

The Academy in Buckinghamshire (Frequently Asked Questions)

When will we know if we will have an Academy?

The Department for Children Schools and Families will need to carry out a feasibility study as part of the development of the Buckinghamshire Academy. This feasibility will take 9 months. We hope to know if the Academy will progress in the latter part of 2008

Where will the Academy be based?

The Academy will be based initially at the Quarrendon School in Aylesbury and existing pupils at Quarrendon will transfer to the Academy. It will move to a purpose built academy at the Berryfields site

When will the Academy be opened?

It is planned to open the Academy on the Quarrendon site in September 2009 and to move into the new buildings at Berryfields in September 2011

How big is the proposed Academy

The proposed new Academy for 1440 11-18 year old students. It will have 1200 11-16 year old students and 240 post 16 places

Who are the sponsors?

The Lead Sponsor is the Anglican Diocese of Oxford. Buckinghamshire County Council is a co-sponsor.

Aylesbury Training Group and Brunel University are also possible co-sponsors. This will be established during the feasibility study

What will the Academy specialise in?

The Academy will specialise in Science and Technology

What is the catchment area for the Academy

It is envisaged that the catchment area for the Academy will be the existing Quarrendon catchment and the Berryfields and Weedon Hill development areas.

Is the Academy selective?

The Academy is not a Grammar school and will not be selective

My child goes to the Quarrendon School are they entitled to a place at the Academy?

All existing pupils at Quarrendon School will automatically have a place at the Academy

What happens now?

The most important work that needs to be done is to continue to improve outcomes for children and young people at Quarrendon school. The Head teacher and Board of Governors are committed with the sponsors to achieving better results

Contact

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