

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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**BROMLEY ACADEMY PROGRAMME &
FREE SCHOOL UPDATE**

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This is the sixteenth report produced since July 2010 to ensure Members are kept up-to-date on the Academies Programme in Bromley. 63% 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.
- 1.2 Currently there are no Free Schools within Bromley, however in May 2013 DfE approved three schools to be setup for September 2014. These were detailed as an Information Item on 'Free School Update' to Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee at the 19 March 2013 meeting.

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 19th June 2013. There are currently 17 schools in the process of converting with a further 12 potential conversions.

Type	Converted		Maintained - Conversion in Progress		Maintained - Potential Conversion		Maintained		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Secondary	16	94%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	17	100%
Primary	15	20%	16	22%	13	18%	30	40%	74	100%
Special	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	4	100%
Total	31	33%	17	18%	13	14%	34	35%	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, with a planned conversion date of 1 September 2013. The Academy Action Plan has been completed and the Academy Order is in progress;
 - **Grays Farm Primary School** is in the process of converting to academy status as a sponsored academy with the Kemnal Academies Trust with a planned conversion date of 1 September 2013. The Academy Action Plan has been completed and the Academy Order is in progress.
 - **Royston Primary School** is in the process of converting to academy status as a sponsored academy with the Harris Federation, 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**. Applications for academy status for the majority of these schools have been received by DfE.
 - **The Catholic Schools** are in exploratory discussions about converting to academy status as part of an umbrella trust with the Diocese. Four Schools have applied to the DfE St Vincents, St Marys, St Peter and St Pauls and St Josephs.
 - **Parish Primary School** is in the process of conversion to academy status as part of a multi-academy trust with Bishop Justus School. The planned conversion date was set for 1 June 2013.
 - **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 may not have been taken by the Governing Body to proceed for some schools 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 30% 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 March 2013 to ensure that the Council's commitment to the Government's academy agenda is fulfilled. The local authority:
- has had 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;
 - is meeting with local schools to discuss the benefits of academy conversion and different models for conversion;
 - is preparing a 'roadshow' for schools to provide further information on academies and the process of conversion.
- 2.7 Following submission to the DfE, three free schools were approved in May 2013, to open in September 2014 and subject to the usual local planning conditions, etc being fully met. The schools are:
- o The Harris Federation - two forms of entry (60 places per year) All through Primary Free School - on the site of the existing Harris Beckenham Secondary
 - o The Harris Federation Two forms of entry (60 places per year) All through Primary Free School – Bromley area, probably on the Kingswood site
 - o Bromley Bilingual Primary School (in partnership with the Council for British Teachers) Two forms of entry, opening with two Reception classes, one Year 1 class and one Year 2 class in September 2014 – site not known

The Harris Aspire Free School offering alternative provision will also open in September 2013 on temporary sites.

APPENDIX 1 ACADEMY DEVELOPMENTS IN BROMLEY (AS AT 19th June 2013)

1. Schools which have Converted to Academy Status

1.1 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

1.2 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

SECONDARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
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

2. Schools Either Considering or in the Process of Conversion to Academy Status

2.1 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 Jan 13)	1 September 2013
4	Alexandra Infants	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan). Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013	Academy Order Approved 19 June Conversion Date Sept 2013
5	Alexandra Juniors	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan). Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013. Application received by DfE (April 2013 list)	Academy Order Approved 17 June Conversion Date Sept 2013
6	Farnborough Primary	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan). Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013. Application received by DfE (April 2013 list)	Academy Order Approved 20 June Conversion Date Nov 2013
7	Highfield Infants	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan). Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013. Application received by DfE (April 2013 list)	Academy Order Approved 20 June Conversion Date Sept 2013
8	Highfield Juniors	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan).	Academy Order Approved June

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		Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013 Application received by DfE (May 2013 list)	Conversion Date Oct 2013
9	Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School	Consultation on Academy status on website – March 2013. No formal notification to LA. Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Diocese. Application received by DfE (June 2013) list	TBC
10	Manor Oak Primary	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan). Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013. Application received by DfE (May 2013 list)	Academy Order Approved 20 June Conversion Date Nov 2013
11	Mottingham	Notification to LA of Governing Body decision on 13 March 2013 to convert as a stand alone academy Application received by DfE (May 2013 list)	Decision to be sent out 14/6
12	Parish Primary School	Confirmation to LA (13 February 2013) of intent to convert to Academy status as a Multi-Academy Trust with Bishop Justus C of E school.	Academy Order approved Conversion Date August
13	Perry Hall Primary	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan). Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013. Application received by DfE (April 2013 list)	November 2013
14	Raglan Primary	Consultation with parents on proposal to convert to academy status as part of a chain of eight schools (Alexandra Infants, Alexandra Juniors, Highfield Infants, Highfield Juniors, Farnborough, Manor Oak, Perry Hall and Raglan). Notification given to LA 28 January 2013. Contact from Solicitors acting on behalf of group of schools to commence CTA discussion – 15 April 2013. Application received by DfE (April 2013 list)	Academy Order approved Conversion Date September of 2013
15	St Josephs	Consultation on Academy status on website – January 2013. No formal notification to LA. Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the	October conversion

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		Diocese. Application received by DfE (June 2013 list)	
16	St Vincents	<p>Consultation on Academy status on website – January 2013. No formal notification to LA.</p> <p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Diocese. Application received by DfE (June 2013 list)</p>	October conversion
17	Burnt Ash Primary School	<p>Burnt Ash is consulting with parents on the question of conversion to academy status (March 2013)</p> <p>No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC
18	Hawes Down Infants	<p>Confirmation to LA of intent to submit Expression of Interest to DfE – 31 January 2013</p> <p>Consultation (April 2013) on conversion to academy status potentially as part of an umbrella trust (including Langley Boys, Langley Girls, Pickhurst Infants, Hayes Primary, Hayes Secondary)</p> <p>No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC
19	James Dixon Primary School	<p>Notification 15 February 2013 of Governor decision to apply for academy conversion</p> <p>No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC
20	Southborough Primary	<p>Southborough is consulting with parents on the question of conversion to academy status (March 2013)</p> <p>No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC
21 to 25	Southborough Schools – collaborative or umbrella academy trust (Burnt Ash, Leasons, Southborough, Chelsfield, Scotts Park, Bickley, Oaklands)	<p>Information notification to Assistant Director of Education</p> <p>No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC
26	St Johns	<p>Sponsored academy with Diocese of Rochester acting as sponsor.</p> <p>No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC
27	St. Marys RC Primary School	<p>Formal consultation on academy conversion – 12 October 2012.</p> <p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Diocese. No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC
28	St Peter and St Pauls	<p>Consultation on Academy status on website – January 2013. No formal notification to LA.</p> <p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Diocese. No formal application logged by DfE as yet.</p>	TBC

2.2 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