



The City Academy, Hackney

Values and Success

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Message from the Principal

I would like to introduce our new format newsletter. It will keep you up to date about the ongoing development of The City Academy, Hackney which is due to open in September 2009.

I took up my post of Principal in January this year and believe we are going to deliver a first-class Academy for the Homerton area. The local community deserves to get the very best education for young people who live in the area.

My immediate past experience as head teacher of Stoke Newington School has given me first-hand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing schools in Hackney.

I have a clear understanding of what is required to ensure The City Academy, Hackney becomes a truly exceptional school. I have a strong track record of success in Hackney, having led Stoke Newington School for eight years and, in 2008, achieving an Ofsted grade of 'outstanding'. At the City Academy we have a distinct, and I believe, exciting vision that combines traditional values around behaviour, attendance and achievement while providing enjoyable, creative learning opportunities for students.

Our Business and Financial Services specialism will give students high expectations and the ambition to succeed as well as a wide range of skills including leadership, team work, and professional standards. They will therefore be well equipped to achieve success in whatever field they aspire to in the future, whether that is higher education or the world of work.

The Academy has two excellent sponsors – KPMG and the City of London Corporation. They bring expertise and excellence to the development of The City Academy, Hackney and a strong focus on London as a major world player in finance and enterprise.

These connections can only benefit students who attend the new Academy and together we will create a popular and successful school where self-respect, seeing the value in others, and achievement go hand in hand.

Mark Emmerson, Principal

Academy to adopt permanent new name



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The City of London KPMG Academy has changed its working title and adopted the permanent name of The City Academy, Hackney.

The City Academy, Hackney places the Academy's location in Hackney and 'The City' represents the City of London, as a business and cultural centre full of opportunities for the young people of Hackney.

Mark Emmerson, Principal of The City Academy, Hackney said: 'We have both simplified the name of the new Academy and sought to reflect the proximity of Hackney to the City of London, which is the centre of enterprise and commerce in our capital city. The City Academy, Hackney is a great way of capturing these elements.'

'The sponsors, KPMG and The City of London Corporation, believe that the vision of the Academy and the opportunities it will offer local young people are far more important than branding it with their corporate names.'

'Their motivation is to create an excellent local school, which this area of Hackney badly needs, and to offer their expertise and support in helping this to become a reality. The Academy will give students a rich experience in areas such as the creative arts and sports.'

Come to our open evenings

We are holding two open evenings for parents and carers considering applying for a place for their child at The City Academy, Hackney for September 2009 admission.

These will take place at The Assembly Rooms, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street (entrance in Reading Lane) on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 September, 6pm – 7.30pm

Doors open at 5.30pm on both evenings.

There will be opportunities to hear the Principal's vision for the Academy and to meet the sponsors.

For further information visit www.thecityacademy.org or email info@thecityacademy.org



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Students have designs on Academy

Pupils from local schools created a brief for The City Academy, Hackney describing how they want it to be 'the best school ever!' During summer 2007, a client team made up of students from Berger Primary School, Morningside Primary School, the City of London Academy and Community College Hackney attended a series of meetings to discuss design issues including dinner halls, learning spaces, and reputation and identity. They developed their ideas in creative workshops and through conversation with the appointed architects, Studio E.

The pupil-client team are continuing their involvement during the design and build process. They have been attending monthly meetings to find out what is happening and contribute ideas. In July this year they were given a guided tour of the building site by Principal Mark Emmerson, followed by a chance to discuss how the new school is progressing with the architects and with construction company Willmott Dixon.

This is what some of the students who took part in the discussion about the design of the new Academy said:

'I thought it was absolutely brilliant to see what we helped design being built, the most exciting bit was seeing how the concrete gets put in,' Vanisha.

'Its not like normal schools, this is a school from the future that's been brought back to our time,' Kevin.



Jules Pipe (4th left) meets the Principal, Mark Emmerson and members of the project management team.

Mayor visits site of City Academy, Hackney

Hackney's Mayor Jules Pipe and Richard Reid, London Chairman, from city accountancy firm KPMG, recently visited the construction site of The City Academy, Hackney and to see the work KPMG volunteers are doing to make maths more fun at Berger Primary School.

KPMG is jointly sponsoring the new Academy on Homerton High Street along with the City of London Corporation and its staff give their time to support work in primary and secondary schools across the borough.

The purpose of the visit was two fold. The Mayor showed Richard Reid around Hackney to gain a better understanding of the borough. This included viewing the Olympic site and seeing selected landmarks.

Richard Reid showed the Mayor around the City Academy, Hackney construction site and Berger Primary School, one of the schools from where the Academy's students will be drawn. He also and the Mayor of Hackney met KPMG volunteer Number Partners and pupils at Berger Primary School who play numeracy board games together every week.

Not only do Number Partners help to provide extra maths support to pupils but it makes maths fun and builds confidence.

Richard Reid, London Chairman said, 'KPMG is committed to its communities and is beginning to support a number of schools and organisations in Hackney as part of the City of London KPMG Academy programme. Hackney is an exciting and diverse borough, and it was fantastic to demonstrate the support that KPMG volunteers are giving to the programme.'

The last word goes to one of the pupils taking part in Number Partners at Berger Primary School, Bealuh who said: 'I've improved my maths and its fun and we all get overexcited when we beat the adults!'

Project update

The construction of The City Academy, Hackney started in January 2008 and will last 18 months. It is currently on schedule to be ready to welcome its first intake of students in September 2009.

So far, the ground works stage is complete including the foundations, ground floor slab, underground car park, access ramp, basement works and drainage.

The infrastructure for the Ground Source Heat Pumps has been installed. These will transfer heat from the ground to heat (or cool in summer) water for the underfloor heating system. Work is also well underway on the reinforced

concrete frame - walls, columns and form work. Bricklaying and construction of the third floor will start in the next couple of weeks.

The site offices have been relocated to their permanent position off Homerton High Street.

If you have any concerns about the Academy's construction please contact Sabah Abed, Operations Manager on **07973 127095**, Martin Halley **07812 241106** or Dave Towner **07814 934972**.

Outside office hours please call Optimum Security on **0845 6003582**.



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