

Can you design the new badge for The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing?

We are holding an exciting competition for students in the Lancing and Sompting area to design a new badge for the new Academy. To enter you must be a student at the current Boundstone Community College, or one of the Academy's Partner Schools in the area. The new Academy badge will represent you, your team, your community, and needs to reflect not just the Sompting and Lancing community but also the ethos of the Academy and the students. Do you think you could be the creator of the Academy logo?

The winning entry will be used by our professional designers to create the final logo for the Academy, so the winner will see their design everywhere throughout the Academy, even on the new Academy uniform. Not only that, but there is a **first prize of £50 in book tokens**.

The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing badge will illustrate the key aims of the Academy:

- Every child should have the opportunity to achieve academic success
- Every child should have their aspirations raised
- Every child should be in an environment where every individual is encouraged and valued
- The Academy is an integral part of the Lancing and Sompting community

Now turn the page and fill in your details before returning it to us for your chance to win!

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The Academy

The Academy Governing Body starts to take shape

The first members of the Governing Body of The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing have been confirmed, and the body has held its first meeting to help drive the Academy forward in the year up to its opening in September 2009. The first meeting of the Academy Governing Body was held on the 8th December 2008. Nine of the 15 strong members of the Governing Body were confirmed. The membership is: Chairman Jonathan Prichard; Carole Bailey, Principal of The Academy; Peter Rawlinson, Woodard Academies Development Director; Father Phil Ritchie, the Woodard Provost representative; Jonathan Gillespie, the Headteacher

Lancing College; Sharon Holmes, a representative member of the Boundstone College academic staff; Robert Dunn, the WSCC representative; Corrina Stringer, a representative member of the Boundstone College non teaching staff and Trevor Crowter, a representative Parent.

The next meeting of the Governing Body will include nominations for the remaining 6 members, the Academy uniform, and a review of the work plans for opening the new academy in September 2009.

We are grateful to the current Boundstone Community College governing body for nominating

Trevor, Sharon, and Corrina (and to them for agreeing to serve) as representative parent, Academic staff and support staff members for a period of one year. This ensures that the Academy Governing Body has the benefit of this participation in the run up to opening. Once open, the Academy will hold elections for these positions at a time when all staff and parents (including parents of Year 7 pupils who enter the Academy in Set 2009) are known and therefore able to vote.

In addition, the transfer of staff from Boundstone Community College to The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing is progressing on schedule.

Next Steps

- January 2008 – July 2009** Ongoing consultation with all stakeholders including the design of the new buildings, policies and Academy structure, including chapters
- July 2009** Induction evening for parents of Year 6 students coming to The Academy in September 2009.
- September 2009** Academy opens in current buildings
- School year 2011/2012** New Academy buildings completed and open for students

www.woodardwestsussexacademies.org/boundstone

Visit the Academy website to find the very latest news, views and status of The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing Programme.

The Academy project is racing forward, but you can find everything from news in the local press to feedback from the Academy Focus Groups online.

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Community Newsletter

THE ACADEMY SERVING SOMPTING AND LANCING
FORMERLY THE ACADEMY AT BOUNDSTONE

Inspiring generations to succeed

January 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE SPONSORS

Welcome to the fourth newsletter for The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing (formerly the Academy at Boundstone).

There has been considerable progress since Funding Agreement was signed by the Secretary of State for Schools and Learners. First and foremost, the Sponsors have appointed a new Principal for the Academy, Carole Bailey. There are more details about Carole Bailey's appointment and a message from the new Principal inside.

The Academy preparation work is progressing well, ready for its

opening in September 2009, but we value your input into the many aspects that have still to be decided – including the design of a new Academy logo. Students from Boundstone Community College, as well as the Partner Schools in the wider Lancing and Sompting area are being invited to design the logo – see the entry form on the back of this newsletter, and we look forward to receiving your ideas and artistic efforts.

In addition, there are still termly Academy Focus Groups that will be

discussing aspects such as the uniform, the new building and the new curriculum, so please continue to get involved and have your say.

Your new Academy is an exciting opportunity for students, parents and the local community of Sompting and Lancing; a chance to build a centre of academic excellence that will truly 'inspire generations to succeed'.



