

Newsletter

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£150,000 raised already

The roots of the Foundation have been firmly planted for the Academy, and in our first year more than £150,000 has been donated by individuals and organisations keen to offer their support. Their generosity has already ensured a healthy start to our fundraising activities. With your help, we want

to double that amount to secure an endowment of £300,000 by September 2009 when the Academy's first students walk through the door. Together we can ensure that the students and community of Chelsea Academy have the opportunities and additional facilities we believe they deserve.

Preparation of the Site

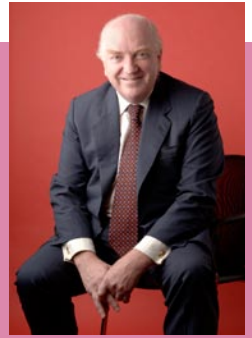
To make way for Chelsea Academy, Heatherley's School of Fine Art has now relocated to its new purpose-built art school (also on Lots Road). The Academy site has now been cleared and the laying of foundations began in September.

New Trustees

We have the privilege of welcoming three new trustees to the Foundation: Tim Church, Toby Anstuther and William Salomon. They join Cllr. Andrew Dalton, the Bishop of Kensington and Mrs Fiona Costa. Their combined expertise in the financial, property, education and charitable sectors will boost the profile and funds of the Foundation, as well as steering the charity to success. All are local residents of the Royal Borough.

The Right Reverend Michael Colclough has stepped down as Bishop of Kensington to be a Residentiary Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral. He has agreed to become the Vice President of the Foundation and so will still have an active role in raising funds and awareness for the Foundation.

"This is a great honour which I accept with much thankfulness."



In his place we welcome The Ven. Stephan Welch, Archdeacon of Middlesex, who will stand in until the next Bishop of Kensington is appointed in 2009.

Mayoral charity

The Chairman of the Foundation Trust, Cllr. Andrew Dalton, has now handed over the Mayoralty of the Royal Borough of Kensington

and Chelsea to his successor who will select another charity to support during her Mayoral year.

The Foundation has benefited hugely from its association with the Mayor and looks forward to building on this over the coming years.



From the Principal...

One could be forgiven for thinking that having four terms to set up a new school is a luxury.

"What on earth are you doing with no children to look after?" people keep asking. However, since I took up post, my feet have hardly touched the ground! I am certainly very grateful for the time I've had to establish partnerships and make thorough plans for the Academy.

Establishing a new school certainly involves a vast range of activities. With the support of my PA, I have set up a temporary office, had meetings with key people, and visited local primary and secondary schools and churches. The Academy's corporate identity has been created

and following that a prospectus, website and uniform.

A priority has been developing the Academy's curriculum, ethos and organisational systems, as well its comprehensive ICT network which will benefit parents, students and staff. Interviews for senior management staff are now underway and I look forward to working with them on these important areas as we prepare for our first intake of Year 7 students.

It was a pleasure to meet so many prospective students and parents at the open evenings and it has been fantastic to see the applications for places arriving over the last few weeks.

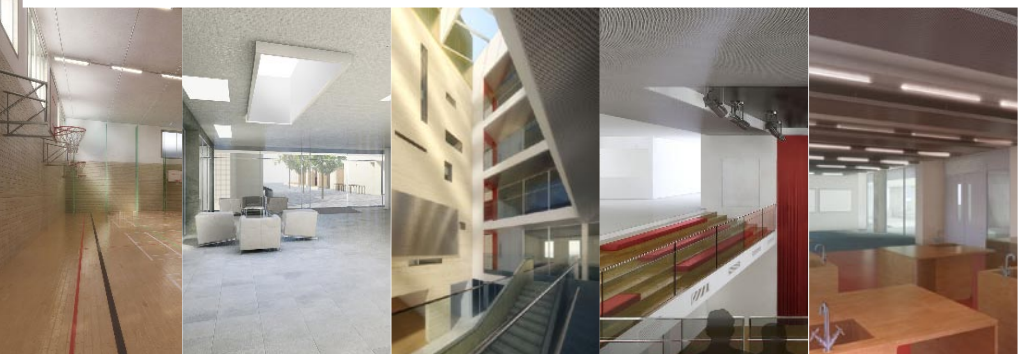


I have been greatly encouraged by the warm welcome that I have received and the widespread enthusiasm and excitement about the Academy. Please do get in touch if you would like to share ideas, suggestions, concerns or queries, or would like to arrange for me to visit a local group or organisation.

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Open evenings

The Academy open evenings were held on 29 and 30 September in Chelsea Old Town hall. Over 900 people attended and we have received applications to fill the first year of students to the Academy.

Online Giving

The website for the Academy was launched in September and the Foundation section will follow at www.chelsea-academy-foundation.org. Donors will be able to give online and sign up for regular updates via post or email. You can support the Foundation by making a donation today. Cheques should be payable to Chelsea Academy Foundation and sent to the address below.

If you would like to discuss a donation or find out more about the work of the Foundation please contact the Director of Development using the details below:

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