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# A Vision for Lambeth Secondary Schools





# Foreword

by Councillor Anthony Bottrall  
and Stephen Twigg MP

We are committed to providing the highest quality education service for all Lambeth residents. All of them, adults and children alike, deserve the best education system and the highest standards in schools. We will work in partnership with business, cultural, creative, sporting and community groups to achieve our vision for all students from birth through to 19 and beyond. Schools are central to the future development of Lambeth and we want every Lambeth parent to have a choice of high quality schools. We are confident that we can deliver an educational system of which Lambeth can be proud.



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# Our vision: Quality and Choice for Lambeth Students and Families

1. In Lambeth we want to realise the London Challenge vision of being a world leader for learning and creativity. We are committed to providing a world class education for students through high quality schools.
2. Lambeth has some crucial advantages – an education service which is improving (the number of pupils gaining five or more good GCSEs has risen by 11 percentage points over five years); and a truly diverse community. We want more schools at the heart of that community – serving parents by delivering education which excites and motivates young people. We want to create a system in which the best of what is on offer in any school is available to every Lambeth student.
3. Our strategy for getting there is clear. We will:
  - **Put schools at the heart of the community.** Every secondary school will be an ‘extended’ school, offering a range of services and activities beyond the school day for students, families and the wider community by 2006.
  - **Create a community of specialist schools.** Our aim is that every secondary school will gain specialist status by 2006, and be committed to working with other schools in the borough and beyond to share specialist facilities.
  - **Increase access to learning for all.** We want a choice of high quality, fully inclusive school places for all young people. We will achieve that by:
    - a) Opening a brand new academy (a state-maintained independent school) in Clapham by September 2004.

- b) Opening a new school for the south of the borough by 2006.
- c) Opening a second academy for the community of Brixton, and perhaps a third.
- d) Opening a new sixth form college for Lambeth.
- **Transform the school estate.** We will ensure that every young person attends a school with 21st century facilities and Information and Communications Technology to match. In particular:
  - a) Lilian Baylis school will open on a new site in a brand new PFI building by January 2005.
  - b) We want to see the other Lambeth schools enjoying significant refurbishment or rebuilding.

## Putting the learner first

4. We want to see every young person in Lambeth succeed. The whole of Lambeth's education service will be working in the interests of all Lambeth's young people – sharing resources, facilities and skills to improve opportunity.
5. Innovations in the school curriculum, timetable and teaching methods, together with effective use of new technology and the full range of professionals in school, will enable every school to offer truly personalised learning. We will prepare pupils to make a successful move from primary into secondary school and strengthen the support they receive in the early years of secondary school. Over time, all Lambeth schools will share a common timetable for pupils aged 14 and over – so that we can make a reality of offering high quality courses, including academic, vocational and work-based learning options, to young people.

## New schools and new opportunities

6. We want to ensure that every Lambeth student can have a place in a local school – with a range of choices on offer. And we want to make all Lambeth schools as good as the best, with the resources, buildings and facilities to match.
7. This will mean:
  - a) **A new Academy on Clapham Common in 2004** to admit 180 pupils in the first year. This co-educational, state-maintained independent school is sponsored by The United Learning Trust. Its specialism will be in Business and Enterprise with languages.
  - b) **A brand new school in West Norwood**, offering a flexible curriculum for students and extensive 'out-of-hours' activities. A competition, open to all, will determine who should provide the school.
  - c) **The potential for more academies.** We are discussing the possibility of up to two more academies; one will serve the community of Brixton.
  - d) **We want all secondary schools to be rebuilt or refurbished** in the next six years to create schools fit for the 21st century, with innovative designs and advanced technology. Part of this will mean providing, through the London ICT strategy, interactive whiteboards and other ICT resources and training to our schools so that teachers can teach simultaneously across multiple schools.
  - e) **A coherent 14–19 curriculum.** We will be one of the first to create a 14–19 curriculum that brings high quality courses from schools, colleges and work-based learning providers together for Lambeth students.

- f) **We want schools to work together to deliver a coherent education for students post 16.** Sixth Form provision is now in place at Archbishop Tenison's, Charles Edward Brooke, Dunraven, La Retraite, London Nautical School and St Martin-in-the-Fields. Detailed discussions about sixth form provision are currently taking place with other schools and Lambeth College is planning to open a Sixth Form College. In both the north and south of the borough there is cross-school working leading to common timetabling. All Lambeth secondary schools are included in partnership arrangements and in time the academies will be a part of this.

## Working together for young people

8. Building on the work they have done together through Excellence in Cities, Lambeth schools are committed to achieving excellence not only for the children who attend their school, but for all Lambeth's young people:
- a) **We want every Lambeth secondary school to be a specialist school.** Each will focus on a particular subject specialism which will drive improvement across the whole curriculum. Schools will work together to share resources so that they are all able to benefit from the range of specialisms. Lambeth already has five specialist schools and all other secondary schools are planning for specialist status.
- b) **We want every Lambeth secondary school to be an extended school,** offering a range of opportunities beyond the end of the school day. Three of these will be 'full service' schools, providing health and social services, family learning opportunities, Connexions and childcare. Schools will be at the heart of the local community, linking to local regeneration initiatives, local libraries, museums and other local services.

