



Excelsior News

The Excelsior Academy Newsletter

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ACADEMY PROSPECTUS AVAILABLE NOW



If you have not already got a prospectus please write to us at Bridgewater and we will post one to you. The prospectus is also available on the website at excelsiornewcastle.org.uk

It contains detailed information but if you have any other questions please write to us or send an e-mail.

KEY FACTS

- Opening September 2008
- For local children living in the West End
- Free and non-selective
- A multi-faith academy, open equally to all children regardless of their beliefs
- 1,800 places including 300 in Excelsior College, the post-16 school
- Taking 300 children per year into year 7
- Each of the four 11-16 schools will have 375 students, with 75 in each year group
- It is being set up by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the sponsor, Irvine Laidlaw

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACE

If your child has just started year 6 you will have been sent the secondary school application pack by Newcastle City Council. It contains information about the Academy and a form to fill in. To apply either fill in and return the form, or you can apply on the web or by e-mail.

Parents must make the application for their child's secondary school by 26 October 2007. Places will be offered in March 2008. First preference for the Academy will be given to children who attend the west end family of schools that will cluster with Excelsior. These schools are Atkinson Road Primary School, Bridgewater, Broadwood Primary School, Canning Street Primary School, Hawthorn Primary School, Moorside Primary School, St John's Primary School, Westgate Hill Primary School, Wingrove Primary School and St Paul's CE Primary School.

The intake into year 7 will be 300 children per year.

West Gate Community College will close in summer 2008. Students at West Gate will then transfer to the Academy as it opens in September 2008 and do not need to apply for places.



Excelsior Executive Principal
Mrs Philomena Marshall MA

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EXCELSIOR AT EVENTS NEAR YOU

Community information events for the Academy are being held soon in the local area. Come along to find out more and ask any questions you may have.

St Margaret's Church Hall, Armstrong Road
Monday 24 September 2007, 9 - 10.30 am

Millin Centre, Ellesmere Road
Monday 1 October 2007, 9.30 - 11 am

St John's Primary School, Teindland Road
Tuesday 2 October 2007, 1.30 - 3 pm

Benwell Library, Atkinson Road
Tuesday 2 October 2007, 6 - 7.30 pm

The Hub, Westgate Road
Wednesday 3 October 2007, 9 - 10.30 am

Denton Burn Library, West Road
Wednesday 3 October 2007, 6 - 7.30 pm

Bridgewater, Delaval Road
Thursday 4 October 2007, 9 - 10.30 am

Colby Court Fire Station, Elswick Road
Thursday 4 October 2007, 5.30 - 7 pm

Robert Stewart Memorial Hall,
Wingrove Road
Friday 5 October 2007, 9 - 10.30 am

West Gate Centre for Sport, West Road
Tuesday 9 October 2007, 4 - 5.30 pm

Broadwood Primary School,
Broadwood Road
Wednesday 10 October 2007, 9 - 10.30 am

You can get in touch with us at any other time by writing to:

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Delaval Road,
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enquiries@excelsiornewcastle.org.uk

BUILDING UPDATE

Despite heavy rainfall in recent months, contractor SURGO Construction is on schedule with the Academy's build programme.

The construction of the steel framework is nearly complete. SURGO's team is now turning its attention to the exterior of the building.

SURGO's contracts manager, Jack Downey said:

"Work on site is progressing well and the appearance of the building changes almost on a daily basis. In fact, some of the aluminium framed windows are already in place and some internal partitions are being installed.

"Keeping to a project's deadline depends on a number of factors, not least having the right trades on site at the right time. There are currently 120 people on site each day and as the workload increases and we reach the peak time of activity, 300 people will be working on site."



EXCELSIOR STAFF

The Academy team continues to grow as staff are appointed to develop the curriculum and organisation of the Academy ready for opening in September 2008.



Mr Peter Snowdon, Business Manager



Mrs Judith Futers, School Principal



Mrs Lynn Aitchison, School Principal

Mr Peter Snowdon, Business Manager, is responsible for all the administration, finance, ICT, marketing, facilities management and human resources for the Academy. He was previously with Sunderland City Council.

Mrs Judith Futers, formerly Assistant Headteacher at West Gate Community College, has joined as a School Principal.

Mrs Lynn Aitchison, formerly Deputy Headteacher at Monkwearmouth School in Sunderland, has also joined as a School Principal.

Recruitment for the third of the four school principals will begin in the next few weeks.

CONTACT US

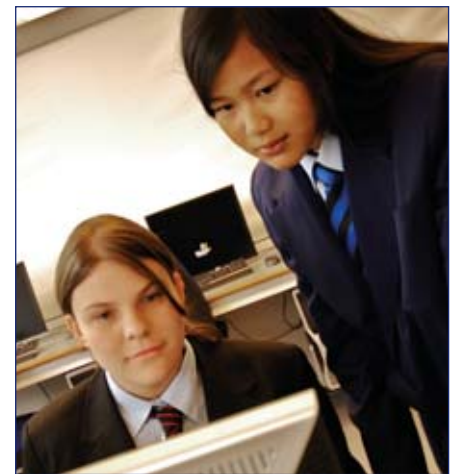
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EXCELSIOR PRIMARY PROJECT BEGINS

Excelsior Academy is planning to work with all of its cluster primary schools in a project to help increase levels of literacy, ICT (information and communications technology) expertise and motivation.

One aspect of the project, developing literacy through ICT, has begun with the delivery of laptop computers for all current year 6 pupils at Broadwood Primary School. They will be involved in the first pilot stage of the wider project that will be developed with other schools throughout the year.

UNIFORM NEWS



Final details of the Academy uniform will be confirmed in the next few weeks. It will consist of a school blazer, shirt and tie, school trousers and black shoes.

We will also have an Academy uniform for PE.