

Finham Park 2 News Updates

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Message from the Headteacher Designate, Russell Plester

Thank you for all the positive feedback many of you have sent regarding the communication and updates- I m glad you've found them useful. As you may be aware this month the BIG news is about our permanent site, which is extremely exciting- more about that later.

Also in this issue you will be introduced to our most recent recruits to our Finham Park 2 staff team and I'll be sharing some of my experiences meeting staff and students in our local primary schools. There will also be further information about the Transition

Programme (you will be getting more detailed letters about this over the next few weeks) and up to date progress on transport. I hope you find the information useful.

With best wishes,
Russell Plester

Site and buildings updates

Permanent site for September 2016

Our press release on 27 May 2015 said the following:

"Finham Park 2 is delighted to have an in-principle agreement to secure a permanent site for September 2016. The new site which is the Land Registry building on Torrington Avenue- will enable the school to deliver its highly aspirational 'World Class' vision in exciting, newly refurbished, high- quality facilities. Finham Park 2 is due to be full with 120 Year 7 students when it opens on its temporary site at the current Finham Park School on Green Lane in September 2015.

"This is fantastic news and we are absolutely delighted. We are extremely grateful for the huge amount of support shown by Coventry City Council, Land Registry and the Education Funding Agency in securing a permanent site for Finham Park 2 Free School. The new site will allow us to fulfil our vision to provide an outstanding education for more Coventry children in the future."

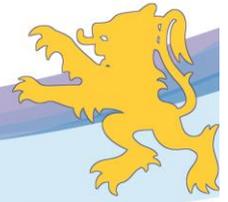
Mark Bailie, Executive Headteacher

"This is a superb site, located where there is most need and demand from Coventry parents. We now have a superb opportunity to secure a new secondary school for the children of Coventry. There remain some details to iron out, which will be properly subject to the independent planning process. I am confident that this site will provide Finham Park 2 students and staff with an inspiring and dynamic environment in which to learn."

Peter Burns MBE, Chair of Finham Park Multi- Academy Trust

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“Land Registry is delighted to be able to support the local community by making our Coventry Office available to become a school for so many young students. It shows how we can work together with different parts of Government to support joint aims and use Government property more efficiently. We are now looking forward to finding a new location for our staff in the centre of Coventry City.”

John Peaden, Interim Chief Executive and Chief Land Registrar”

This is not only great news for Finham Park 2 and its students, staff and parents, but also Land Registry and Coventry.

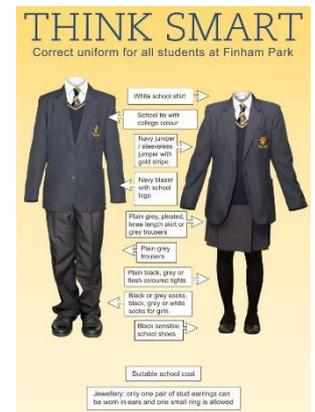
Temporary site updates for September 2015:

Although there is not much to see on site at the moment, as most of the work happens off site regarding the construction of the modular building, we are already looking at the detailed finishes of the building. We have been busy choosing the ‘look’ of the exterior as well as colours of carpets and flooring, wall finishes and the toilets! Without doubt it will be a fantastic environment for our new year 7s to learn.

SATS

We hope that Year 6 SATS went well and are sure that the youngsters did their very best. Now that they are over the children can really hopefully enjoy the last half term at their primary school before moving up to ‘big school’ (though not quite so ‘big’ if attending Finham Park 2!). We know lots of schools have fantastic things planned for this half term, such as trips and shows, which we’re sure will be exciting, fun and memorable.

In the meantime, I’m sure parents will be starting to plan for their child(ren) to start at Finham Park 2. More details about what equipment and uniform is needed will be shared with parents through our transition letters and on 8th July at the new parents’ evening at Finham Park School.



Staffing update

First of all, some staff that you met in the previous newsletter (April edition- no.2) have additional roles and responsibilities:

- Mrs L Gaynon will be our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo)
- Mr A Hartshorn will be Head of Year 7 and will be the main point of contact for parents and students after your child’s mentor concerning pastoral issues.

Secondly, many of you will be pleased to know that Mrs Lesley Rose who has been Mr Plester’s PA at Finham Park for the last 5 ½ years will be moving to Finham Park 2 to become Mr Plester’s PA as Headteacher. Many of you will have already spoken to Mrs Rose, received emails from her or met her in person and know she will be a terrific addition to the team.

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And last, but not least, we are pleased to have appointed a new Leader of Key Stage 3 Science:



Hello! My name is Mr. Braim and I am thrilled to be teaching Science at Finham Park 2 next year. I studied Physics at Warwick University and have been teaching Science in a school in Birmingham for the last six years. I find all areas of science fascinating and like to use practical lessons wherever I can, whether that's creating a rainbow with different chemical reactions, designing optical illusions or making a flame tornado! When I'm not teaching and learning about science, I enjoy reading, playing badminton, outdoor pursuits and being nerdy about Dr Who.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all!

Transport

We are still finalising the exact route for the school bus. However, we are fairly sure that the bus will drop pupils off in the morning on Green Lane, right outside the entrance to Finham Park by 8.15am and will pick them up from the same bus stop at 4.15pm. This allows time for the children to go to clubs, use the Finham Park library, do homework or access any support or help they may need or request.

Transition from year 6 to 7

As you may know, Mr. Plester has already visited several primary schools and, where possible, met the pupils as well as the staff. "I think the pupils are almost as excited as we are about the new school." commented Mr Plester. "All of the pupils I have met so far seem to really love the idea that they are going to a brand new school based and backed by such a successful school as Finham Park. Many have also said that going to a small school and being the oldest pupils until they leave in year 13 is a huge bonus. Several pupils were also really looking forward to study Mandarin Chinese and, of course, using the Bunsen Burners!" The transition visits will be completed over the forthcoming weeks, by both Mr. Plester and Mrs. Brake, who are both looking forward to hearing more great things about our new year 7s.

Important date reminders:

- **27th June- afternoon tea** for parents and pupils with FP2 staff at Finham Park School, Green Lane from 3.30-5pm. The afternoon is an ideal opportunity to meet staff and other pupils starting at Finham Park 2 in September. Tea, squash and cakes will be available and we may even get competitive with a game of rounders!
- **8th July- transition day** for students and **New Parents' Evening** (6-7.30pm). All pupils in Coventry go to their new secondary school on this day where they will have sample lessons, meet other new pupils and for those with a place on the school bus, try out the Finham Park Express Bus Service.
- **Please can all the forms from the most recent transition letter pack be returned to Lesley Rose at Finham Park School as soon as possible.** If you haven't had your first pack of transition letters or you'd like more information please get in touch with Lesley Rose on 02476 418135 or at l.rose@finhampark.co.uk.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please get in touch:



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