

Media release

UNDER TBAP, OCTAGON AP ACADEMY HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED ACCORDING TO OFSTED

...Octagon AP Academy improves rapidly from 'Inadequate' to 'Good' with 'Outstanding' leadership and management in March 2017...

22nd March 2017 - Ofsted has rated Haringey's Octagon AP Academy as 'Good' with 'Outstanding' effectiveness of leadership and management in its March 2017 report. The report shows that the Academy has transformed rapidly from 'Inadequate' to 'Good' in just under three years.

The TBAP Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) sponsored the Octagon AP Academy in 2014 and since then, the Academy's leadership has focused on a rigorous drive to raise standards in all areas. A strong culture of success now permeates the AP Academy. The latest Ofsted report recognises this and also draws attention to the following progress:

- Attendance has improved dramatically in the last three years from below 65% in 2014 to above 80% in the current period
- As a result of the Academy's work, almost all pupils in Primary and 35% in KS3 make a successful re-integration back to mainstream education
- Teaching is described by Ofsted as both challenging and supportive with 'excellent' progress made in English, Art, Food, PE and Computing

Other notable Ofsted observations include:

- Behaviour is good. Pupils' attitudes to learning improve and they learn how to manage their behaviour better
- Year 11 pupils stay at Octagon to take GCSE and other qualifications. They achieve much better results than pupils in referral units nationally
- Record keeping on all aspects of safeguarding is comprehensive and meticulous
- A 'strong' partnership with local mainstream schools and the Local Authority

- Very good relationships with parents
- Pupils have benefitted and understand the high quality of care and support they get

Angela Tempany, Executive Headteacher, Octagon AP Academy said, “I am really delighted with the rapid progress that the Octagon AP Academy has made. Our staff deserve this recognition for their excellent work in supporting all learners. TBAP’s sponsorship has been pivotal in helping us to accelerate improvements.”

Commenting on the Ofsted report, Seamus Oates CBE, CEO TBAP, said: “We are extremely proud of the rapid and excellent progress that has been achieved by the team and learners at the Octagon AP Academy since it was sponsored by the TBAP Multi-Academy Trust in 2014. TBAP’s team works incredibly hard to ensure our most vulnerable learners succeed and fulfil their potential. We are delighted that Ofsted has recognised these efforts with an ‘Outstanding’ rating for leadership and management.”

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About Octagon AP Academy

The Octagon AP Academy supports up to 58 primary and secondary learners who have experienced difficulties with their learning and behaviour in mainstream school. Up to 25% of our learners have a Statement of Special Educational Needs/Education Health Care Plan. Learners are taught in small, well-supported groups and follow a broad curriculum of English, Maths, Science, ICT, Humanities, PE, Art, Food Technology, Drama, Music, Life Skills/Citizenship and Languages. Learners have extra support for literacy and numeracy. Primary learners also enjoy Forest Schools and swimming on a weekly basis. Learners also benefit from a weekly enrichment programme, which allows them to explore healthy lifestyles and to experience outdoor pursuits and London’s cultural sites.

Re-integration of learners to mainstream educational provision is a priority. All primary learners receive intensive support programmes that help them manage their behaviour at the Octagon and in their mainstream setting. Most primary learners return to their mainstream school within one term. KS3 and Y10 learners are supported to return to a mainstream school. In 2015/16 more than 35% of learners made a successful transition back to mainstream education.

Some KS4 learners prefer to move on to a college setting to pursue a vocational course. We support and monitor placements in a number of colleges within Haringey and in neighbouring boroughs. We work closely with families and outside agencies to give learners the skills and resilience they need to be safe and to raise their expectations of themselves as successful citizens.

About the Tri-borough Alternative Provision (TBAP) Multi Academy Trust

The Tri-borough Alternative Provision (TBAP) Multi Academy Trust was established in March 2013.

The Trust runs the following AP Academies:

- Beachcroft AP Academy
- Bridge AP Academy
- Courtyard AP Academy
- Octagon AP Academy
- Latimer AP Academy
- TBAP 16 -19 AP Academic Academy
- TBAP Cambridge AP Academy (Established in October 2015)
- TBAP Octavia AP Academy
- TBAP Unity Academy

TBAP is growing and also provides education services including:

- Commissioning & School Support (CSS)
- TBAP Modern Foreign Languages
- TBAP Teaching School Alliance

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