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NEWSLETTER FOR STUDENTS MOVING TO THE MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY / JANUARY 2009

Hello, Happy New Year to everyone!

2009 is a special year as it brings the opening of your new school – The Milton Keynes Academy.

It will be the newest and most spectacular school in Milton Keynes and we hope you're looking forward to transferring across to the brand new building in September.

You'll probably have seen the Academy being built on the playing fields so you'll know just how much work has progressed in the last year; it's going to be huge – the size of eleven Wembley football pitches to be precise!

We are aiming to make it the most successful school in the city. We'll be introducing exciting new ways of teaching and learning to help you achieve your best and get the skills and qualifications you need to get a good job.

In case you're not sure about all the great things there are to look forward to, we've listed details inside this newsletter. We've included information about the new school restaurant and café, TV and music recording studios and the brilliant sports facilities.

Don't forget all students will have their own personal locker and you'll all be getting a new free uniform. So read on to find out more!

Lorna Caldicott
Principal, The Milton Keynes Academy





Science Room



Entrance Area

WHAT THE ACADEMY HAS TO OFFER...

There are lots of different things that students will be excited about at the new school. After all, it has cost £27 million so it should be pretty special!

Some students from Sir Frank have been part of the design process and spent time with architects and designers telling them what was important to pupils.

Top of the list came lovely clean toilets! Another priority was nicer social areas to meet friends and a better canteen to get tasty food.

As a result the Academy will have:

- Brightly coloured, spacious and ventilated toilet areas – with automatic sensors to turn on taps and flush the loo!
- A fantastic restaurant and café serving lots of delicious dishes at reasonable prices. There will even be an outside dining area with tables for you to sit down and enjoy lunch in the fresh air.
- Comfortable, more welcoming social areas around the campus – with seating for you to meet up with mates.
- A separate sixth form studio with its own café and chill-out area including soft comfortable sofas and armchairs.

Here are a few other things you'll also be happy about:

SPORTS

Keen athletes will be pleased to hear that the sports facilities at the new Academy will be outstanding.

They'll include:

- Two full size football pitches, five-a-side football pitches, a rugby pitch and a cricket oval.
- Astro turf and soccer training grids.
- An athletics track and facilities for high jump, triple jump, shot-put and javelin.
- Tennis court.
- Huge indoor sports gym and basketball court.

LEARNING

To support your learning and help you achieve your best we have invested in the latest equipment and facilities.

The academy will have:

- Seven science labs.
- Six music practice rooms.
- A food technology room plus design and technology studios to study subjects like cookery, textiles and graphics.
- A dance studio, art rooms and two drama halls.
- A film and TV recording studio and a music recording studio.
- A Roman-style outdoor performance arena and arts gardens.
- A huge library stacked with 13,000 books.

WHAT WILL BE SO DIFFERENT ABOUT THE NEW ACADEMY?

Enterprise Hub

Opening a new school allows us to introduce new ways of working to help you succeed and have more interesting and fun lessons.

SCHOOL HOURS

The school day will start at 8.30am and finish at 3.45pm.

TERM TIMES

Each school term will also be shorter – only six weeks in total. You'll get two weeks off in the autumn instead of one, but the summer holiday will be slightly shorter to compensate.

LESSONS

Each lesson will be two hours long and structured so you can do a variety of activities. That means you will have more time to do practical tasks and enjoy more 'hands on' learning. Education experts say this is the easiest way for students to learn.



AFTER SCHOOL STUFF

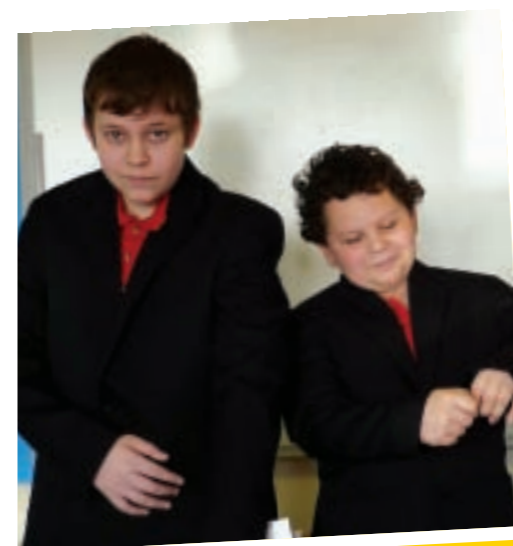
There will be loads of after-school activities so whatever your interest we'll probably have something great to do, but we'll be speaking to you about your ideas too.

Also, every day at school we will be offering a free snack at 4.30pm to students who go to special homework clubs.

TIMETABLE

Our curriculum includes a range of different subjects to study at GCSE,

BTEC and A Level. However, we feel there are many paths to success. The Academy has a Business and Enterprise specialism so we will be introducing exciting subjects and courses that are work-related. It will help you gain the skills you need to move into a good career, or to go college or university. The Academy building also includes a special 'Enterprise Hub' where you can work with local companies who can help you gain the knowledge you need to run your own business. Just think of the money you could earn!



NEW FREE UNIFORM

Pictured here are students being measured up for the new school uniform. The good news is that we are giving away most of it FREE to every single student at Sir Frank.

The uniform will be a black blazer with the school logo, a black sleeveless jumper with a gold stripe at the neck and a tie with blue and gold stripes. We are also giving away a school rucksack, plus the school PE

kit which includes a poloshirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms and black sports socks.

The only items your family will need to buy for you is black school trousers and a plain white shirt. Of course, you'll also need black shoes and a pair of trainers for PE. The new uniforms will be given to students at special events being organised before the end of the summer term.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Art & Design Room

You'll all be staying at Sir Frank Markham until the beginning of the summer holidays.

When you return for the start of the new school year in September you will attend the new Academy.

Not all year groups will be starting on the same day as we realise it's difficult for everyone to get to know the building and settle in. Don't worry about getting lost either, because there will be staff there to help and each student will be given a guided tour, a map to help you find your way around and a timetable of your lessons.



We will have more information about when the tours are and your starting date in our next newsletter.

You can also log onto our website at www.miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk

WIN AN IPOD!



Most of you will agree there's nothing more relaxing than listening to your favourite music.

Well now's your chance to win a new iPod to store all your favourite songs (or even audio books or revision text if you like!!)

All you have to do is complete the wordsearch and tell us which of the words below is missing. Hand your entry into the school office or text your answer with your full name and year group to **07855 393021**. The deadline is 1st February. Good luck!

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