

A FAMOUS NAME FOR A COMMUNITY ACADEMY

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, is strongly committed to serving young people and their communities in Hull and to the Academy as playing a major role in this. It is no coincidence that new Academy will be named after the current Archbishop of York rather than his 12th century predecessor, Archbishop Thurstan. The name signifies the continuity of the Church's commitment to providing education for the young people of East Hull and the continuation of the proud and valued "Archie Family" traditions. It is also a commitment to making this an Academy that offers the best to young people and their community in the 21st century. It is a rare accolade for a living Archbishop to have a school named after him, and the current Archbishop has firm ideas on what he wants for the one that bears his name.

The aim, he says, is to teach the children of Hull to change the world.

"What better place to start than William Wilberforce's city, here in Hull?" he said. "He certainly changed the world when he abolished slavery."

Archbishop Sentamu describes himself as an African Yorkshireman and quotes the African saying: 'It takes the whole village to raise, nurture and educate a child'.

"Here, it will take the whole of East Hull to educate a child at the Archbishop Sentamu Academy," he said.

"We are getting the Academy ready to receive pupils, not the other way round. We are committed to making a difference to the lives of young people and their community.

"The Academy will represent the best of continuity and change. It will take the best of what has been learned in Hull schools and will look ahead to the best it can be in years to come."

This is just the beginning. This is only the first of what will become regular Academy Newsletters, in which we hope to answer the many questions you will have and keep you up to date with exciting developments and achievements at the Academy. We will be also be asking you regularly what you think about the creation of this ground-breaking Academy, and we will pay careful attention to what you tell us.



Archbishop Sentamu Academy is now entering a period of consultation which provides opportunities for local people, staff and students to express their views and influence decisions.

Meetings will be held, questionnaires distributed and focus groups formed. Your input will be warmly welcomed. Further details will be circulated in the near future.

ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

If you wish to comment on current developments, please e-mail info@sentamu-academy.org.uk or post to: Archbishop Sentamu Academy c/o Archbishop Thurstan School, Hopewell Road, Kingston-Upon-Hull HU9 4HD

- What changes would you like to see within the Academy?
- What kind of community or adult learning facilities could be provided in the new Academy?
- Do you think the focus on health science, business and enterprise is important? How could this be developed?
- What kind of sports should be played at the Academy?
- What type of performing arts should the Academy concentrate upon?
- Following the pupils' enthusiastic response to the proposal to have a new uniform, what should the uniform be like?

IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE...

- Unveiling of the new logo and uniform
- The new Principal introduces himself
- The new website launch

EXCITING NEWS FOR EDUCATION IN EAST HULL

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU ACADEMY NEWSLETTER.

By now, we hope you know about the exciting plans to develop three new academies across the City as part of Hull City Council's £400m Building Schools for the Future (BSF) initiative. The BSF programme is all about transforming learning in Hull, and the consultation that took place over the summer of 2007 showed what tremendous support there is for the programme and the setting-up of three academies as centres of excellence. The Archbishop Sentamu Academy will be the first of these to open. We are delighted to be able to tell you more about it, and we are very much looking forward to hearing from you how you would like to see the Academy grow and develop.

A NEW BEGINNING

The Archbishop Sentamu Academy will open in September 2008 in the existing buildings of Archbishop Thurstan Church of England School. The Academy will stay on this site for 3 years until it moves into brand new state-of-the-art buildings in September 2011. It is set to become a welcoming and forward-looking learning centre at the heart of a learning village on Preston Road. We want to build an Academy that is a resource for all, that serves its local community and of which the community will be rightly proud.

A NEW LOOK

Although it will be 3 years before the students move into their new building in 2011, major changes will begin as early as September this year. This is when it is planned to launch the Academy with a new logo and a new uniform that will give Archbishop Sentamu Academy a unique identity in the City and the world of education. Students and staff of Archbishop Thurstan School have already begun to influence the new look and have visited the studios where the designs are taking shape.

Funding for the new uniform is included in the set-up costs of the Academy. In addition, the Archbishop Thurstan School site will undergo a "facelift" – interim improvements that will create a better learning environment for students. There will also be investment in improved resources for delivering the curriculum. We want all students to begin to enjoy and benefit from the change to becoming an Academy as soon as possible.

But there will still be lots of familiar faces. During the summer term a process will be introduced for the transfer of staff to the new Academy. One new face from September will be that of the Academy's new Principal.



WORKING TOGETHER

The Archbishop Sentamu Academy will be a Church of England Academy, sponsored by the Diocese of York and supported by many important partners. We are working closely with Hull City Council as Associate Sponsor and forging new links with local business and industry, the Primary Care Trust, Preston Road NDC, sports organisations and primary, secondary and further and higher education partners in the City and beyond. Exciting possibilities for the future are also opening up through collaboration with the Universities of Hull and York St John and with Hull College. There is much more to come. Everyone is committed to finding new ways of extending and enriching what we can offer to young people and their community.

SET TO GROW

Archbishop Thurstan School is already full to capacity, so the growth that is planned for the Academy will mostly have to wait until it moves into its new buildings in September 2011. The new building will enable us to open our doors to more students as part of the city-wide changes to be introduced under Building Schools for the Future. It will have places for up to 1,350 students aged 11-16, as well as 200 places for students post-16 who choose to stay on at the Academy or access courses there.

AN ACADEMY FOR ALL

Our aim is to create an Academy that will be a centre of educational excellence with a distinctive Christian ethos - open to all and for the benefit of all.

We are committed to giving students a first-class all-round education that motivates and inspires them, grounded in a strong system of pastoral care that ensures that every member of the Academy community is loved and valued.

We want all young people to believe in themselves, to aspire to be the best that they can be and be committed to serving others.

Within the caring and inspirational environment of the Academy, we will encourage students to develop a sense of belonging, both to the Academy and to their local community.

SPECIALISTS IN SCIENCE – AND MUCH MORE

Archbishop Sentamu Academy will be a Science School, carrying on the good work of Archbishop Thurstan School in this field but focusing particularly on Health Science.

It will promote health of body, mind and spirit, as well as, with its partners, equipping students to go on to a wide range of further training or careers in the health and caring professions.

It will also specialise in Business and Enterprise. Taken together these two specialisms are intended to equip students with the kind of qualifications that local employers are looking for in the workforce of the future.

A lot of work has already been done on the educational vision for the Academy, but there is much work still to do on the curriculum and management structures that will deliver the vision.

There is no doubt, though, that subjects such as Performing Arts and Sport will feature as strongly at the Academy as at Archbishop Thurstan School.

A lot of work and investment will go into substantially improving ICT, enabling students to access a wealth of learning resources and establish links with young people across Hull, the country and the world.

STUDENTS INFLUENCE NEW LOOK

Changes in logo, uniform and the overall image of the new Academy will be heavily influenced by current Archbishop Thurstan students and staff, a group of whom have visited the studios where the designs are taking shape.

They will help choose the logo that will give Archbishop Sentamu Academy a unique identity in the world of education.

Three designs have been put forward and the final choice will carry through every aspect of school life and community contact.

