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**BROMLEY ACADEMY
PROGRAMME AND FREE SCHOOL UPDATE**

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This briefing provides the Education PDS with an update on both the Bromley Academy Programme and Free School initiatives.
- 1.2 This is the updated information for Members on the academy conversion programme as at 19th June 2014. There are now 47 academies within Bromley, an increase of three since the last report was presented. The new academies are Keston (part of a multi-academy trust with the Aquinas Trust); Scotts Park (part of a multi-academy trust with The Ravensbourne School); and St Johns (a sponsored academy with the Diocese of Rochester. Twenty three more schools are in the process of converting and a further twenty one are in the initial stages of exploring conversion. Thirteen schools converted in 2013/14 and three have converted in 2014/15 to date.
- 1.3 The information also indicates formal partnership or sponsorship arrangements relevant to Bromley schools where these are known.
- 1.4 At the time of this briefing there are currently four free schools with DfE approval (three primary and one Pupil Referral Unit PRU) there are also a further four schools proposed currently without DfE approval (2 primary and 2 secondary).

2. THE BRIEFING

2.1 Overall Summary of the Academy Programme as at 19th June 2014.

Type	Converted		Maintained - Conversion in Progress		Maintained - Exploring Conversion		Maintained – Not Actively Exploring Conversion		Total	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Secondary	16	94%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	17	100%
Primary	31	42%	22	30%	16	21%	5	7%	74	100%
Special	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	0	0%	4	100%
PRU	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Total	47	49%	23	24%	21	22%	5	5%	96	100%

2.2 Schools which have converted to Academy Status

A	PRIMARY SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	<p>Hayes Primary School</p> <p>Actively exploring sponsorship of other schools. Application for sponsored conversion of St Mary Cray approved and sponsor status granted.</p> <p>Linked to the Realise Academy Partnership Trust – a schools partnership arrangement in the borough</p>	Conversion	1 July 2011
2	Warren Road Primary School	Conversion	1 July 2011
3	Balgowan Primary School	Conversion	1 August 2011
4	<p>Biggin Hill Primary School</p> <p>Consulting with parents and public about a potential sponsored or multi-academy trust arrangement with Charles Darwin school.</p>	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	<p>Pickhurst Infant School</p> <p>Linked to the Realise Academy Partnership Trust – a schools partnership arrangement in the borough</p>	Conversion	1 August 2011
8	<p>Pickhurst Junior School</p> <p>Exploring potential MAT or Umbrella Trust arrangements (Endeavour).</p>	Conversion	1 August 2011
9	The Pioneer Academy (formerly Stewart Fleming Primary School)	Conversion	1 August 2011

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	Part of the The Pioneer Academy Trust and exploring potential MAT arrangements in the borough. The Pioneer Trust sponsors a school in Bexley.		
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 Hillside is sponsored by The Priory as part of a MAT.	Sponsored Conversion	1 September 2012
16	Parish Primary School Parish is part of the Aquinas Trust with Bishop Justus.	Conversion	1 August 2013
17	Alexandra Juniors	Conversion	1 September 2013
18	Highfield Infants' School Joint Head Teacher with Highfield Junior	Conversion	1 September 2013
19	Raglan Primary School	Conversion	1 September 2013
20	Harris Academy Kent House (formerly Royston Primary) Part of the Harris Federation, which in Bromley includes Harris Kent House, Harris Crystal Palace, Harris Bromley and Harris Beckenham.	Sponsored Conversion	1 September 2013
21	Harris Academy Crystal Palace (formerly Malcolm Primary School) Part of the Harris Federation, which in Bromley includes Harris Kent House, Harris Crystal Palace, Harris Bromley and Harris Beckenham.	Sponsored Conversion	1 September 2013
22	Gray's Farm Primary School Part of The Kemnal Academies Trust	Sponsored Conversion	1 September 2013
23	Highfield Junior Joint Head Teacher with Highfield Infants	Conversion	1 October 2013
24	Alexandra Infants	Conversion	1 December 2013
25	Farnborough Primary	Conversion	1 December 2013
26	Manor Oak	Conversion	1 December 2013
27	Perry Hall Primary	Conversion	1 December 2013