Woodard Academies appoint a Finance Director responsible for The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing

The Woodard West Sussex Academies Programme has appointed Graham Thomas as the Academies Finance Director. Previously Vice President of wholesale revenue management for British Telecom, Graham took up the high profile post in January 2009, prior to The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing opening as one of the two Woodard West Sussex Academies launching in September this year.

With a proven track record, Graham Thomas has worked for British Telecom for 33 years in a range of senior finance roles, including his most recent role as a Vice President.

Commenting on his appointment Graham said: 'Working on the delivery of Academies for Woodard Schools and West Sussex County Council will be an exciting and fresh challenge as we look to successfully open on 1st September 2009.'

'I believe passionately in the importance and value of education and see Woodard's hands on approach to the development of its Academies as being unique and an exciting opportunity for education within the UK.'

Academy name revealed

The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing is the name for the new Academy that will replace Boundstone Community College in September 2009.

The final name was chosen after consultation with students, parents and staff, and reflects their community pride, as well as the exciting new opportunities The Academy will provide for all members of the Sompting and Lancing region.



Principal for The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing appointed Carole Bailey joins The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing



The Principal for your new Academy in Sompting and Lancing has been appointed. Carole Bailey, former headteacher of King Ethelbert School in Birchington, Kent has taken up the high profile post, prior to the Academy opening on the 1st September 2009.

“I am excited about the opportunity to develop a centre of excellence in learning for all students.”

With a proven track record, Carole Bailey initially trained to teach at Westminster College, Oxford and started her teaching career at Leasowes High School and Community College in Halesowen in the West Midlands. Carole became head of her department at the end of the second year at the school. In 1989 she was appointed head of humanities and PSHE at Alderley High School in Wolverhampton prior to moving to Colmers Farm School in Birmingham as deputy headteacher.

Carole joins the Woodard West Sussex Academy from King Ethelbert School where as headteacher she took the school from 'serious weakness' to 'outstanding' in its 2006 Ofsted inspection.

Commenting on her appointment, Carole Bailey said; 'At the heart of my work is a genuine commitment to valuing each child and creating an environment within which each can achieve their personal best. The Academy will not only provide academic excellence but will create opportunities for all students in a caring and nurturing setting.'

Peter Rawlinson, Academies Development Director for Woodard Schools added; 'Carole brings a clear vision and approach to the Academy at Boundstone and we are sure that under her clear direction and leadership we will develop an outstanding Academy that the local community can be proud of.'

Carole has already started working with the Academy team, and there will be opportunities to meet her over the coming year; we look forward to bringing you more of Carole's ideas for the new Academy in the next newsletter.



The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing has received enormous interest in student places for when it opens in September 2009. Students who are currently at Boundstone Community College automatically qualify for a place should they want it, but the open events for the places in Year 7 and in the Academy 6th Form last term were very well attended.

Students and parents from neighbouring schools came to hear the vision for the new Academy from the Sponsors, staff and students. The evening event was particularly well attended by people eager to find out more, and people left genuinely excited about the opportunities that will be available to students at the Academy.

The Academy will holding an induction evening in July 2009 for parents of children currently in Year 6 who will be coming to The Academy in September. More details will be made available in the next newsletter, as well as through the ongoing parent and student Academy Focus Groups.

If you are interested in what it will be like at the new Academy 6th Form, then please request a prospectus from the reception at Boundstone Community School or ask to speak to someone at the current 6th Form to discuss the variety of options available to you. You can also view a 6th Form film on the website, giving you a unique insight into 6th Form at the Academy. www.woodardwestsussexacademies.org/boundstone

It is not too late if you want a place at the Academy 6th Form; simply contact the reception at the current school for more details, or visit the website www.woodardwestsussexacademies.org/boundstone

We understand that students and parents will be keen to see the new Academy uniform. This modern uniform is nearly agreed, as we have been in consultation with students, parents, staff and the new Principal to make sure everyone's point of view is heard.

