

**September 2016**

We continue to meet the growing needs of the TBAP Multi-Academy Trust through a collective focus on outcomes, responses and value added. This has been best demonstrated in the ongoing planned maintenance work carried out over the summer period across the entire TBAP piste. Learner focus remains at the heart of what we do and this has been demonstrated within London as well as Cambridgeshire with new external recreational provision at TBAP Octagon and TBAP Cambridge AP Academies respectively. It's hoped that these additional strands for learners will offer greater opportunities for engagement for all.

**The current picture overall remains one of progression; exceeding operational demands via effective and proactive performance. This is best demonstrated via the planned Summer 2015/16 works programme where 73 of a planned 80 maintenance tasks were completed. The remaining was either deferred or rescheduled.**

**Next Steps: Facilities Manager to publish Summer Programme final update and will liaise with all HoS to plan Spring 2016/17 requirements.**

#### **Core Areas:**

##### **Staffing**

Our site managers have again performed well over the last few months. Levels of absenteeism remain nil, despite numerous organisational challenges and out of hours demands such as alarm responses, community bookings and providing match day support to Fulham Football Club.

##### **Security**

Across the board, this has been an area of development. Smartlog has been extended to our colleagues in Cambridgeshire. Added to this, there is effective dialogue between the Business Support Professionals (BSPs) and our Site Managers in relation to all visitors and particularly around delivery expectations. Mercury Security Systems have continued to support us with added resilience to our CCTV and access control mechanisms. This has also been further strengthened through local contractor innovation where additional strengthening has taken place at both the TBAP Beachcroft and The TBAP Bridge Residence AP Academies.

Mercury Security Systems are now up and running with Fire Alarm and Access Control / CCTV monitoring in Cambridge. It is expected that staff and learners will be better supported as the previous contractor (Dent Security Systems) failed to meet the service expectations requested and as a result, placed an unnecessary strain on the TBAP Cambridge staff.

**Action: The Facilities Manager to continue to work with Mercury Security Solutions and ensure that service requirements are prioritised. This will include TBAP Octavia and TBAP Unity.**

##### **Resilience**

Our TBAP Technician continues to support a myriad of work streams at the Bridge. Examples of flexibility have included leading a Go-kart programme, fencing repairs and supporting our local Site manager with day to day operations.

## **Current Site Developments**

### **Latimer AP Academy**

Planned local authority planned building works did not take place over the summer and there were no scheduled TBAP facilities requirements. However, there is now new temporary school occupation in the ground floor space until planning approval has been gained to accommodate the TBAP decant provision. The new scheduled date for works in February and decant occupation in May / June 2017.

### **Bridge AP Academy**

The Facilities team have worked tirelessly to offer management support on the newly created TBAP 16-19 Academic Academy. This is now in operations and we will commence scheduling programmes around planned and responsive maintenance, cleaning, grounds maintenance and security. Simultaneously, we have delivered as planned, a new KS3 area. Extensive labour requirements were placed on the Site Manager to ensure all room furnishings were removed and repositioned accordingly. Early results look promising and the next few days will see the development of developed facilities maintenance arrangements.

### **Beachcroft AP Academy**

Overall this site remains good. The primary provision has established itself and is working. The access control improvements were completed. This included door strengthening. A new training kitchen was installed over the summer part funded by the TBAP foundation. This will provide a fantastic facility will significantly enhance the vocational offer at the school. Further work is planned in T3 / 4 to improve the doors and access to an outdoor play area in the corner of the site.

### **Courtyard AP Academy**

The garden renovation project will be revisited in the coming weeks. The newly created staff work room is working well and the comments from the HoS and staff have been pleasing to hear.

### **Walmer Road AP Academy (PRC)**

This is a new development where the Facilities have supported staff and learners from the former Langford/Coalville centre within a newly refurbished suite. Again, a full commitment was given to support the staff resulting in this space being operational as planned.

### **Octagon AP Academy**

The facilities provision continues to meet all expectations. Work was done to support ICT provision. This was completed. Additionally, a newly created Garden Area will provide learners and staff with further opportunities for learning and engagement.

### **Cambridge AP Academy**

The Cambridge AP Academy site has seen numerous site improvements over the last few months. Improved security measures and strengthen access control arrangements have improved Safeguarding. Simultaneously, improvements with outdoor play, learner spaces and contractor relationships will all result in a more embracive site. We are still exploring options of how to further develop the site to improve the flow and management of the site as well as increase the number of

communal spaces. A planning application is being prepared by Fusion which will be submitted in October requesting to upgrade the external doors and improve site security.

#### **TBAP Residence**

Site improvements were carried out over the Summer as planned. Additionally, there is now a P/T Site Manager who is able to respond to day to day tasks. Trade accounts are now in place and a follow up site visit will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

#### **TBAP Octavia and TBAP Unity**

Planned works have taken place on these sites, however, as I have not visited as frequently, I can only comment. It's pleasing to know that there are two competent Site Managers who continually provide me with operational feedback and requirements. The new Unity building remains broadly on track and will be handed over to TBAP in Mid October and operational by the start of November.

#### **TBAP Campus**

We continue to work with the architects and stakeholders to develop the designs for the facades of the 16-19 AAPA and refine the internal designs. The programme has experienced some minor delays but continues to move forward with works still planned to start on site this academic year.

#### **Successes**

Local successes include, but are not limited to the following:

- Offering physical and management support to Contractors delivering the 16-19 Academic Academy
- Delivering the new KS3 area and re-position of the Gym within the Bridge
- 96% completion of planned Summer 2015/16 Works Programme

However, whilst it is recognised, that Facilities provision is a continued work in progress and although many of the successes are small, it is excellent to see Facilities provision is valued and seen as integral to TBAP Multi-Academy Trust strategic planning.

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