

TBAP Foundation launch will highlight transforming power of AP Academy in Hammersmith and Fulham

Trustees of the TBAP Foundation will be holding an event at the Bridge AP Academy site in Fulham on 25th June to launch TBAP's new status as a charitable foundation, as well as outline plans to organise mentoring and work experience opportunities to support their leavers.

Host for the event will be Penny Marshall, Social Affairs Editor of ITV News, who has been a volunteer with TBAP since 2014. Penny says, "TBAP helps and supports some of the most disadvantaged children in London; children who have been excluded from mainstream schools because of their behavioural issues. These are children whose life chances are very poor.

"Research suggests that as many as one in six children who have been excluded from school will not live to reach their mid-twenties and tragically many of them end up on the streets or in prison. TBAP aims to change that and we want to support the staff as they do that. These are children who live in one of the richest cities of the world, but who have yet to feel any of its advantages or believe in any of its opportunities."

One of seven Alternative Provision Academies in the TBAP portfolio - and already twice-rated Outstanding by OFSTED - the Bridge AP Academy will serve up to fifty year 12 and 13 students from September 2016, who have previously been excluded from mainstream school or have special educational needs, but have the ability to go on to further education.

Current students are already benefitting from the school's intensive behavioural and educational support from specialist teachers. The event will provide the opportunity to meet some of them and discover the positive impact evidence-based interventions and teaching methods are having, and see examples of their work in a GCSE art exhibition.

Executive head teacher Seamus Oates says, "TBAP believes in giving a chance to every child. And we believe in our students and their abilities and dreams, and don't think they should be denied life's opportunities because they have had a troubled or disrupted educational experience."

Details of the event follow:

- Date:** Thursday 25th June 2015
Time: 5:00-8:00pm
Location: Bridge AP Academy, Finlay Street, Fulham SW6 6HB
Speeches: 6:30pm

Notes to editors:

About the TBAP Multi Academy Trust

The TBAP Multi Academy Trust was established in March 2013.

It currently covers the Alternative Provision needs of four London boroughs: Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, Haringey, and Westminster, as well as Cambridgeshire and comprises:

- Beachcroft AP Academy
- Bridge AP Academy
- Courtyard AP Academy
- Octagon AP Academy
- Latimer AP Academy
- Cambridge AP Academy
- Commissioning & School Support (CSS)

Alternative Provision Academies are a new type of school with more freedoms than local authority maintained units. As a multi-academy trust and Academy sponsor, TBAP established the first AP Academies in the country. The Bridge AP Academy is rated as 'outstanding' by OFSTED for the second time and Courtyard AP Academy recently received an 'outstanding' grade as well.

TBAP is an approved DfE Academy Sponsor and provides education and support through its Alternative Provision (AP) Academies and support teams which work hard to make sure that every learner reaches their full potential.

Using a highly personalised curriculum, 21st century learning spaces, expert practitioners and therapeutic interventions TBAP's Academies achieve staggering progress over time with their learners. TBAP also supports learners in mainstream schools via expert outreach teams.

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