

CORPORATE AFFAIRS

30th November - Visit to Academy site and Olympic site

Depart News International, 3 Thomas More Square, Thomas More Street, London E98 1XY in a 12 seater minibus at 9am prompt.

The Mayor will drop his bicycle off shortly before 9am. [REDACTED] NI's director of security, will be meeting him.

Contacts:

[REDACTED] (EA to Rebekah Brooks) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Head of operations, Mayor's office) [REDACTED]
Rebecca (Michael Gove's office): [REDACTED]

Attending:

News Corp/News International
JRM, Rebekah Brooks, Will Lewis & James Harding

The Mayor's office
Boris Johnson
Neale Coleman - Adviser on 2012
Guto Harri - Communications Director
[REDACTED] - Head of Operations

Just for the Academy site visit
Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
[REDACTED] - Private secretary to Michael Gove

Just for the Olympic site visit (they will meet the group at the site)
Lord Coe,
John Armit - Chairman, Olympic Delivery Authority

Transport
Addison Lee 12 seater minibus.
The chauffeur is [REDACTED]
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ITINERARY

It is important to stick to a tightly timed itinerary in order that the visit is finished on time.

9am Mayor and the Secretary of State for Education arrive at NI, 3 Thomas More Square, Thomas More Street.

meets the Mayor to arrange bicycles (as relevant) taken to secure storage by security staff. Others directed to the Addison Lee minibus. (Contacts at News Int: director of security,

9am Depart Wapping in Addison Lee minibus (Driver contact:

9.20am View proposed News Academy site next to 1000 Dockside Road, Royal Docks, Newham E16 2QU

The minibus will loop on Royal Albert Way (A1020), passing the Royal Albert, Beckton Park and Cyprus DLR stops. From this road they will be able to see the proposed Academy site. They may wish to stop or to visit some of the Royal Docks or the catchment area. The driver should go as directed. You may stop in the carpark of Newham council offices to see the site.

9.40am Depart Newham Dockside for Pudding Mill Lane (PML) site offices.

10.00am Arrive at the Pudding Mill Lane Site Offices. Michael Gove departs in his own car.

The rest of the group are met on arrival by John Armitt and Lord Coe.

Transfer onto an ODA tour bus. General tour of the site taking in the key buildings, the Stadium, the Media Centre and the Velodrome.

From the Mayor's office will get a lift in the minibus to Formans so that she is ahead of the group. The minibus will return to collect the group.)

11.15am Group returns to the PML Site Offices. Transfer back into the News International vehicle. Car transfer to Forman's Fish Island, Stour Road, E3 2NT

11.30am Arrive at Forman's Fish Island for lunch. They will see the cable car model.

12.40am Depart by car for News International to arrive by 1pm.

Mayor to collect bike from NI and depart on arrival.

Below is some background on the proposed News Academy.

News Academy

News International is progressing plans to fund a new Academy in the borough of Newham. The Academy would have a media specialism and would be a state of the art, sustainable new build. A media centre on site would give students experience and skills to work with media technologies (eg. web publishing, film) and literacy would be a core focus. News International staff would support the media centre through mentoring and after school clubs.

Newham and the LDA have identified a need for a secondary school in the Royal Docks in Newham where there is an expanding young population. The Academy would be built as part of the huge regeneration going on in the area. Over the course of the last 6 months, NI have met on several occasions with Newham council executives and most recently with the Chief Executive, Kim Bromley-Derry, and the Mayor, Sir Robin Wales. They have shown considerable enthusiasm for the Academy and have identified a possible site on the Dockside which is on the riverside, next to the council building.

News International and Newham Council are now waiting for official approval of the proposed site from the LDA, which owns the land. Separately, the outcome of the Spending Review for Newham is not yet known and will have an impact on the speed at which plans can progress. Build time is 15 months so the Academy is projected to be completed in either 2012 or 2013.