



Prime Minister Approves Leigh Academies Trust's Bid to Open Stationers' Academy, Greenwich Peninsula

On Monday 9th March, Leigh Academies Trust received formal approval from the Department for Education to move to the pre-opening phase for Stationers' Academy, Greenwich Peninsula. This decision followed a rigorous application and interview process to open a ground-breaking free school in South East London in brand new facilities. It demonstrates yet again the great confidence placed in LAT by central government to deliver high quality education to a growing community of young people.

The proposed school will be for secondary age students with a pupil admission number of 180 and a sixth form of 250. It plans to open in September 2017 for students in Years 7 and 12 to meet the growing need for secondary school places across Greenwich. The school will specialise in digital media technology, sponsored by The Stationers' Livery Company, Ravensbourne and University of Greenwich.

In September 2014, LAT completed the conversion of Crown Woods College to academy status. The new Stationers' Crown Woods Academy is now one of the most heavily over-subscribed schools in Greenwich with five applications for every place in Year 7. Its GCSE results this year are amongst the highest in the Borough with further improvement forecast in 2015. LAT's proposed new free school will become a sister academy to SCWA at the opposite end of the Borough.

LAT is developing three successful clusters of academies. Its successful North West Kent model is now being replicated in South East London and Central Kent. Stationers' Academy, Greenwich Peninsula will be its twelfth school. All those within the Trust for at least a year are rated at least 'Good' in Ofsted terms. LAT's ambition is to create excellence amongst all its schools to help shape lives and transform communities.

LAT will be working with partners including the Royal Borough of Greenwich to finalise the site and bring about this much needed and high quality new secondary academy for local Greenwich families.

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