to engaging with the academies' programme.

**ACADEMY DEVELOPMENTS IN BROMLEY
(AS AT 15 FEBRUARY 2013)**

SECTION 1: Overall Summary

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SECTION 2: Schools which have Converted to Academy Status

Primary Phase Schools

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	The Pioneer Academy (formerly 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
14	Crofton Infant School	Conversion	1 September 2012
15	Hillside Primary School	Sponsored Conversion	1 September 2012

Secondary Phase Schools

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 (Bromley) (formerly Hayes School)	Conversion	1 April 2011
8	Langley Park School for Boys	Conversion	1 April 2011
9	Newstead Wood School (formerly 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	Harris Academy Beckenham (formerly Kelsey Park Sports College)	Sponsored Conversion	1 September 2011
15	Harris Academy Bromley (formerly Cator Park School)	Conversion	1 September 2011
16	The Priory School	Conversion	1 May 2012

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

Primary Phase Schools

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	Royston Primary School	Sponsored conversion with Harris Federation. Consultation on proposal completed December 2012. Awaiting confirmation of Academy Order.	1 September 2013
2	Grays Farm	Proposed sponsored conversion with Kemnal Academies Trust.	1 September 2013
3	Malcolm Primary School	Formal Governing Body decision to apply for conversion as sponsored academy with Harris Federation – 14 January 2013.	1 September 2013

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
4	St. Mary's RC Primary School	Formal consultation on academy conversion – 12 October 2012. No formal decision notified to LA as yet. No formal decision to convert as yet.	TBC
5 to 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandra Infants • Alexandra Juniors • Highfield Infants • Highfield Juniors • Farnborough Primary • Manor Oak Primary • Perry Hall Primary • Raglan Primary 	<p>Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools.</p> <p>Notification given to LA 28 January 2013.</p> <p>No formal decision to convert as yet.</p>	September 2013
13	St Vincent's RC Primary	<p>Consultation on Academy status on website – January 2013. No formal notification to LA.</p> <p>No formal decision to convert as yet.</p>	TBC
14	St Peter and St Paul RC Primary	<p>Consultation on Academy status on website – January 2013. No formal notification to LA.</p> <p>No formal decision to convert as yet.</p>	TBC
15	St Joseph's RC Primary	<p>Consultation on Academy status on website – January 2013. No formal notification to LA.</p> <p>No formal decision to convert as yet.</p>	TBC
16 to 18	Ten other schools	Informal notification given to LA (January and February 2013) of plans to convert or to consult on conversion. Awaiting formal public notification.	TBC

Secondary Phase Schools

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