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28	Castlecombe Linked to the Realise Academy Partnership Trust – a schools partnership arrangement in the borough	Conversion	1 January 2014
29	Keston MAT with Aquinas Trust	Conversion	1 April 2014
30	Scotts Park MAT with The Ravensbourne School	Conversion	1 April 2014
31	St Johns Sponsored academy with the Diocese of Rochester	Sponsored Conversion	1 April 2014

B SECONDARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	Kemnal Technology College Part of the The Kemnal Academies Trust. This includes Gray's Farm Primary.	Conversion	1 September 2010
2	Darrick Wood Secondary School Linked to the Realise Academy Partnership Trust – a schools partnership arrangement in the borough	Conversion	1 December 2010
3	Beaverwood School for Girls Linked to the Realise Academy Partnership Trust – a schools partnership arrangement in the borough	Conversion	1 March 2011
4	Bishop Justus CE Secondary School Bishop Justus has set up the Aquinas Trust and is exploring MAT arrangements in the borough. Keston may join the Trust. Parish and Keston are part of the Trust. Chislehurst (St Nicholas, Cudham , Princes Plain and St Marks are all in the process of converting as part of the Aquinas Trust. Bishop Justus has been approved as a sponsor and is considering sponsorship arrangements.	Conversion	1 March 2011
5	Coopers Technology College Coopers applying to DfE to become a sponsor Proposed MAT with Leasons in development	Conversion	1 March 2011
6	Charles Darwin School	Conversion	1 April 2011

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7	<p>Hayes School (Bromley) (formerly Hayes School)</p> <p>Linked to the Realise Academy Partnership Trust – a schools partnership arrangement in the borough</p>	Conversion	1 April 2011
8	<p>Langley Park School for Boys</p>	Conversion	1 April 2011
9	<p>Newstead Wood School (formerly Newstead Wood School for Girls)</p>	Conversion	1 April 2011
10	<p>Ravens Wood School</p> <p>Ravens Wood sponsors a school outside the borough.</p>	Conversion	1 April 2011
11	<p>The Ravensbourne School</p> <p>The Ravensbourne School has set up the Education for the 21st Century Trust and is exploring MAT arrangements in the borough.</p> <p>Scotts Park is part of the Trust.</p>	Conversion	1 April 2011
12	<p>Bullers Wood School</p>	Conversion	1 May 2011
13	<p>Langley Park School for Girls</p> <p>Linked to the Realise Academy Partnership Trust – a schools partnership arrangement in the borough</p> <p>Academy order received for a multi-academy trust with Hawes Down Infants and Hawes Down Junior</p>	Conversion	1 August 2011
14	<p>Harris Academy Beckenham (formerly Kelsey Park Sports College)</p> <p>Part of the Harris Federation, which in Bromley includes Harris Kent House, Harris Crystal Palace, Harris Bromley and Harris Beckenham.</p>	Sponsored Conversion	1 September 2011
15	<p>Harris Academy Bromley (formerly Cator Park School)</p> <p>Part of the Harris Federation, which in Bromley includes Harris Kent House, Harris Crystal Palace, Harris Bromley and Harris Beckenham.</p>	Conversion	1 September 2011
16	<p>The Priory School</p> <p>The Priory School sponsors Hillside Primary as part of a MAT.</p>	Conversion	1 May 2012

