



LIVINGSTONE ACADEMY BOURNEMOUTH

an Aspirations Academy

We are delighted that you have shown an interest in sending your child to Livingstone Academy Bournemouth (LAB). The aim of the school is to prepare children, aged four to 18, to succeed in the digital future that awaits them. The venture is a collaboration between Steve and Paula Kenning, CEOs of Aspirations Academies Trust and Ian Livingstone, a digital entrepreneur and one of the founding fathers of the UK games industry.

We hope this guide is of use answering the questions you have about LAB.



Livingstone FAQs

When will the school open and to whom?

Livingstone Academy Bournemouth will open in September 2021. There will be 150 places for year 7 pupils and 60 places for reception children.

Why not come along to our first LAB evening to meet Ian Livingstone, Steve & Paula Kenning?

They will be available to answer questions at length.

The meeting is scheduled to take place in Lansdowne, Monday September 7th at 6pm. We will be back in touch nearer the time with a venue.

How do I apply for a place at the school for my child?

Applications should be made using Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole's 'Common Application Form'. This will be sent out to you when it is available for the 2021/22 academic year.

Why did Ian Livingstone want to open a school and how is this school different to any other in Bournemouth?

Ian Livingstone is very excited about his first Livingstone Academy: "I am proud and delighted that the Livingstone Academy Bournemouth is opening in 2021 as part of Aspirations Academies' new schools programme. For an authentic education, I believe it is vital that children learn good computing skills and also have a good Arts education. Digital literacy will sit alongside literacy and numeracy as essential disciplines in the post-Covid networked world."

Ian feels that young people need both knowledge and skills in order to be successful in their chosen careers. Young people should be digital creators as well as digital consumers and the curriculum at Livingstone Academy Bournemouth will be heavily focussed on equipping students with critical skills, such as creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration.



How will the curriculum be influenced by STEAM?

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) are subjects that are critical for success in the 21st century, The curriculum will be designed around these subjects and will also focus on applying the knowledge learned in these subjects on real-world assignments. There will be a great emphasis on learning alongside employers so that young people on leaving Livingstone Academy will be ready to thrive in their chosen field of study and career.

More about the collaboration between Aspirations and Ian Livingstone

Aspirations Academies Trust run 15 schools across the south of England. We have a tremendous track record of success in our schools, achieving great results and focussing on raising the aspirations of young people so that they have high levels of self-worth, are fully engaged with their learning and see a clear purpose in what they study at school. The

Department for Education introduced Aspirations to Ian Livingstone when he expressed an interest in opening a school focussed on STEAM. Ian is a director of Aspirations. Steve & Paula Kenning said: “We are very much looking forward to opening Livingstone Academy Bournemouth and working in partnership with the many industries and employers in the area to ensure that young people leave the school brilliantly prepared for their future careers.”



What facilities will this school have & how are they different to those available in other schools in the area?

The school site will be completely unique in that it will incorporate buildings full of history alongside a brand new purpose-built building. The magistrates’ and coroner’s courts are being preserved as part of the school site and the wonderful court rooms will be used by young people to stage their own parliament, as well as for debating and speaking competitions. The brand new building will have state of the art facilities for sport, art, drama, science, technology and engineering. Some of the facilities, such as the sports facilities, will be available to the public for community use in the evenings and at weekends.

How will we nurture and develop children during Reception?

Learning through play in reception is so important. Our Early Years spaces will be designed specially to facilitate this approach. A nurturing and supportive approach to children’s first months in a school setting is fundamentally important and this will be made easier with there being only 2 classes in reception. At the point at which children are ready to transition from primary to secondary school, they will be guaranteed a place in year 7 at the academy, thus easing the pressure and stress of this important transition.

What SEN facilities will be available?

Aspirations has a very inclusive ethos. The provision for SEND students at Livingstone Academy Bournemouth will be carefully designed and allow all young people to flourish.

For more information please email Max Howick: office@livingstone-aspirations.org