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LAUNCHPAD EMSWORTH

The John & Hilary Pritchard Trust has acquired North House site, Emsworth, in partnership with Bishop Luffa School (Chichester) and Park Community School (Havant). The plan is to create Launchpad, Emsworth. This innovative educational initiative will help children and young people most at risk of dropping out of mainstream education by creating tailored opportunities which empower them to thrive – either back in a school environment or vocational training.

The first Launchpad based at the former Lavant House School became operational in 2022. Positive results were immediately forthcoming, including an ‘Outstanding’ Ofsted report. Building on this educational model of excellence, Launchpad, Emsworth, aims to bring children and young people from across Hampshire and West Sussex to benefit from this intensive support.

North House is a Grade II Listed building occupying a central position in Emsworth, whose integrity will be preserved by extensive refurbishment. Other buildings on this site will be removed and new eco-friendly rooms sited around a Learning Courtyard and Real-World Learning Centre will be constructed. These will be designed within a more natural environment conducive to a different approach to learning.

The development will be transformed by Helyer Davies Architects, renowned for its award winning and bespoke architecture and collaborative approach. It is anticipated that Launchpad, Emsworth will be operational from December 2025.

For updates, visit: www.bishopluffa.org.uk/home/about-us/bishop-luffa-launchpad;
www.pcs.hants.sch.uk Park Community School | Much More Than Just A School

Notes for editors:

The John & Hilary Pritchard Trust (Charity Reg No: 1162911) was founded in 2015. The charity supports initiatives which help local young people in life skills and learning. For example, funding ‘pump-priming’ and pilot projects to prove that certain approaches can work and be developed into mainstream services. Long-term beneficiaries include Off the Record (Havant) the Young People’s Shop (Chichester) and Launchpad (Bishop Luffa at Lavant).

Bishop Luffa School is an 11-18 Church of England secondary school based in Chichester. It is part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership. With over 1600 students on roll, the school strives to live out its vision of ‘always our best because everyone matters’ by trying to make the school inclusive for all.

Park Community School’s recent experience in developing learning opportunities beyond the traditional school curriculum mean we can introduce exciting activities to help young people find things that they love to do at Launchpad Emsworth. Through real world experiences and the use of other facilities already in use by pupils we will build on previous school experience and engage young people who have found secondary school a challenge so far.

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