



King's Cross Academy

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A brand new primary school
in the heart of King's Cross





A welcome from your Head Teacher

Our vision is for every child to become a highly successful learner, within a supportive, creative and exciting environment. We will recruit qualified, inspirational and enthusiastic teachers who share this vision, to help children to develop their confidence, capacity and learning skills.

Our children will be part of something very special. The Academy will be a few steps from the fountains in Granary Square, close to the Canal and the new Gasholder park. This is the symbol of our school and will become a focal point for the King's Cross community.

Our motto, 'Love Learning Together', embraces our pupils, parents and teachers and our partnership working with incredible neighbours. Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children (with whom we will share our building), Central Saint Martins, Google UK, the Guardian and the Francis Crick Institute are all on our doorstep, offering opportunities to broaden children's experiences and thereby raise their achievements and aspirations.

The Academy will help each and every child make the most of his or her potential and talents. We hope that you will consider us as you take the important decision of where to begin your child's learning journey.

Emyr Fairburn
Head Teacher

A launch pad for your child's future

An extraordinary part of London is taking shape at King's Cross. One of the UK's largest and most successful regeneration projects is transforming King's Cross, with all its heritage and history, into a thriving new place with a growing, diverse community.

At the heart of this exciting change is the new King's Cross Academy – a purpose built primary school that offers a unique opportunity for your child to make the most of his or her potential.

Located in the Plimsoll Building, the Academy will open its doors in September 2015. In its first year, the primary school will have two reception classes for up to 60 children and a 26-place nursery for 3 to 5 year old children.

As the King's Cross community continues to grow, the Academy will expand over time to serve 420 primary school pupils aged 4 to 11, plus the nursery.

King's Cross Academy is being developed and run by the same people who are behind the wider King's Cross regeneration. We want to give our pupils the best possible education and access to opportunities, so they leave school with the achievements, aspiration and confidence to be successful at secondary school and beyond.

This brochure outlines our vision for King's Cross Academy and your children's education. If you have a child starting school or nursery in September 2015 and you live in the area, we hope you will become one of the first members of the King's Cross Academy community.

**A brand new building,
an amazing location,
exciting learning opportunities,
talented and dedicated teachers:
this is King's Cross Academy**





Our smart new school

A location for the future

King's Cross Academy will be housed in the first two floors of the award-winning new Plimsoll Building, in the heart of King's Cross. The building is named after Samuel Plimsoll, a politician and social reformer in Victorian Britain and a coal merchant at King's Cross.

The Plimsoll Building overlooks a beautiful new park, framed by the historic guide frame of Gasholder No.8. The Gasholder is the inspiration for our school emblem. It encapsulates both the industrial past of King's Cross and its new, creative future. Dating back to 1850, the guide frame is now Grade II listed. It has been carefully refurbished and re-located alongside the Regent's Canal to form a new, well-managed public space.

A State-Of-The-Art Learning Environment

Light and airy, the Academy space has been designed to create a wonderful environment for our pupils to learn and play in.

The Academy will be equipped with the latest technology for learning, an inspiring library and specialist food and design technology rooms. It will also have a virtual learning environment, to which our pupils and their parents will be able to connect from home.

We intend to prepare fresh food for the children daily, in our own kitchens. Physical learning will feature highly and children will have access to a multi-level playground, a secure multi-use games area in the building opposite and the adjacent Gasholder park. In addition, public swimming pools and green spaces are a short walk away, including Camley Street Natural Park, a local nature reserve.

**This is a 21st Century school
for 21st Century children
and there is no better place
for your children to learn**

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The School Day

The Academy will run an extended school day, including a breakfast club and after school activities. Further details will be available on our website in due course.

Uniform

Our stylish uniforms, will be an affordable red sweatshirt on top of a light blue aertex shirt and grey skirt or trousers. You will be able to find our more details on our website (see back page for details).

Working with parents

The active involvement of parents is vital to children's learning and the life of the Academy. Parents and carers will always be welcome at the school and will be invited to regular coffee mornings with the Head Teacher and governors. They will also have opportunities to come along on school trips and classroom visits.

Our Partner School

The Academy has an onsite nursery, with its own dedicated indoor and outdoor spaces (and its own admission arrangements).

Our partnership with the Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children (an existing, outstanding school) will provide a rare opportunity for our pupils to learn British Sign Language as part of our broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

Frank Barnes School will share facilities onsite as well as having its own dedicated facilities within the building.

King's Cross Academy Partners

Your children will have unique opportunities to:

- Uncover creative talents at the world famous Central Saint Martins, part of the University of the Arts, London;
- Connect with the latest technology at Google UK;
- Learn about their local environment at Camley Street Natural Park;
- Enjoy illustration in all its forms at the House of Illustration;
- Discover a passion for current affairs with journalists at the Guardian;
- Grow their own vegetables with Global Generation;
- Take part in cookery classes at the Waitrose Cookery School; and
- Discover how the body works at the Francis Crick Institute.



