

PIX BROOK NEWS



Welcome to this month's edition for the newsletter. As we enter the final few weeks of preparation the level of work has really intensified as we try to pull together all the necessary elements of the school before the end of term. We have just over 30 school days left and in that time there are some significant events calendared. These include: The recruitment of support staff; final few meetings with the contractors to agree the details of the permanent build; Pre registration OFSTED visit with HMI; Readiness to open meeting (ROM) with the DfE; Step up day; Initial staff orientation day; site progress meetings for the temporary site plus a variety of tasks and meetings to put in place systems and resources for September. It really is all go!

I'm pleased to say that we have hit all our key milestones in the last half term. Everything that needs to be done at this point is on track and while it's nice to look back and consider what we have achieved so far there really isn't time. It's all about the next job. I continue to work closely with the lower schools and am particularly excited about the opportunity to work with a team of staff who are really enthusiastic about starting the new school.

Hopefully we will have some more good weather to look forward to and I will keep you informed of the progress towards our opening day.

Steve Adams
*Pix Brook Academy
Principal*

#PixBrookJourney

With National Offer Day we welcomed our first ever confirmed cohort of learners and hosted a fantastic first Pix Brook Academy Parent Information Evening on 24th April.

It was a chance for parents and children to meet and hear from the Principal, learn more about Pix Brook and even take a site visit to view the progress at the 2019 site. We were pleased that Modplan, DT Architects and Willmott Dixon were also in attendance to present their plans for the 2019 and 2020 site.

A summer art activity for new Pix Brook Academy learners was also announced. Children have been invited to create a piece of artwork that will form part of a legacy piece to be displayed at the 2019 and then 2020 site. We look forward to seeing the creations in the new term!

BUILDING UPDATE

Work on both buildings continues and it is fantastic to see such great progress at the 2019 site. The Principal is working with Willmott Dixon on the development of the 2020 site where the detailed planning process is now well underway. Everything is on track and, as both builds develop, we look forward to sharing the progress of these exciting facilities with you.

If you would like to find out more or view pictures and plans for the 2019 and 2020 sites please visit our website.



UNIFORM

We were delighted to reveal the Pix Brook Academy school uniform at the Parent Information Evening. The uniform colours are purple and grey and we have received lots of positive feedback from parents and children who attended the Information Evening and those who have viewed the images online. We are thrilled with the look and would like to give a big thank you to our supplier Total Clothing.

The uniform web shop goes live on the 10th of June and a pop up shop will be available on the 5th of July as part of the induction day. The full uniform policy and web shop details are available on our website.



Year 5 & 6



Year 7+

KEY UPDATES

TRANSITION DAYS

In May Pix Brook Academy Principal, Steve Adams, took the opportunity to visit each of the lower schools. So far these have provided really useful information relating to the pupils joining the school and where possible we have taken the opportunity to see pupils in their normal classes.

GOVERNANCE We now have a Local Governing Body. For more information on Governance or to view the member profiles please visit the Leadership section of our website in the coming weeks.

TRANSPORT We have initiated talks with Arriva to discuss potential options for the 97 bus route. We will keep you updated on any developments via the website and social media.

STEP UP DAY

The date and location for step up day have now been confirmed. It will be held on Friday 5th July at Fairfield Park Lower School, Ruskin Drive, Stotfold. This is an opportunity for pupils to meet their teacher and new class. It will be a day to get to know each other and undertake activities designed to be both enjoyable and useful. Our uniform provider, Total Clothing, will be available at the end of the day for you to order your uniform for next year. The full information relating to the day has been posted out as part of the new starter pack.

RECRUITMENT

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr King-Mand, our new Vice Principal who will take up his role in September. He brings a wealth of experience and was delighted to accept the position. This is a fantastic appointment. You can find out more about Mr King-Mand in his profile.

Following the recruitment day for our full time primary teachers we are thrilled to say we have appointed three highly qualified and experienced members of staff. We are looking forward to sharing more information with you following the completion of the formalities. Interviews for our cover supervisor / learning support assistant are also taking place this week and we are currently advertising for receptionist / office support.

MR KING-MAND *Pix Brook Academy Vice Principal*

Indie King-Mand started his teaching career in an outstanding girls' secondary school in East London teaching Design Technology. From here he moved into mixed secondary schools closer to home in West London, developing his craft and showing aptitude for the pastoral side of the teaching profession. It was not long before Indie was promoted to Head of Year and successfully saw an entire cohort through their difficult GCSE years. Having shown considerable leadership and excellent results with his students, Indie moved on to senior leadership roles focusing successfully on behaviour and safeguarding. In 2017, Indie and his young family relocated to Bedfordshire and he began his middle school adventure as a senior leader, bringing what he knew of KS3-5 whilst developing his own experience and understanding of KS2. Indie is delighted to take on the role of Vice-Principal at Pix Brook Academy and the chance to be involved in developing and nurturing an outstanding school from its inception



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