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## School names the place

By Nick Young

The location of East Finchley's new secondary school has been revealed and a headteacher has been appointed to prepare for the first intake of 150 children in September 2013.

The Archer Academy will be located at the Arts Institute building off The Bishops Avenue, close to the tube station, in a partnership deal that will see the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute continue to offer adult education courses to 6,000 students from the same building.

A team of specialist architects is drawing up plans to ensure that schoolchildren and Institute students have exclusive use of separate sections of the building.

The arrangement alleviates a worrying financial headache for the Institute, whose chairman Greville Waterman said: "I am proud to have ensured the survival of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute after a difficult period for our organisation."

### Headteacher named

The Archer Academy, which has no connection to this newspaper, will be a mixed, non-denominational, non-selective, five-form-entry free school for children living in the N2, N3 and NW11 postcodes.

Its headteacher will be Mick Quigley, 52, who described the role as a "once in a lifetime opportunity". A headteacher of many years experience prior to working as a schools inspector and as the assistant director, schools and learning with Barnet Council, his appointment was unanimously approved by the interview panel.

Avis Johns, the chair of governors, described him as "the perfect person to deliver the school that our community has long been waiting for". When asked why he wished to go back to being a headteacher, Mr Quigley said: "This is a unique opportunity to open a new school that will provide a genuine service to, and be part of, the community."

He confirmed that recruitment for teachers will commence this month. Other aspects of the new school are also taking shape; a meeting with a focus group in November



The Archer Academy's headteacher Mick Quigley.

has led to the formation of a sub-group that will finalise plans for the new school's uniform.

### From THE ARCHER team...

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East Finchley Combat Academy is open to all ages and abilities. Photo by John Lawrence.

## So you wanna be a boxer?

By John Lawrence

Were you inspired by Nicola Adams, Luke Campbell and Anthony Joshua taking boxing gold medals for Team GB in the London 2012 Olympics? British boxing is on an all-time high and a new venue is helping people of all ages get into the sport.

East Finchley Combat Academy has a modern studio in a refurbished joinery workshop tucked away behind 7 Church Lane, running classes in Muay Thai, jiu-jitsu, yoga, power training and boxing for men and women.

Since opening in July, the academy has attracted learners aged from their early teens to their 50s. Owners Ibbey Adem, Mark Watson and Shahab Uddin have done a good job of creating a family-friendly

studio for the whole community.

### Confidence and fitness

Ibbey said: "We don't want this to be just a fighters' gym. We want to keep a friendly atmosphere and get involved with local schools as well as offering apprenticeships for trainee coaches."

Mark added: "Boxing and Muay Thai are good for fitness and for building confidence. We've seen a lot of the younger ones here really come out of themselves since they joined."

Former British boxing champion Fiona Hayes runs a 'Box Fusion' class for women,

which combines aerobic boxing and pad work with toning and Pilates exercises creating an all-over body workout for every level of fitness.

Find out more about membership, classes and times at [www.ef-ca.com](http://www.ef-ca.com) or email [eastfinchleycombatacademy@gmail.com](mailto:eastfinchleycombatacademy@gmail.com)

### Festival is go

The first East Finchley Christmas festival takes place in the High Road on Saturday 8 December.

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