

HIGHBURY

CREATING AND CARING FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

ISLINGTON BSF

Transform Schools (Islington) is the concession company awarded the contract to deliver seven secondary schools and one Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) in Islington under the Building Schools for the Future programme.

Balfour Beatty's shareholding is 80%. The committed investment total is £4 million.

Transform Islington

Capex	£150 million
Pupils	Approximately 6,000
Facilities	Seven new schools and one PRU
Financing type	Debt

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Construction of seven secondary schools and one PRU.
- Construction and building services work will be carried out by Balfour Beatty Construction and Balfour Beatty Engineering Services.
- The facilities management to be undertaken by Balfour Beatty WorkPlace, part of the Balfour Beatty Group.
- Concession to be delivered in three phases which commenced in early 2008, over a five year period.
- With partner RM, the design and implementation of a sophisticated IT service, including a virtual learning environment.

EDUCATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

Be healthy

The Islington Managed Learning Environment (MLE) will be used to encourage young people to lead a healthy lifestyle by rewarding healthy eating as reported by the cashless vending facilities. The portal technology can be used to provide information about health to target audiences, and the MLE will facilitate access to the student's work from home, hospital or care home if they are ill and unable to attend school.

Stay safe

Using industry-led security and filtering technologies, the Islington ICT Managed Service will ensure that children enjoy the benefits of the internet without fear of inappropriate content. CCTV systems will ensure that young people are safe from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Enjoy and achieve

Skilled teachers using state-of-the-art ICT in flexible buildings will help make learning more motivating through the use of award winning curriculum software.

Make a positive contribution

The Islington MLE will help engage parents and encourage increased involvement in their children's learning. It will grant children the opportunity to contribute to the development of their peers through online mentoring and collaboration, and it will enable contributions to projects with students from other schools in Islington, the UK and across the world.

Achieve economic well-being

Improved ICT skills will accelerate progress and help more young people to leave Islington's schools qualified to be successful in employment or in further and higher education.



*"This is a huge step forwards for education in Islington. We need to get it right, which is why **our standards for choosing a BSF partner were so high.**"*

Councillor Ursula Woolley