- c) **We will create a ‘virtual school’ for Lambeth.** This will be a first of its kind in the country, offering a challenging curriculum and lively learning and teaching using ICT for young people unable to get to school, through a network of community facilities in easily accessible places.
- d) **21st Century technology for all Lambeth students.** The Lambeth Connected Learning Project (LCLP) will provide all secondary schools with a high-quality ICT service, linked to the City Learning Centres, which will improve sharing of practice and standards of learning, reduce bureaucracy and offer access to learning outside school hours for pupils and the community.

## The Lambeth Teacher and Leader

- 9. Our teachers and leaders are crucial to the success of our young people.
  - a) **Attracting and retaining the best teachers for London.**  
In Lambeth we will recognise and reward teachers with the skills to bring out the best in every student. We will recognise excellence and develop a strong professional development system linked to the Chartered London Teacher programme. We will take advantage of new key worker housing schemes to provide further incentives to work in Lambeth. These will help teachers find affordable housing and, in the case of teachers with the potential to be future leaders of London schools, offer support to purchase family homes. Lambeth is keen to take advantage of other opportunities available through the London Challenge including London Commissioner’s Teachers and Teach First.



- b) **Support and advice for leaders.** Through the London Leadership Centre, Lambeth will draw on support from the London Challenge for school leaders. We will use local higher education providers to build links for teacher training and development and we will create induction and development packages to support new heads and senior leaders joining Lambeth schools.
- c) **Supporting middle leaders.** Crucial to the success of schools are heads of department and heads of year. These key staff will be supported through the 'Leading from the Middle' and other programmes, particularly in further developing assessment for learning, peer mentoring, target setting and evaluation in every school. At the same time, we will look carefully at the workforce in each school and ensure that it is tailored to allow teachers' energies to be used to best effect – using other staff imaginatively to raise standards.

## The Lambeth Student – benefiting from a London education

10. Lambeth students can benefit from the vast range of cultural and business resources in our communities. We will bring local and business interests into Lambeth schools and we want all Lambeth students to have access to the full range of London's cultural resources – and be part of the London Student Pledge. This will mean every student having the chance to experience a wide range of sporting and artistic activities, to participate in a musical or drama production and in a residential experience and to build upon the linguistic and cultural diversity of Lambeth.

## Learning in Lambeth – The highest teaching standards in Lambeth schools

11. We believe in the potential of all Lambeth's students. We are determined that every one should have the opportunity to raise their self esteem and gain skills, knowledge and experiences for their future life. Lambeth has a history of providing well for students from the most disadvantaged and at-risk communities. We want to build on this work, and as part of the London Challenge, progressively break the link between deprivation and poor educational achievement.
12. **Achievement from all sectors of the community.** Lambeth has been involved in some very high quality work to raise the attainment of black Caribbean pupils. Continuing to raise achievement for every part of our community, so that the performance of the highest achieving groups becomes the norm for all groups, is the shared goal of the London Challenge and Lambeth Education.
13. **Unique tailored education.** Lambeth schools will deliver a personalised education, seeking out and developing the gifts and talents of students, so that all achieve their potential. We will offer support to all students to 'aim higher' bringing in higher and further education from across London. We will draw upon the resources of the London Centre for Gifted and Talented pupils to challenge the most able students and we will develop highly inclusive policies in all schools.

Kjo fletëpalosje prezanton planet për të ardhmen e arsmiit të mesëm në Lambeth. Për më shumë informacion kontaktoni:

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এই প্রচারপত্রে ল্যামবেথের সেকেন্ডারী শিক্ষা ব্যবস্থা সম্পর্কিত ভবিষ্যৎ পরিকল্পনাসমূহ বর্ণনা করা হয়েছে। এই ব্যাপারে আরো জানতে চাইলে, অনুগ্রহ করে এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।:

此手冊介紹了林貝斯(Lambeth)中等教育的未來計劃。如果您想了解更多資訊，請與 聯繫 。

Ce dépliant présente des projets d'avenir pour le système d'études secondaires à Lambeth. Pour plus d'information, veuillez contacter :

Αυτό το φολλλάδιο παρουσιάζει σχέδια για το μέλλον της δευτεροβάθμιας εκπαίδευσης στο Lambeth. Εάν θέλετε περισσότερες πληροφορίες, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με τον/την:

ئەم نامبیکە یە بریتییه له چه ند زانیارییه ك سه بارهت به داهاتووی په روهدهی ناوهندی له لامبیس. ئە گه ئارهزوو دهكه یت زانیاری زیاتر له م بارهیه وه وه ریگریت، تکایه پینوهندی بکه به :

Neste folheto apresentam-se planos para o futuro da educação secundária em Lambeth. Se é que lhe interessariam mais informações, queira fazer o favor de contactar:

Acest prospect descrie planurile pentru viitorul învățământului mediu în Lambeth. Dacă doriți mai multe informații, vă rugăm să luați legătura cu:

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Este folleto expone los planes para el futuro de la educación secundaria en Lambeth. Si necesita más información, póngase en contacto con:

Bu broşür, Lambeth bölgesinde ortaöğretimin geleceği için yapılan planlamaları içermektedir. Bu konuda daha ayrıntılı bilgi edinmek istiyorsanız, ile bağlantı kurunuz:

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