The new uniform will represent a new start for the students at the Academy, and we believe it will encourage an ethos of mutual respect, behaviour and help prepare our students for their working life once their studies have ended. The new logo, which will be an integral part of the new uniform, will be designed by a local student and will be used not only on the badge but also on signage outside the school. Please see the competition page in this newsletter for more details.

There will be a series of Academy Focus Groups presenting and discussing the new uniform, logo and Academy brand in the near future. Students, staff and parents will be invited to discuss all of these exciting developments - visit the website for more details: www.woodardwestsussexacademies.org/boundstone

Academy Focus Group dates for students, parents and staff of the new Academy

We are committed to involving the entire Academy Community in the progress being made towards shaping The Academy serving Sompting and Lancing on its opening day and beyond. We will be scheduling focus groups throughout the spring and summer terms, focussing on important topics of discussion such as behaviour policies, transition arrangements for Year 11s,

the design of the new Academy buildings, the curriculum structure and the new ICT facilities.

We will release more details about each group through newsletters and the website, so make sure you look out for them. The sponsors and Principal invite you to get involved and really make a difference to secondary education in our community.



The Sponsors would like to thank the Head of the Boundstone Community College, Yvonne Williams and her team for all her help with the opening of the new Academy. The Academy recognises the hard work and improvements being made at the school, and we have no doubt that this year will be a celebration of the work and history of Boundstone Community College, before it closes to make way for the new Academy.

Please use the badge template overleaf to create your unique design, fill in the entry form below, and send this page to the address below.

Student name: _____

School: _____

Year group: _____

Home address: _____

What is the unique feature of your logo design? _____

The small print

One of the designs entered will win a prize of £50 in book tokens. To have a chance of winning make sure that your design is handed in to the reception at Boundstone Community College, Upper Boundstone Lane, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 9QZ, or posted to the same address along with this form fully completed and signed, to arrive by 4pm on the closing date for the competition which is Friday 27 February 2009. In entering into the competition each entrant agrees to the rules. In order to enter, you and a parent or guardian must sign the acknowledgments below.

All or part of the design may be used by the Academy. The design may be used:

- on its own or together with other designs;
- in connection with the Academy's activities;
- without payment;
- as part of its badge and in its publicity and other publications;
- on badges on the outside of the school, on its letterhead, website, school uniform and kit;
- for all purposes connected with the Academy; and
- indefinitely.

I confirm that the design is my/my child's unaided work and it has not been copied from any other source, and that I have read and understand the rules of the competition as stated.

Signed _____

X _____

Entrant (student) _____

X _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Name & address of parent/guardian _____

Rules

The entry must be signed by a parent or guardian and the name and address of both the parent or guardian and child shown.

The design and entry form must be securely fastened together and sent or handed in an A4 envelope to the address given above. **Entries must reach this address no later than 4pm on Friday 27 February 2009.**

Validity

To be valid, each entry form must be fully completed and signed by the entrant and their parent or guardian (if under age 18). Only original drawings will be considered. Photocopies are not acceptable. Responsibility cannot be accepted for entries delayed in transit to the address above or lost or damaged. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of receipt. Correspondence will be entered into only at the absolute discretion of the Academy.

Announcement of Winner

The winner will be announced in the next Academy newsletter, and the winner will be notified personally as soon as practicable.

Eligibility

All entrants must be a current student of either Boundstone Community College or its Partner Schools, including Broadwater CofE School, Globe Primary School, North Lancing School, Oakfield Middle School, Seaside Primary School, Sompting Village Primary School, Thornberry Middle School, Vale First and Middle School, White Styles Middle School, and produce the original design unaided.

To win

The winning entry will be decided by a panel of judges which will contain at least one independent member. The judges' decision will be final.

The prize

The prize is as described, is non-transferable and no alternative is available. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Academy reserves the right to vary the prize without prior notice. In such an event any alternative prize will be of equal or greater value than the prize detailed above.

Publicity

Entrants accept that the Academy will have the right, without additional permission, to use their name, year group, age, and town of residence in publicity.

Entries

All entries whether or not successful will become the property of the Academy when it receives them and will not be returned and may be published in any event.

Make sure you fill in all the details on this side of the form before you hand in your entry for the new Academy logo competition – good luck!