



Emily Codling, head of TBA

Academy site confirmed for Beckenham

E21C trust purchases site for The Beckenham Academy

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E21C is pleased to announce it has completed on the purchase of a permanent site for The Beckenham Academy (TBA), the new secondary free school for Beckenham.

The eagerly awaited location can now be confirmed as Balmoral Avenue, Beckenham. Located near to Elmers End and Eden Park train stations in Beckenham, the location is ideal for students living in and around the north of Beckenham.

Previously owned by The Co-operative Group, the land has been acquired by Education for the 21st Century, (E21C), the multi-academy trust of which The Beckenham Academy is a member school. Whilst planning permission is being sought for the construction of the new building, students can look forward to beginning their TBA school life within The Ravensbourne School (TRS), where the September 2016 year seven intake will be based. While students are based at TRS, free transport will be provided both before and after school for those living around the Beckenham area.

TBA is a mixed secondary school that is being created to help cope with the extra demand for schooling in the Bromley Borough by 2020. The school will have an initial intake of 180 year seven students in 2016. Construction of the school is expected to be complete by 2018.

Paul Murphy, CEO at Multi-academy Trust, E21C, comments: "We're really excited to announce the purchase of our new site in Balmoral Avenue. Parents and students of The Beckenham Academy have had to be very patient in waiting for the location to be confirmed while the legal processes were dealt with, which we really appreciate it. The location offers a fantastic space for a new school and we cannot wait to begin building it for our students."

Emily Codling, headteacher for The Beckenham Academy, says: "As headteacher of TBA, it's fantastic news that we can now inform all our students and their parents about the proposed permanent location for our school in Beckenham. The deadline for applications for next year's intake has passed and we've been overwhelmed by the number of applicants we've had. All the teaching staff at TBA are really excited about meeting our first intake of students."

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