Our partnerships with world-class organisations and companies in King's Cross will present children with some of the most exciting learning opportunities in the UK

**We want
children asking
questions,
getting
passionate,
debating
and interacting
with
each other**



We will teach our pupils to be...



Love Learning Together – our nurturing vision

We aim to prepare children for the modern world by making them highly successful life-long learners. Our learning vision has four principal themes:

Teaching pupils how to learn

King's Cross Academy will teach pupils how to learn – encouraging qualities such as persistence, resilience, resourcefulness and flexibility – so that they develop a lifetime love of learning. We will help children learn how to question, think creatively and become active learners and communicators.

A broad, balanced and creative curriculum

The Academy will provide children with a complete education. The Academy will take a rigorous approach to the teaching of Mathematics and English, as part of a broad and balanced, project-based curriculum. We will promote children's skills in listening, speaking, thinking and questioning and develop their social and emotional skills.

Creating an environment that promotes learning

It matters where and how education takes place. We will draw upon the exceptional environment within and around this new school to provide activities and opportunities that inspire, excite and transform the learning of children, their parents and other adults in the community.

Developing children to be leaders

The King's Cross Academy will develop children's leadership by building their capacity to make reasoned decisions and choices. Our pupils will be encouraged to use their initiative, whilst working in productive partnership with others. We want children to gain confidence in their own abilities and their ability to learn and improve; and be emotionally engaged in their learning. We want our school to be a catalyst for positive change for all in the King's Cross community.



Who is behind the academy?


King's Cross Academy is being sponsored by the King's Cross Academy Trust. King's Cross Academy Trust has been formed by the King's Cross Central Limited Partnership (KCCLP), the owner and developer of the King's Cross development, together with Michael and Clara Freeman, who have a long-standing commitment to supporting schools, educational charities and universities.

King's Cross Academy Trust is passionate about establishing the Academy as a focal point for the King's Cross community and its future. The Academy represents a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to transform the lives of local children and families and benefit the whole community.

Academy status means that the school will benefit from certain freedoms to implement the ethos and vision described in this brochure. At the same time, the Academy will be an active member of the Camden family of schools.

Our Chair of Governors, Robert Evans, is a director of KCCLP and has played a lead role in the regeneration of King's Cross for more than a decade. As a father of two primary school-age children, he is passionate and ambitious for what the Academy can achieve.





I have now been involved in the on-going regeneration of King's Cross for most of my working life and, with two children of my own at primary school, I know how important this new Academy will be to local families.

We have appointed an outstanding head teacher to lead the school, Mr Emyr Fairburn. He has been teaching and living locally for more than a decade. Mr Fairburn and his staff, the parents and their children will have our determined and vigorous support to establish a happy and friendly school where the children are safe, love learning, behave well and succeed.

Our school will be part of an inspiring development, sharing our building with Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children, a new community centre and residential apartments. Our desire is to create London's best teaching and learning environment, at the centre of this thriving, new, urban community.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to the King's Cross Academy School.

Robert Evans
Chair of Governors

Apply now

Choosing a school for your child is an important decision. After reading our vision for the Academy, we hope you will consider us to be part of your child's future.

If you have any questions about the Academy, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact and application details can be found below.

The Academy will open its doors in September 2015. In 2015, the primary school will have places for:

- Up to 60 reception age children
- 26 nursery age children (aged 3-5)

As the King's Cross community grows, the Academy will expand over time to eventually serve 420 primary school pupils aged 4 to 11 plus the nursery.

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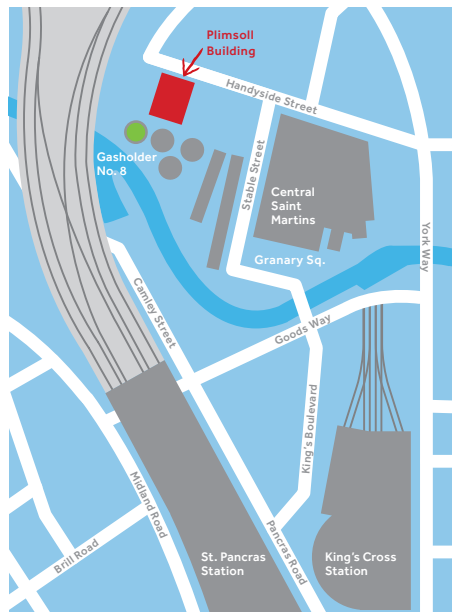
Application details

Applications for the Academy must be made via the Camden admissions department at 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG. You can also apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Applications close on January 15th 2015.

If you would like to apply for a place at the Nursery, please contact us directly by email or phone to arrange a meeting with our Head Teacher, Mr Fairburn.

For further information see our website, where you will find more details about our open events throughout the year, as well as opportunities to meet Mr Fairburn.



**Admissions open
from the beginning
of September 2014**

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