

PIX BROOK PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Welcome to our update on the progress of Pix Brook Academy. Its proving to be a really busy month! Having had the opportunity to be working with the BEST central team it really feels as if the school is starting to take shape. There really are too many things happening to capture them all, however I've tried to give you a flavour of the key activities below:

In many ways everything is critical, however as the Principal I am always preoccupied with making great appointments to the team. This process started immediately after Easter and I am delighted to say that the first round of recruitment for Vice Principal resulted in a fantastic field of highly qualified candidates. We received over 20 applications and were able to hold a selection day at BEST house. I was fortunate to have the support of two highly experienced colleagues, Sue Howley MBE, chair of governors and Colleen Heaton a highly experienced governor who interviewed with me. After a highly competitive process Mr King-Mand was appointed. He brings a wealth of experience to the role having held positions of Assistant headteacher at both an outstanding secondary school in London and a middle school. He was delighted to accept the position and will take up his role in September. I am hoping he will be able to join us on the step up day in July although this will depend on his current school releasing him.

Following this appointment, we have held our recruitment day for our full time primary teachers. Again a large field of qualified candidates applied and we were able to appoint three highly qualified and experienced members of staff. They are all currently working within a middle or primary school environment and each has experience of upper key stage two teaching. All have verbally accepted the offer and we are now awaiting the completion of the formalities. Having spent some time with each I am really pleased with how they expressed a tangible excitement and enthusiasm for the role and I am now looking for an opportunity to do some work together before the end of the term.

This now leads us on to the final stages of the recruitment journey. I am meeting with the SENCO from Etonbury this week and we have an advert out for our cover supervisor / learning support assistant. The closing date for this is the 24th May. We will be advertising for Receptionist / office support over the next week and with the addition of some specialist PE teaching we should be fully staffed.

Work on both buildings continues and it is great to see the temporary site progress so well. I continue to work with Willmott Dixon on the development of the permanent site and the details of this are becoming ever more specific. The detailed planning process is well under way, this looks at the impact of the site on the environment and considers landscaping and colours. It is certainly going to be a superb facility.



There are plenty of other activities involving external agencies such as OFSTED and the DfE. More information to follow in future updates. For now we continue to work towards the start date in September. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable half term with hopefully some warm weather!

Steve Adams
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Principal

Parents group

We are in the process of forming the next Pix Brook parents group. The pre-opening group was a great success and we are keen to continue to have valuable parent input & feedback on key issues and decisions for the school. For those parents interested in becoming a member of the Parent Group please come to the Parent Group meeting on Monday 10th June from 13:30-14:30 at Roecroft School, Stotfold.