



Bolingbroke Academy



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For admission September 2012

“ARK academies are ambitious for every pupil. We do everything we can to help every child succeed. That’s Bolingbroke Academy’s commitment to its pupils.”

*Lucy Heller
Managing Director
ARK Schools*

ARK SCHOOLS

ARK Schools’ mission is to create excellent local schools that deliver high achievement for all their pupils. As of September 2011, ARK runs eight secondary or all-through academies, of which six are in London and two London primary academies. It will open a secondary and a primary academy in 2011/12 and two more secondary academies in 2012 and 2013.

ARK Schools has an excellent track record as an academy sponsor. It is the best performing multiple-academy sponsor for GCSE improvement. Its secondary schools have achieved an average annual improvement in GCSE pass rates of 10 percentage points since becoming ARK academies. Ofsted rated two of ARK’s three new academies as Outstanding within two years of opening.

ARK Schools also runs and develops programmes to help schools succeed. **Future Leaders and Teaching Leaders** train senior and middle leaders for inner city secondary schools and ARK is developing a primary leadership programme. ARK’s extended schools programme helps its academies offer artistic, musical, athletic and inter-school competitive activities.

ARK Schools is part of ARK, an international children’s charity whose purpose is to transform children’s lives. ARK runs health, child welfare and education programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, India and the UK.



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent/Carer



I am delighted to have the opportunity to tell you about Bolingbroke Academy.

In September 2012, we will welcome our first year 7 pupils to our new school in the former Bolingbroke Hospital. Another 120 year 7 pupils will join us each year until, in 2018, the school is fully subscribed with places for 800 pupils including a sixth form.

Bolingbroke Academy will have high aspirations for all its pupils. We will aim for the highest standards of educational achievement: we will respect and value every pupil and support each to reach their full potential.

I want Bolingbroke Academy to be an outstanding local school and a strong part of the local community. Our opening is the culmination of a tireless campaign for a non-selective local school by Battersea parents and residents. Our home is a building that has been at the heart of its community for 132 years. Our heritage is that of a community committed to the achievement and opportunity of all its citizens – a commitment our school will share.

I hope that our prospectus shows what we aim to achieve and what we can offer your child.

Yours faithfully
Claire Edis
Principal



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

EXCELLENCE



OUR VISION

We have high aspirations for all our pupils. We will aim for the highest standards of educational achievement. We will respect and value every pupil and support each to reach their full potential.

Our motto, **Fortiter ubique**, or “Ever courageous” is based on the motto of the Bolingbroke & St John’s League of Friends. It came from the family coat of arms of Canon John Erskine Clarke, who was vicar of St Mary’s Church, Battersea and a founder of the Bolingbroke Hospital. It embodies our belief that perseverance, self-discipline and determination will enable our students and staff to succeed at school and beyond.

“Bolingbroke Academy will be a great local school at the heart of our community, with an emphasis on both academic excellence and all round student development and care.”

Ron Rooney, owner Common Ground cafe and neighbourhood school campaigner.





We will realise our vision by adopting the following core principles:

- **Excellence:** exceptional expectations and achievement for all pupils.
- **Whatever it takes:** pupils, teachers and parents all committed to doing everything needed to ensure that each child succeeds.
- **Responsibility and respect:** excellent standards of behaviour and conduct in school and the local community at all times.
- **Personal development:** developing confidence and leadership skills through inspiring teaching and role models, and an extended and enriching curriculum.
- **Talented and committed staff:** trained and supported to create an academic centre of excellence.

We are building a skilled and committed team to create a centre of academic excellence. We are drawing on ARK's exceptional experience of developing outstanding new schools to establish a strong and positive culture and rigorous academic programme.

LEARNING

A RIGOROUS ACADEMIC EDUCATION

The school will prepare pupils for university.

Our aim is for 100% of pupils to achieve at least five GCSEs at A*–C including English and mathematics and for 90% of pupils to successfully complete the English Baccalaureate (six good GCSEs including English, maths, two science qualifications, one humanity and one modern foreign language). All ARK schools expect at least 80% of pupils to achieve at least five GCSEs including English and mathematics.

The Bolingbroke curriculum will have excellent English and mathematics teaching at its core, to provide the strongest possible educational platform for all subjects. We will set very high achievement targets for all pupils and organise the curriculum and teaching to make it possible for all pupils to reach their targets. Pupils entering the school with attainment below the level expected for their age will follow a curriculum designed to accelerate their progress so that they can participate fully.

The academy will offer a full curriculum at GCSE and A level and a selection of other courses to ensure a programme which challenges and meets the needs of all pupils. We expect almost all pupils to continue to study at least one humanity and a language up to the age of 16.

Courses such as the International Baccalaureate and Pre-U will be considered once the likely demand for such programmes is known.



Specialisms

Like all ARK academies, Bolingbroke Academy will specialise in mathematics. We also have a strong focus on music, which helps develop self-expression, self-discipline, performance and team work as well as building a strong sense of community through collective participation. Our aim is for every pupil to play an instrument confidently and to take part in regular performances.

More time for learning

Bolingbroke Academy will have a longer school day to provide more time for learning and time for a broad range of extension and extra-curricular activities. These will embed and extend learning and include extra language classes, chess and debating clubs, music and drama groups and sports activities. We will aim to ensure that daily physical activity is available for every pupil, and encourage competitive individual and team sports. We intend every child to be stretched and challenged and have the opportunity to discover and develop their talents.

Assessment

Good assessment, properly used, is a powerful educational tool to help ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential. Effective assessment is fully integrated into our curriculum and teaching and we assess progress regularly. Formal assessments will take place at least termly and parents will be fully informed of their child's progress.

