



From the Headmaster

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Dear Parents

Epsom has been cooperating with local state schools for many years. Most recently we have been working with the United Learning Trust to find a suitable way forward within the Government's flagship Academy programme.

I am pleased to announce that we have agreed with Lambeth Academy to share in a partnership of exchange of ideas and good practice in teaching. This is aimed at helping develop Lambeth's new sixth form in the areas of specialist academic study, especially Medicine, as well as widening the educational experience of Epsom's pupils.

The schools will start with exchanges between several departments for lectures/conferences in academic and careers areas; to reflect the all-round nature of both schools, work will be done together in CCF/leadership, music, sport, drama and dance. The programme is intended to grow quite deliberately from small beginnings and to be efficient in the use of resources.

Lambeth Academy is located close to the south side of Clapham Common in SW4

For further information see:

www.ult.org.uk

www.lambeth-academy.org

Background from its prospectus

Academies

Academies are publicly funded independent schools. All places in Academies are free and are available to the local community within an agreed admissions policy.

This Academy was created to meet the demand for additional school places in Lambeth. It offers a broad and innovative curriculum has state-of-the-art facilities, including in ICT. Lambeth Academy's dual specialism is Modern Languages and Business with Enterprise.

Lambeth Academy

The proposal to build a new Academy in Lambeth was put forward jointly by Lambeth Council and the Academy sponsors, The Church Schools Company, in October 2001. The United Learning Trust is a subsidiary of the Church Schools Company and is responsible for running the Academy. The approach was made in response to a local parental campaign about the lack of secondary school places in Lambeth. Even today nearly a half of Lambeth primary students currently leave the Borough for their secondary education

and move to as many as 30 different secondary schools, breaking up friendship groups and forcing students to travel long distances across London.

The construction of the Academy began in April 2003. The building has been designed by award winning architects, Howarth Litchfield Partnership, and was built at a cost of over £25 million. The first steel structures of the Academy were put in place in July 2003 and the building was completed in July 2004, well in time for its opening in September 2004.

In the academic year 08/09, Lambeth Academy's growing pupil population has reached Year 11 (the GCSE exam year) and though it already has a small Sixth Form, it will be much bigger in September 09. The year group size is around 180.