

University Academy Keighley

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is an Academy?

A Academies are state-funded, independent local schools that provide free education for students of all abilities. They offer a full, broad and balanced curriculum which is enhanced by one or more subject specialisms. Academies have the flexibility to be innovative and creative within the curriculum, timetabling, staffing and governance, to bring a fresh approach to school leadership, teaching and learning.

Academies draw on the skills and expertise of their sponsors and community partners to inspire and motivate students, raise standards and open up opportunities for work, training or links to further and higher education. Academies also have a key role to play in regeneration, community engagement and building relationships with local families, businesses, schools and other organisations.

There are already more than 130 Academies throughout the country set up and managed by independent sponsors such as Universities, businesses, the charitable sector, educational foundations and faith communities. For more information on Academies, visit www.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/academies.

Q Who are the Sponsors of this Academy?

A The University of Bradford and Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Q When would the Academy open?

A It would open in September 2010.

Q Where would the Academy be located?

A The proposed Academy will use the existing Greenhead High school buildings before moving into new ones in March 2011

Q Who is in charge of the Academies?

A The Sponsors are responsible for governing Academies, but responsibility for the Academy's day-to-day running remains with the Principal, who will be appointed by the sponsors.

Q How would governors be appointed to the new Academy?

A The Academy Trust, made up of representatives from the sponsors and the Secretary of State, the Chair of the governing body and other members, is responsible for building and running the Academy, and delegating the school's management to the governors (the governing body).

The Trust partners will decide how many governors are to be appointed, with a view to ensuring that the Academy would benefit from a wide range of skills and expertise in running a large educational establishment. **Parents and community representatives will be key** members of the Governing body.

Q What about the curriculum and chosen specialisms?

A The Academy will offer the National Curriculum core subjects and the sponsors will ensure that there are a wide range of other subjects available for the students. The Academy will specialise in Maths and Computing, which will be reflected throughout the curriculum and provide students with the skills and vocational qualifications that they need to enter into the worlds of work, training or further / higher education

Q What about a sixth form?

A The current arrangement with Holy Family Catholic School is highly valued by staff, students, parents and the Sponsors. Only changes that are jointly agreed and that will enhance this relationship and the current work will be made.



Q What happens to all the information that is given to the Sponsors during the consultation stage?

A The information will be analysed and a report will be written and sent to the Department for Children Schools and Families. A summary of the findings will be posted on this website. Any information you give in the questionnaire will be treated as confidential.

Q Who do I contact if I have further questions about the proposals or the Academy?

A You can contact the sponsors over the coming months by emailing info@uakmakeyourmark.com. They will aim to keep you up to date with developments via this website and other communications. Alternatively you can attend one of our consultation events:

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| • 4 th November | Highfield Community Centre | 5.30pm |
| • 12 th November | Keighley Asian Women & Children's Centre | 11.00am |

Keep an eye on the website for further details

