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Pupils from The Beckenham Academy

Construction of the mixed secondary school is expected to be completed by 2018

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A permanent site for a new secondary free school for Beckenham has been purchased.

The location for the Beckenham Academy has been confirmed as Balmoral Avenue, following a purchase by Education for the 21st Century (E21C), the multi-academy trust of which the school is a member.

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.

Although planning permission is yet to be sought for the construction of the new building - which is expected to be completed by 2018 - the Beckenham Academy will take in 180 Year 7 students from September next year, at its temporary base, The Ravensbourne School.

While students are based there, free transport will be provided both before and after school for those living in the Beckenham area.

The Beckenham Academy is a mixed secondary school being created to help cope with the extra demand for schooling in the borough by 2020.

Emily Codling, Headteacher for The Beckenham Academy, says: "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."

Paul Murphy, CEO at E21C, added: "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."

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