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HIGH STORRS SCHOOL OPENING

HUNDREDS of people swarmed to one of the city's most recently re-built schools as it unveiled its brand new look.

Construction work has been carried out in and around High Storrs school, on Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, as part of the Sheffield City Council's ambitious Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

The school has been rebuilt by VINCI Construction UK in partnership with Sheffield City Council and the Sheffield LEP as part of £25m two-year project to transform the school, which has been on the same site for more than eight decades.

Sheffield City Council leaders and other local dignitaries as well as pupils past and present turned up at the open day at the refurbished and extended school on Saturday (September 17).

It is the latest in a series of secondary schools in the city to be completely rebuilt or refurbished as part of the BSF programme.

The main Grade II listed building was reopened last year after work was completed to upgrade the distinctive 1920s art deco structure.

The entrance and reception areas were restored by a team of specialist architects to reflect the school as it would have looked when it first opened more than 80 years ago.

The project also included returning the main assembly hall, the adjoining wings and the stage to their former glory, A metallic sculpture also snakes its way through the school while interactive whiteboards have been fitted in every class room.

Now work has completely finished on the second construction phase, which included the sports hall extension.

Head teacher Ian Gage said: "It is great to now be working in the finished project. We count ourselves as very lucky to have such a modern and up to date school thanks to the BSF programme, while at the same time being able to keep the fabulous and distinctive exterior façade which makes this building stand out from any other school.

"It is a great building to work in and one which I know our students are very proud to be part of."

Cllr Jackie Drayton, Sheffield City Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families said: "I was able to see for myself the fabulous work that has gone into creating this school when I attended the open day. It is a great facility and is a great asset to the city.

"We are lucky here in Sheffield to still be able to continue with this BSF programme, when it has been halted in other areas. I for one am pleased to see the fruits of all our hard work coming together in these great new and refurbished buildings across the city. There is no doubt they will go a long way to helping our young people get off to the right start with their education."

Keith Shivers, Regional Director of VINCI Construction UK added: "This has been one of the longest projects we have worked on under the BSF scheme but one which I am particularly proud of. It is great to know that we have been instrumental in bringing this lovely building back to life while at the same time giving students a modern building suitable for a 21st century education."

The school also launched a book about its history which was on sale at the opening. Proceeds from this sale will go towards school funds.

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