

NOTICE OF MOTION**FALMER ACADEMY**

“This Council believes that all children should have access to a first class education regardless of where they happen to live and that good education provides the most effective route out of poverty for some of the most disadvantaged children in our society. Nationally and locally, both Conservative and Labour parties recognise that Academies offer an effective means of achieving this through a vision and ethos based on success and high expectation. In 2008, the number of pupils gaining five A* - C grade GCSEs increased by 2.9% in Academies compared to an improvement of 0.9% in all schools.

Furthermore, this Council welcomes the progress that has been made in developing the proposals for a new state of the art Academy at Falmer and congratulates the council officers whose hard work and dedication has allowed the project to progress so well to date.

Falmer High is already an improving school but the proposed Academy will bring enormous additional benefits to the local children and families and has strong support amongst the wider community. The choice of entrepreneurship and sport as specialisms for the Academy has met with an enthusiastic response from businesses, parents and young people.

Therefore, this Council supports continued close working with the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the Aldridge Foundation, governors, parents and the wider community to ensure that the proposed Academy makes a successful and enduring contribution to secondary education in Brighton & Hove.”

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