

Securing the Foundations

Ada Lovelace CofE School

The new term is well under way and as the evenings get longer and new life springs up around us we arise with a new perspective, fresh vision and a renewed sense of purpose. We have been in the process of a significant recruitment drive and are delighted to have already appointed many of our Middle Leadership team. It is exciting to watch our staff body grow as we welcome both teaching and support staff to the Ada Lovelace community. Over the course of the academic year the Senior Leadership team have been working together with our governors to finalise our curriculum offer and school day. Following extensive consultation with the Local Governing Body we have decided upon a seven period day running from 08:15 to 15:45, with an exciting programme of extra-curricular activities running after school, Monday to Thursday. The longer school day enables students to engage with core academic subjects as part of their regular morning routine and to have longer lessons in the afternoon which aim to develop creativity and curiosity. On Friday afternoons students will be dismissed at 13:50, enabling them to work on their prep in advance of the weekend, and to facilitate staff engaging in professional development training on a weekly basis. This is a model adopted by a sister school in the Trust, Ealing Fields, and has positively impacted both student and staff wellbeing.



Site Update

The project manager for Kier Construction gave the Year 7 and Year 8 Ada Lovelace parents an update at an information evening hosted at Twyford High School on 21st January. Images from his presentation, which document the progress so far, are shown [here](#). The main entrance staircase has now been put into position and work is soon to commence on the science lab flooring. The next milestones are the installation of the plant and substation, the final steelwork going in and finishing both light-wells. The building should be weather-tight by the end of the month.



Meet the Team

Kate Brewer, Assistant Headteacher

Kate graduated from the University of Ireland, Maynooth in 2010 with a BA in Pure Mathematics and Economics before completing a PGCE in Maths Education at the University of Bangor in 2011. Kate joined the Twyford Trust in 2015 and led the Mathematics Department at William Perkin to secure outstanding GCSE results before taking up her role as Assistant Headteacher, Staff Delivery and Development at Ada Lovelace. In addition to her role of Assistant Headteacher, Kate also sits on the Governing Board of Ada Lovelace High School.



'I find it so exciting to be able to build a school which is stimulating to both staff and students, creating a school community which is committed to ensuring that young people can thrive with technology in the 21st century and use their creativity and courage to take intelligent risks. I take inspiration for my work from Ada Lovelace herself. She was a true visionary and gifted intellectual who played a central role in the development of modern digital computers. To me she represents courage, innovation and progress and she can serve as an inspiration to all of us but especially to hungry young minds. At Ada Lovelace we are building a cutting edge curriculum around new technologies and computational thinking, being part of this process is both rewarding and challenging and makes coming to work very enjoyable!'



Our 10:10 ethic