



# News

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## **SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE**

### **STUDENTS & VINCI CONSTRUCTION UK CELEBRATE SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT**

Sheffield students are exhibiting their creative talents on the front of their school building this week.

Art students from King Edward VII School are celebrating the completion of the first phase of the school's development by assisting VINCI Construction with the design of two colourful banners to decorate the Glossop Road façade.

The work is a mixture of new build and refurbishment of the impressive Grade 2 listed building that is being carried out in three phases. A new sports hall and STEM Centre (a new building for teaching Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) are also being constructed by VINCI Construction UK as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

Bev Jackson, the school's head teacher said: "We have a very good relationship with VINCI and they were keen to involve our students in the design of the banners to commemorate the work on the school. The students were really enthusiastic about this project and came up with some excellent designs for the banners that will brighten up the outside of our school."

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The timing of this initiative coincided with the popular Sheffield's Children's Festival that is being sponsored by VINCI Construction.

Keith Shivers, Regional Director at VINCI Construction UK added: "This is a major, two-year project and we are working closely with the staff and students to provide modern facilities that will enhance those already available at the school. It was great to see the students produce such a colourful link between the building works and the Children's Festival, as we have a strong interest in this too as part of our ongoing commitment to the young people of Sheffield."

Sheffield Children's Festival is the largest of its kind in the country and children across Sheffield have been preparing to show off their creative talents over the next six weeks.

Cllr Julie Dore, Leader of Sheffield City Council commented: "This is such an exciting development at King Edward's – blending the latest in modern academic facilities with the impressive, original building – to provide a school that the staff and students truly deserve.

"It's totally appropriate that this milestone in VINCI's works programme should coincide with the Children's Festival so the students can test their creative skills to celebrate this project."

The programme for this year's Festival is out now and people across the city and beyond are encouraged to see what is in store and get involved.

Sheffield Children's Festival runs from 20 June until 10 July and includes exhibitions, performances, workshops and family events at venues across the city. The full programme is out now and available from local libraries, children's play centres, shops, cafes, theatres, the Winter Garden and venues across the city or visit [www.sheffieldchildrensfestival.org](http://www.sheffieldchildrensfestival.org).

You can also follow the festival on Twitter for updates @ChildrensFest or follow #sheffculture for updates on all things cultural in the city.

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