Knowing every pupil

A successful education includes the development and nurturing of each pupil's personal qualities. Every member of staff will ensure that they know all their pupils well and that no pupil is 'invisible'.

Part of being a school community is working together and getting to know each other. We will provide a healthy, freshly-cooked lunch each day, catering to varied diets. A good hot meal will sustain pupils through our longer day and healthy snacks will be available at all times. Bringing staff and pupils together at meals helps build good relationships, enables pupils to gain social confidence and reinforces good manners and social skills. Healthy snacks will also be available at break-times.



“The most important thing we can do to create a better society is to properly educate our children and to offer the least well off the same opportunities as the best. The aspiration, discipline, commitment and teaching in ARK’s schools changes every life they touch.”

Sir Michael Wilshaw, ARK Schools

COMMUNITY

ADMISSIONS

Bolingbroke Academy is a non-selective, non-denominational, parent-promoted school for local children.

While places are open to all children, if there are more applicants than places available, priority in admissions will be granted in the order set out below.

- Children with statements of special educational needs.
- Children in public care
- Children with a sibling attending the school (after 2012)
- Children attending one of the five feeder schools
- Children living closest to the academy, based on straight line distance

“The opening of Bolingbroke Academy is a real boost for our community. I am proud that local children of all abilities will have access to this truly comprehensive school.”

*Katy Newman, local resident,
member of neighbourhood school campaign*



Feeder schools

The following five south Battersea community primary schools close to the academy are our feeder schools:

- Belleville Primary School
- Falconbrook Primary School
- High View Primary School
- Honeywell Junior School
- Wix Primary School (but not Ecole de Wix)

If there are more applications than places available, places will be allocated to applicants from each feeder primary school in proportion to the total number of applications from that school. (If 20% of the applications come from school A, then that school will be allocated 20% of the places available after providing places for children with special needs, children in care and siblings of existing pupils.)

Within each feeder school's allocation, applicants will be ranked by proximity of their home to the academy, based on straight line distance.



“Bolingbroke Academy will offer a very attractive choice to local parents of secondary age children. I hope parents will find out more about what Bolingbroke offers their children.”

*Cllr Kathy Tracey,
Cabinet Member (Education and Children's Services)*

A RICH HERITAGE

Buildings and Facilities

Bolingbroke Academy is built on the landmark site of the former Bolingbroke Hospital. It will continue its tradition of service to the local community. We are pleased that the building will also be able to host a doctors' surgery for local families.

The listed building is being fully refurbished and modernised to provide excellent learning facilities while preserving the building's historic features. We are creating high quality classrooms and specialist spaces for science, music and technology.

PE and Recreation

The academy will have a new, two court, sports hall and will make good use of local facilities for outdoor games and competitive sport. Although the site has limited external play space, staggered break times will enable pupils to make good use of it.

Travel

As a local school we hope pupils will live close enough to walk or cycle to school. We will discourage car use and incentivise the use of other forms of transport.



“We are delighted that the Bolingbroke Hospital will continue to play an important role in the community, as it has since 1880, by becoming the Bolingbroke Academy.”

*The League of Friends
of the former Bolingbroke Hospital*

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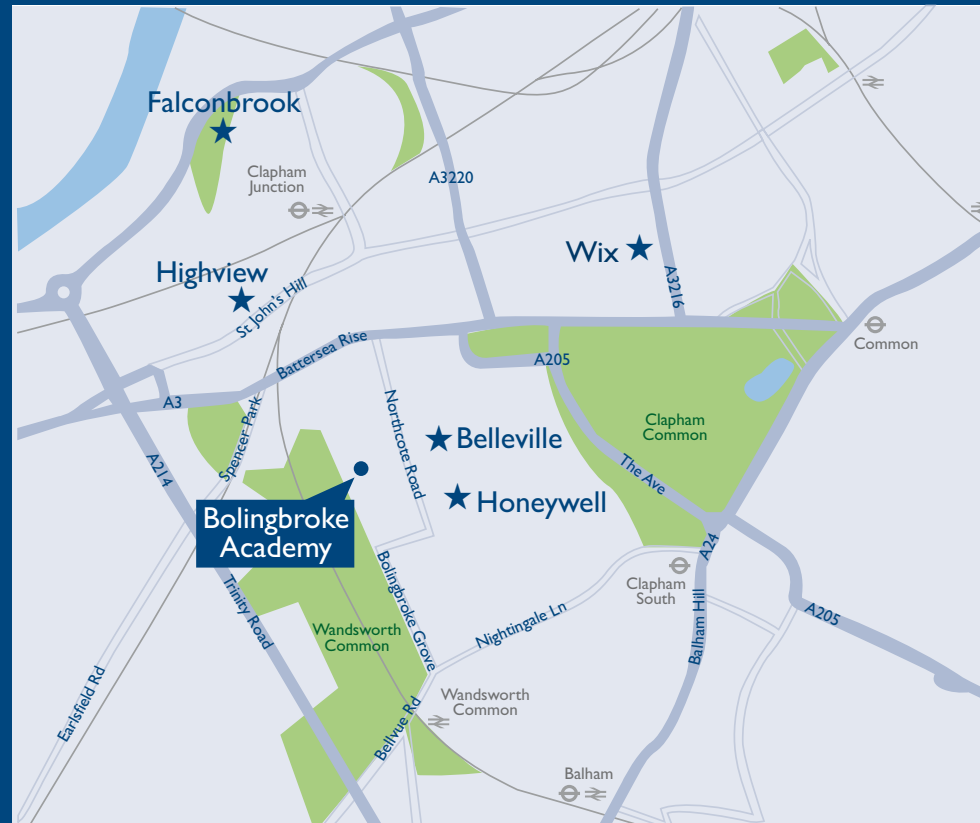
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