

Brondesbury College for Boys

Independent school progress report

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Purpose and scope of the visit

This inspection visit was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002 at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Information about the school

Brondesbury College is an independent, secondary day school for Muslim boys aged 11 to 16 situated in the Willesden area of north west London. It was opened in 1996.

The college is managed by the Waqf al Birr Trust. Its mission is 'to strive to provide the best education in a secure Islamic environment'. There are 106 pupils on roll from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds.

Context of the visit

The school was last inspected on 7 and 8 May 2009. The school produced an action plan at the beginning of July 2009. The action plan was approved in the same month. The purpose of this inspection visit was to check whether the school has taken appropriate steps to address the weaknesses identified in the inspection report and to assess the amount of progress made in meeting regulations.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

At the inspection in May 2009, the school had weaknesses in its child protection procedures. The school has made satisfactory progress in remedying most of these weaknesses. It has prepared and implemented a written policy to safeguard and promote the welfare of children at the school with clear aims, procedures, responsibilities and a description of the different types of abuse. All members of staff, including the headteacher, have now received basic training in child protection by the local authority and know what to do if a concern does arise. The headteacher, who is the designated child protection officer, has undertaken the National College of School Leadership (NCSL) Safer Recruitment training module and received the relevant certification. However, the headteacher and deputy child protection officer have yet to undertake the necessary advanced training. The school has sought immediate training from the local authority. The training of the officers is booked for the 19 November.

The May 2009 inspection found weaknesses in the risk assessments for outside visits. These have been remedied as the school has prepared and implemented an effective policy to promote the health and safety of pupils on educational visits. The school has assigned a visit coordinator to monitor the records of all the places visited. A number of aspects of health and safety concerning the premises were

found to be inadequate at the previous inspection. These have been improved and there are now clear arrangements for the routine monitoring of the health and safety of the premises. Students say that their health and safety is well attended to. As a result, they feel safe and secure in school. The May inspection found that the admission register did not contain all the required information. The school has rectified the omissions and the register is maintained to the required standard.

Weaknesses in the staff recruitment process and checks on the trustees have been rectified and the school now meets all the requirements. The school undertakes all the appropriate checks with the Criminal Records Bureau. Applicants are fully checked for their suitability to work with children before their appointment is confirmed. Checks have been carried out on all the trustees to confirm their identity and right to work in the United Kingdom. The school has compiled a single register providing details of all the required staff checks and the dates on which they were completed. There are robust procedures for the recruitment and appointment of staff, including supply staff, and the school is aware of all the safeguarding requirements.

The school did not have a suitable room for pupils who might become ill. The school has equipped a medical room which meets all the requirements.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school has made satisfactory progress overall in implementing its action plan. It now meets most of the regulations it did not meet at the time of the inspection in May 2009.

As a result of this inspection visit, the school must take action to meet the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2003¹ as amended ('the Regulations'), as follows:

- ensure that the nominated child protection officer and the deputy officer receive the required advanced training (paragraph 3(2)(b)).

¹ www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031910.htm

School details

Name of school	Brondesbury College
DCSF number	304/6076
Unique reference number	131059
Type of school	Islamic secondary day school
Status	Independent
Date school opened	1996
Age range of pupils	11–16
Gender of pupils	Boys
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	106
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	0
Annual fees (day pupils)	£ 6,400
Address of school	8 Brondesbury Park London NW6 7BT
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