

Appointment of the Principal Designate for the Academy



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Wendy Tomes as Principal Designate of the Sidney Stringer Academy. Mrs Tomes is currently Head Teacher at Hartshill School near Nuneaton. She has previously been associated with Sidney Stringer School, first as Deputy Head Teacher and then as Acting Head Teacher. We believe that the combina-

tion of her knowledge of the school and the community, together with her expertise and inspirational foresight will create a formula for even greater success in the future.

What Mrs Tomes has to say about her appointment:

"I am delighted and proud to have been appointed to the post of Principal of the new Sidney Stringer Academy and to be leading it through an incredibly important period in its life. Having worked at Sidney Stringer School for more than six years I have such a deep affection for the school and its community, where students from so many different backgrounds come together and achieve success."

Brian Worrall, the current Sidney Stringer School Headteacher, feels that the point at which the School becomes an Academy in September 2010 would be the appropriate time for him to retire from his existing role. We recognise that Mr Worrall has been a highly successful Head Teacher and has been instrumental in leading the school to its current position of strength.

Brian Worrall - Current Head Teacher of Sidney Stringer School:

"Staff, parents, governors and students welcome the appointment of Wendy Tomes as the Principal of the new Sidney Stringer Academy. She was a valued colleague and contributed much to the lives of the students and their families when she worked here. Everyone is looking forward to developing the school in a new and exciting phase under her leadership".

Mrs Tomes will take up her position as Principal Designate immediately after Easter. She will work alongside us as Sponsors, Mr Worrall, staff, students, parents and the community to implement the plans for the Academy. Mr Worrall will remain in post as Head Teacher of Sidney Stringer School until his retirement in 2010.

Sidney Stringer Academy gets funding approval

We are delighted to announce that the Government has now approved the business case and funding agreement for the Sidney Stringer School to become Sidney Stringer Academy.

This means that the new Academy will open in the existing Sidney Stringer School buildings in 2010 and will transfer into brand new school buildings on the same site in 2011. This is a major milestone in the history of the school and means that plans can move forward to design facilities that will enhance and build on the achievements of the school to date.



Our commitment to you

As a group of Sponsors, we have high aspirations for the Academy and wish to play a major part in creating a range of opportunities that will benefit students, staff and the local community. We are looking forward to the exciting times ahead as we prepare to open the Academy in 2010. It is our aim that the Academy will offer:

- A broad and exciting curriculum with a wide range of academic, creative and vocational subjects
- The very latest ICT and high specification facilities
- A culture which values and respects all people equally
- A welcoming atmosphere and be open to all members of the local community, seven days a week and throughout the holidays
- A safe environment, where students, staff and the community have a sense of belonging

We want an Academy that will offer education of the highest standards, where students are well cared for and are able to develop the practical, academic and social skills for them to succeed in life. We will be working alongside Mrs Tomes, Mr Worrall, staff, students and the community to develop our plans further and make sure that we produce an Academy that everyone is proud of.

Paul Taylor – Principal of City College, Coventry on behalf of Coventry City Council, City College, Coventry University and Jaguar.

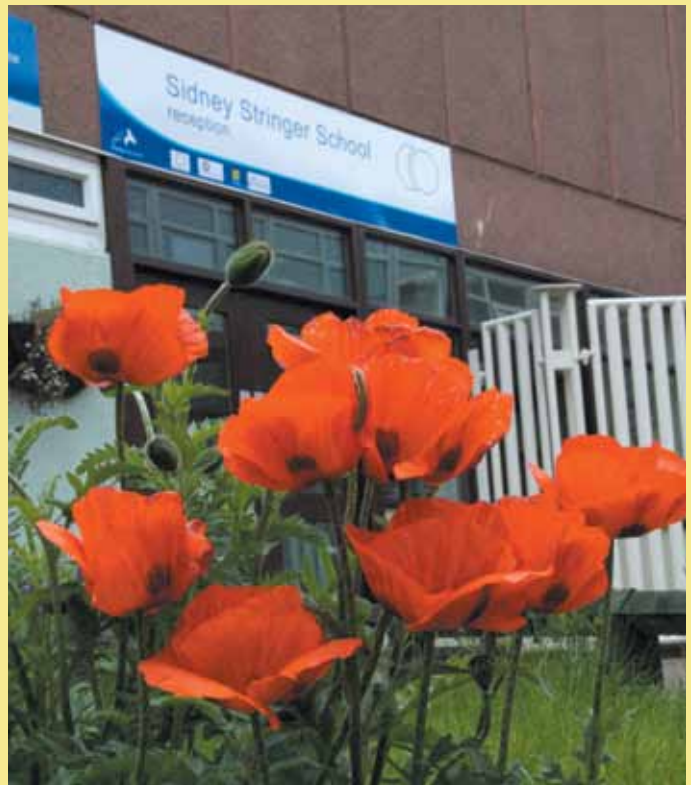
Developing the designs of exciting new buildings

Now that funding approval has been achieved, more detailed plans can be developed to provide a new building that is inspirational, exciting and provides top class facilities for the students and the community.

Plans for the new building are at an early stage - the main Academy building will be on the existing school site and will include an integrated sixth form centre. As well as providing the best possible facilities, the social and recreational outdoor areas will also be improved. The Academy will have an "Enterprise and Innovation Centre", situated on Primrose Hill Street opposite the school. This Centre will be used by students aged 14-18 and will very much resemble a professional, modern, work place environment. Students will benefit from the latest high specification technical facilities. These older students will also have the opportunity to use the more advanced facilities at City College.

The combination of the new Academy building, the Enterprise and Innovation Centre and the newly built City College buildings will form an integrated Learning Quarter. It will be an exciting focal point at the heart of the regeneration of the Hillfields area.

A Design Team will now develop the designs to enable construction to start at the end of this year! Staff and student representatives



have already had the opportunity to say what they would like to see in the new building and the Design Team will continue to link with the staff, students and the community as the work continues.



Applying for a place at the Academy

This coming year will be the point at which parents will make a choice of secondary school for their children who will be in Year 7 in September 2010. Parents who want their child to go to the Academy will follow the same application process as for other state schools in Coventry. The Council will tell you how to apply to the Academy after this Easter.

The Academy will serve the same catchment area as Sidney Stringer School, meaning that those children who would have been entitled to go to Sidney Stringer School, will be able to go to the Academy. There will be an open evening later in the year to provide parents with information about the Academy to help them in their choice. There is currently a consultation process taking place on the admissions policies for each of the schools in Coventry, including Sidney Stringer Academy.

Should you wish to take part in this consultation then please access the following website: www.coventry.gov.uk

More information

We will continue to update you on plans and developments through future newsletters and the Academy website.

You can also ask questions by sending an e-mail to: info@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk

E: info@sidneystringeracademy.org.uk W: www.sidneystringeracademy.org.uk

