
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – HAMMERSMITH ACADEMY, WEST LONDON FREE SCHOOL AND ARK CONWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Peter Graham
- (ii) Councillor Harry Phibbs

“This Council:

1. Welcomes the unprecedented opening of three new schools in the borough in September 2011.
2. Congratulates all those involved with the establishment of the three schools, including:
 - Gary Kynaston, The Mercers’ Company, the Information Technologists’ Company and the governors, staff and parents of the Hammersmith Academy;
 - Toby Young, Thomas Packer and the governors, staff and parents of West London Free School, and;
 - Damian McBeath, ARK Schools and the governors, staff and parents of ARK Conway Primary School.
3. Believes that:
 - Parents should have a genuine choice of good schools for their children;
 - A traditional, academic education should be available to all children in the Borough, regardless of financial status;
 - Choice improves standards and increases opportunities, and;
 - Free schools and academies are of enormous benefit to the borough and should be allowed to flourish.
4. Resolves to:
 - Support and protect the free schools and academies in the borough and to respect their independence from the local authority;
 - Oppose politically motivated attempts to force the closure of our free schools or academies;
 - Work with our existing schools to continue the strong improvements in their performance;
 - Encourage suitable proposals for further free schools in the borough, and;
 - Support any of our existing schools that wish to convert to academy status.”