

An Academy at Portslade Community College

14 July 2009	Initial discussion with Secondary Headteachers and Chairs of Governors at the Seattle Conference
8 th February 2010	Meeting with Head at PCC and Chair of Governors regarding initial proposal. Briefings for CYPT member, Opposition member, and MP
1 st March 2010	Portslade councillors briefing
2 nd March 2010	PCC Governors meeting Headteacher met with Staff to outline the Councils proposal prior to Governors meeting. Initial Press release issued.
19 th March 2010	Schools Consultative Group
13 th April 2010	PCC Union meeting with Di Smith
19 th April 2010	PCC Staff meeting
22 nd April 2010	Cabinet Report agreed the start of the public consultation period regarding the proposal for PCC to become an academy
26 th April 2010	Portslade Community Forum meeting
10 th May to 18 th June 2010	1,500 consultation pamphlets issued to PCC Parents/Carers, Staff, Governors, Pupils and users supported by a detailed consultation document available on line and hard copies from the Council and PCC.
	Detailed consultation document provided to Headteachers and governing bodies of other primary, secondary and special schools in Brighton & Hove, City College, Varndean College and BHASVIC, Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA), neighbouring Local Authorities, Church of England and Roman Catholic Diocesan Boards of Education, Trade Unions and Associations.
10 th May 2010	Meeting with University of Sussex re Education Partner
12 th May 2010	PCC Governors meeting
10 th June 2010	PCC Public meeting at the college
14 th June 2010	PCC Public meeting at the Village Centre
22 nd July 2010	Cabinet Meeting approved the submission of the Expression of Interest (EOI). Consultation responses reported to Cabinet

6 th August 2010	The Department for Education (DfE) announced 44 academies at the most advanced stage in their capital planning with Partnerships for Schools (PfS) would receive capital now but that the Capital allocations for the remaining 75 would be decided in the Spending Review. Unfortunately the Portslade Academy was one of the 75 Academies that had to wait until the outcome of the Spending Review to find out about the possible capital allocation.
9 th December 2010	Cabinet Report detailing the reasons for the proposed academy and the intended method of procurement. Agreement to publish statutory notice re closure of PCC subject to the creation of an academy in September 2011.
10 th January 2011	Revised EOI submitted to ministers
14 th January 2011	EOI agreed by ministers and £12,764,336 allocated for refurbishment of existing buildings and transfer of 6 th form to Chalky Road site
24 th January 2011	Portslade Community Forum meeting at the Village Centre, 7.00 p.m.
25 th January 2011	PCC Governors meeting with Council and Aldridge Foundation, 6.45 p.m. Public Consultation meeting at PCC (Oasis Centre) 7.30 p.m.
17 th February 2011	Cabinet report recommending that Cabinet agrees to PCC becoming an academy in September 2011. This report also includes the responses to the statutory closure notice consultation, and responses from the further consultation meetings at PCC, with PCC Governors, and at the Village Centre,

If Cabinet agrees to proceed the next stages include:

1. Completion of Feasibility Study (4 – 12 weeks)
2. Reference design based on Curriculum analysis and accommodation schedule (2 weeks)
3. Funding agreement between DfE, The Aldridge Foundation and the Council to be signed by Easter 2011

4. Appointment of Principal
5. Creation of Academy Trust
6. TUPE process for existing PCC staff
7. 26 week procurement process including planning approval, identification of contractor from National Framework, and agreement of final design.
8. It is expected that work will begin on Chalky Road site in August 2011.
9. Academy opens in existing buildings on 1st September 2011

Many of these stages will run concurrently.