2.3 Schools In The Process of Conversion to Academy Status

A	PRIMARY SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	<p>Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School</p> <p>Part of the catholic school umbrella trust</p>	<p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese.</p> <p>Academy Order received 23 October 2013</p> <p>School has confirmed (February 2014) that conversion will be delayed, no estimated date as yet</p>	TBC
2	<p>St Josephs</p> <p>Part of the catholic school umbrella trust</p>	<p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese.</p> <p>Academy Order received 23 October 2013</p>	1 July 2014 (tbc)
3	<p>St. Marys RC Primary School</p> <p>Part of the catholic school umbrella trust</p>	<p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese.</p> <p>Academy Order received 23 October 2013</p> <p>School has confirmed (Feb 2014) that conversion will be delayed, no estimated date as yet</p>	TBC
4	<p>St Peter and St Pauls</p> <p>Part of the catholic school umbrella trust</p>	<p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese.</p> <p>Academy Order received 23 October 2013</p>	1 July 2014 (tbc)
5	<p>St Philomena's RC Primary School</p> <p>Part of the catholic school umbrella trust</p>	<p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese.</p> <p>Academy Order received 23 October 2013</p>	1 July 2014 (tbc)
6	<p>St Vincents</p> <p>Part of the catholic school umbrella trust</p>	<p>Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese.</p> <p>Academy Order received 23 October 2013</p>	1 July 2014 (tbc)
7	<p>Dorset Road Infants</p>	<p>Conversion as part of a MAT with Mead Road and Pratts Bottom.</p> <p>Academy Order received (March 2014)</p>	1 August 2014
8	<p>Mead Road Infants</p>	<p>Conversion as part of a MAT with Dorset Road and Pratts Bottom.</p> <p>Academy Order received (March 2014)</p>	1 August 2014
9	<p>Pratts Bottom</p>	<p>Conversion as part of a MAT with Mead Road and Dorset Road.</p> <p>Academy Order received (March 2014)</p>	1 August 2014

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10	Princes Plain Primary	Application received by DfE (February 2014 list) The governing body has resolved to convert as a sponsored academy with the Aquinas Trust	TBC
11	Leesons Primary	Leesons are consulting on a proposal to convert to Foundation status. Application to DfE for conversion as part of a MAT with Coopers (April 2014).	1 June 2014 (Foundation status) 1 September 2014 (academy status)
12	St Mary Cray Primary	Application (Apr 2014) to DfE for conversion as a sponsored academy, sponsored by Hayes Primary. Application approved May 2014.	TBC
13	Burnt Ash Primary	Burnt Ash consulted with parents on the question of conversion to academy status in March 2013 DfE indicated that an application is expected but no application showing on DfE website as at May 2014.	TBC
14	Hawes Down Infants	Academy Order (June 2014) for conversion as part of a multi-academy trust with Hawes Down Junior, Langley Park School for Girls and Langley Park School for Boys. Consultation (May 2014) by Langley Park on the proposal for a multi-academy trust	TBC
15	Hawes Down Junior	Academy Order (June 2014) for conversion as part of a multi-academy trust with Hawes Down Infants, Langley Park School for Girls and Langley Park School for Boys. Consultation (May 2014) by Langley Park on the proposal for a multi-academy trust	TBC
16	Chislehurst (St Nicholas)	Confirmation from Aquinas Trust (June 2014) that Chislehurst governing body has resolved to apply for conversion as part of the Aquinas Trust (subject to academy order)	1 September 2014 (estimated)
17	St Marks	Confirmation from Aquinas Trust (June 2014) that St Marks governing body has resolved to apply for conversion as part of the Aquinas Trust (subject to academy order)	1 September 2014 (estimated)
18	Cudham CE Primary	Confirmation from Aquinas Trust (June 2014) that Cudham governing body has resolved to apply for conversion as part of the Aquinas Trust (subject to academy order)	1 September 2014 (estimated)
19	Wickham Common Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Oak Lodge and Unicorn.	TBC
20	Marian Vian Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Wickham Common,	TBC

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		Oak Lodge and Unicorn.	
21	Oak Lodge Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Wickham Common and Unicorn.	TBC
22	Unicorn Primary	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Oak Lodge and Wickham Common.	TBC

B PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	PRU (Kingswood & Grovelands)	Academy Order in place for conversion to academy sponsored by Bromley College of Further & Higher Education	1 September 2014

2.4 Schools Actively Exploring Conversion to Academy Status

A PRIMARY & SPECIAL SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1-13	Thirteen Primary Schools	Exploration of potential partnerships and early stages of MAT discussions.	N/A
14	James Dixon Primary	Notification to LA in February 2013 of Governor decision to apply for academy conversion. No formal application logged by DfE. Confirmation to LA in September 2013 of intent to change status from community to foundation school as of December 2013.	N/A
15	Southborough Primary	Southborough consulted with parents on the question of conversion to academy status in March 2013. Exploration of potential partnerships but no firm plans.	N/A
16	St Anthony's RC Primary	Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese. No formal application logged by DfE as yet.	TBC
17-20	Four Special Schools	Exploration of potential partnerships but no firm plans.	N/A

