

School Transformation Board – Monday 15 January 2007

Briefing Paper – Haringey Sixth Form Centre Update

Report by Principal – June Jarrett

Premises

- Since the last update report, Wilmot Dixon Construction has continued to make good progress on the building. Overall there is a one week delay to the build programme due to inclement weather in November but this will be recovered by early January 2007.
- Two specimen classrooms in the main teaching block were completed for inspection before the Christmas break enabling members of the Senior Management Team to approve the quality of the decoration and carpeting.
- Final specifications are being put together for the fit out of specialist teaching areas in Catering, Performing Arts and Media, so that orders can be placed in the new year.

Staffing

- Six Heads of Faculty will be taking up post throughout January 2007.
- Ring fenced interviews for Programme Area Managers took place in late November/early December – no appointments were made. Posts have now been advertised nationally and response has been very good so far, with interviews scheduled for mid January.
- Schools Liaison Officer took up post at the end of November 2006.
- MIS Manager took up post in December 2006.
- Advice and Guidance Officer starts in January 2007.
- The next round of recruitment for main grade teachers and administrative and support staff will start in January.

Curriculum

- With the Vice Principal Curriculum and the Heads of Faculty starting in January, this will enable fine tuning of the curriculum offer to take place, including selection of awarding bodies and syllabuses. This work will be conducted in close collaboration with our East Borough Partner Schools including the Special Schools.

Marketing, PR and Communications

- Website has been rebranded to reflect the new logo etc. More work will need to be done on the website later in the year.
- Time Capsule burial planned for November did not take place and is now scheduled for 17 January. The competition to decide on the contents of the capsule was won by a pupil from The Vale School.
- A briefing for staff working at the Tottenham Connexions Office took place on 6 December to update them on the curriculum offer and application process – this will assist their work in local schools.
- Connexions have produced an update to their Choices at 16+ publication to include the new Sixth Form Centre as it was left out of the original and this has now been circulated to all Year 11 pupils in the London North LSC area.
- The Sixth Form Centre was able to promote its offer to parents and prospective students at the African and Afro Caribbean Achievement Ceremonies held at Alexandra Palace on Monday 11 December. The Centre was well received.
- The Topping Out Ceremony planned for 17 January has been postponed and will now take place in February or early March – exact date to be agreed.
- The second Open Evening for the Centre will take place on 6 February 5 – 8 pm at the West Green Learning Centre at Park View Academy. Other Open Events planned for Saturday 24 March at the Civic Centre and Wednesday 4 April – venue to be confirmed.
- Interviews for students from our partner schools will take place in their schools starting from January 2007.
- Exhibition materials including display stands and posters are being produced for use at events to promote the Centre's course offer etc.