



Durkan Newsletter



The Academy

Construction Progress

Phase 2

We hope to start Phase 2 demolitions in Spring 2010, this will be dependent on the recovery of the housing market. It is anticipated that completion of this phase will be in 2011.

The Great Hall

Works are due to commence on this unique historical building in Spring. This large and flexible space, once the setting for grand officers' banquets and ceremonies, will be transformed into a meeting space for residents of The Academy with seating areas to meet with friends for coffee. A fresh contemporary feel with a range of modern amenities such as free Wifi to allow a relaxing work/play environment.

Estate Management

Rendall and Rittner will soon be appointed as Managing Agents for The Academy. Established since 1990 the company has a wealth of experience in both large and small developments and are currently responsible for some 20,000 units. For further details visit www.rendallandrittner.co.uk

As Managing Agents they will have 2 main roles – on site supervision of contractors and suppliers and an administrative and financial responsibility of the service charges.

An Estate Manager will be employed on a full time basis to oversee the running of the development, undertake minor repairs and generally ensure that the development is maintained to a sufficient standard. The Estate Manager office will be located on the ground floor of Faraday House.



Development Proposals

The Chapel

Currently being used as our Site construction offices, refurbishment works to this building will not begin in Phase II but at a later stage. Its final use is yet to be determined although a number of creative and artistic companies have expressed an interest in this community space centrally located in the heart of the development.



Landscaped Grounds

The Academy will benefit from landscaped settings to create a retreat from city life where, on sunny days, you can relax and unwind. A children's play area will also be created to meet and have fun too.

Fitness Studio

The Fitness Suite will be completed as part of the works to Phase 1 and will be operational in early summer 2010. Morpheus Wellness Solutions are to be appointed to run this facility, visit www.morpheushealthandfitness.com for more information.

The Cricket Green

We are in discussions with Blackheath Cricket Club who are interested in relocating their youth academy to The Academy. We will continue to update you on this matter.

Deli/Convenience Store

We are seeking to attract an operator for a deli/convenience store, this is very much dependent on the location being commercially viable for an operator. We have had some discussions and approaches but to date have not agreed terms with anyone. We will endeavour to provide this facility subject to finding a suitable tenant.

Pedestrian Gate to Academy Road

It is anticipated that the pedestrian gate will open early in the New Year allowing easy access to the bus route, South Circular Road and the Woolwich common.

Security At The Academy

We have designed the redevelopment of The Academy with your security in mind; CCTV and security lighting will cover key areas of the complex.

Safety During Construction

In the interests of your safety, which is paramount to us, we must ask that you do not access any restricted areas of the development under construction without being escorted by a member of our site or sales team. Please also park in designated areas keeping driving speeds to a minimum.

Customer Care

Our Customer Care Team are available to assist you with any queries or issues you may have regarding your new home. Please contact them directly on 01992 781 400.