B	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

2.5 Status of Other Schools

A	PRIMARY SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1 - 5	Five Primary Schools	Either the position is to be confirmed or they are not considering conversion at this time.	N/A

2.6 The current position of the eight free schools

2.6.1 Three proposals with DfE approval - Primary Schools

- The Harris Federation was given approval to open the Harris Beckenham Primary is a 2FE school to be built on the site of the Harris Beckenham Academy in Manor Way. It is due to open in temporary buildings (planning application pending consideration) in September 2014, with a new school due to be completed a year later. It will recruit at reception and gradually fill year by year.
- Harris Shortlands Primary is a 2FE school also due to open in September 2014. In the first year it will open on the Westmoreland Road site on a temporary basis, and is due to move to a permanent building on the Shortlands site when that is completed. The school will recruit from reception classes upwards, as above.
- Both Harris schools took part in the 2014 co-ordinated admissions round are now likely to be full in reception classes for September 2014.
- La Fontaine Primary School is due to open in September 2014 and was originally approved as the Bromley Bilingual School. During the course of its development it has increased in size from 2 to 3 Forms of Entry. Class size was initially proposed to be 25 per class, but it is intended this will increased to a standard class size of 30 once the school is in permanent accommodation.
- La Fontaine Primary School will initially open in the EDC and will recruit initially with two reception, one year 1 and year 2 classes. The sponsor is now the STEP Academy Trust (Striving for Excellence in Partnership) and the school will teach in both English and French. Initially the school will open on the Princes Plain site in the former EDC accommodation.
- La Fontaine opted to conduct their own admissions in the first year, but would be part of the co-ordinated arrangements from 2015 onwards. In relation to admissions, the normal priority criteria apply but include children of founders. Of the remaining places, 50% are offered according to distance from the school with the remaining 50% on a random allocation basis.

2.6.2 One proposal with DfE approval - Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)

- The Harris Federation was also given approval to open a PRU in 2013 which will offer up to 135 places from September 2014 across Key Stages 2, 3 and 4 although this will open gradually as buildings become available. Placements may be by Harris academies, academies and free schools as well as local authorities. It is opening initially on the Harris Bromley site in Lennard Road.

2.6.3 Proposals submitted in January 2014 and not yet approved - Primary Schools:

- Langley Park Primary School is a 2FE primary proposed jointly by Langley Park Boys and Girls Secondary Schools. It would be located on a site adjacent to the Boys School and if approved would expect to open in September 2015, with the mainstream Bromley admissions criteria.
- The school was not included as a successful free school applicant within the list published by the DfE on 19 June 2014 which makes opening in September 2015 unlikely should the schools chose to resubmit their application.
- Crystal Palace Free School is an approved proposal from a parents' group for a 2FE Primary Free School to be located in Crystal Palace. The school was included as a successful free school applicant within the list published by the DfE on 19 June 2014. Although the announcement stated that the school was within the London Borough of Croydon, its admissions policy will be based on a nodal point in Crystal Palace at the junction of Westow Hill and Church Road with the admissions zone covering a radius of roughly 1 mile from this point. Children from anywhere in the zone, including Anerley, will be given an equal chance of securing a place at the school.

2.6.4 Proposals submitted in May 2014 and not yet approved - Secondary Schools (for opening in September 2016)

- Beckenham Academy is a proposal for a 6FE secondary school proposed for a site in the north west of the borough which has not yet been identified. The application would include a 6th form and would provide up to 1200 places in total. It is being sponsored by The Ravensbourne School. Admissions would be based on the normal Bromley criteria with priority given to children attracting the pupil premium.
- Bromley Technical School is being proposed by Bromley College and is for a 4.8FE school with a sixth form offering a total of some 1,000 places. No site has yet been identified although some options have been put forward for discussion with the Council.