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New secondary school, The Beckenham Academy opens applications for 2016 Year 7 students

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Whilst the new school premises are under construction, TBA will be based at The Ravensbourne School (TRS) in Bromley, a short distance from the school's permanent location in Beckenham. In order to make the transition from primary to secondary smooth for children, the school will provide a free transport link, for both before and after school, from key nodal points around the catchment area.

Parents who want to apply for the new school will need to do so directly to the TBA admissions team by contacting Mrs K. Lee on KLee@ravensbourne.info. Applications deadline to do this is the 31st October 2015. Parents must also complete their local authority common application form expressing a further six preferences by this date. This offers parents an exclusive opportunity to select seven schools for their children for September 2016. There are 180 places available at TBA and applications need to be received by October 31st.

The launch Open Evening proved a tremendous success and was brimming with hundreds of prospective students and their parents keen to find out about the new school. Following an introduction by CEO of E21C and Headteacher of TRS, Mr Paul Murphy, TBA Headteacher Emily Codling, explained the new school's ethos and values, and the opportunities for students, to an enthusiastic hall.

Anybody interested in The Beckenham Academy who was unable to attend the Open Day, can visit The Ravensbourne School during its Open Week, from the 19th to 22nd October from 9am-10am for a opportunity to see the school in full operation.

Head of The Beckenham Academy, Mrs Codling says: "I'm very excited about being able to offer this new choice for Year 7 students in the Beckenham area. We want our students to be the best they can be and the only way we can do this is by investing in them and striving to put them first. We will offer our children a well-rounded experience to their school life, nurturing them through an extended school day and giving them the 'edge' as they take the next step."

CEO of E21C, Paul Murphy comments: "It was great to see so many people interested in our new secondary school. Opening within TRS means we can provide students with fantastic facilities and it allows the children to work within an established school environment from the outset. It was frustrating that restrictions prevented us from revealing the permanent location for TBA at the Open Evening but an announcement is imminent and will be made well before parents are given their choices in the New Year. For all parents that would like to apply for the school, we remind you that you will need to do so by October 31st."

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For further information about The Beckenham Academy visit the website: <http://www.thebeckenhamacademy.info/index-main.html> or indeed take a look at our social media pages.

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Notes to Editors

About The Beckenham Academy

The Beckenham Academy is a new secondary free school for Beckenham. Set-up by Multi-Academy Trust, Education for the 21st Century (E21C), the new school opens in September 2016 for prospective Year 7 students. Whilst awaiting confirmation of the permanent location of TBA, The Beckenham Academy students will be based at The Ravensbourne School in Bromley. To make the transition smooth, the Trust will be providing free transport links from key nodal points in Beckenham to its temporary location in Bromley.

Unique in its approach, The Beckenham Academy holds a strong ethos of 'To best to the best you can be'. Underpinning all that it does, the ethos reflects the high aspirations expected from every student through their seven-year journey.

At the Beckenham Academy, students will benefit from an extended school day prioritising the school's five C's; offering students Careers guidance, encouraging Communication, involving students with the Community, creating Competition through the extra-curricular activity programme, whilst developing Critical Thinking skills. All ensure each student leaves not only successful but also prepared for the 21st Century World of Work.

To apply for The Beckenham Academy, parents and students must do so by going directly to the school and contacting the admissions team, Kristine Lee, on KLee@ravensbourne.info. Application deadlines are October 31st.

About E21C

Education for the 21st Century was established in 2011 as a multi-Academy Trust. All the Directors have clear and long lasting commitment to the education of young people and they are prepared to operate effectively to the benefit of the Trust's school, their students, their staff, their parents and the wider local education community within South East London.

At the heart of the Trust's philosophy is the importance of the 'whole child' rather than just their academic achievement: results are important but the Trust also focuses on the soft skills which will help each student set up for their life beyond school.

We also believe that collaboration, partnership, professional growth through professional debates are best served when the participants are geographically close and taken from a wide variety of situations. For this reason, our aim is to work within the Borough of Bromley at both Primary and Secondary level not only to maintain Bromley's reputation but also to enhance the area even further.

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