

Handsworth Grange Community Sports College Newsletter

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Welcome to our December 2011 Site Newsletter

Current Progress

With the temporary accommodation blocks completed for the start of the Autumn term the new build has progressed well over the last 3 months.

Following our demolition and earthworks sub-contractor completing their works we moved into the construction of foundations and the retaining wall. Towards the end of this phase we backfilled the retaining wall, we chose to use excavated material from site as this minimised the amount of wagons on the local roads.

This phase was completed by the middle of October and was swiftly followed by the installation of the steel frame, which was complete by the middle of November. The steel frame gives a good idea to the scale of the building but ultimately will not be visible.

Design Progression

As you will probably have seen from our recently erected signboard there are two main designers for the Project, BDP are the Architects and Mott Macdonald are the Structural Engineer.

They have worked with VINCI on a number of schemes and specifically a large proportion of the BSF Sheffield schemes.

The designers are managed by VINCI and work to a similar programme as the

Looking ahead

During the winter months we are planning to construct the majority of the shell of the building, weather permitting!

The ground and first floor slabs have just been finished and we are now working hard on the roof to try and provide a completed area which will assist with weather proofing the building.

Now that the slabs are complete, a large amount of work can be started. The steel framing system to the external walls has commenced, this will be shortly followed by the brickwork. Once complete we will then be able to install the windows. These will provide a dry internal area from which to progress the internal walls.

construction works.

The designers are currently finalising the window and curtain walling design, as well as designing the internal spaces.

The design of the external works is also well progressed, all of this enables us to procure sub-contractors well ahead of their specific start date, which is beneficial as they are able to plan their labour and materials effectively.

Progress Photos



This shows our progress on the steel frame.

The frame is now finished and we are working on the follow on trades, which include the ground and first floor slabs and the construction of the roof.

The picture to the right shows our concrete pour to the lower ground floor slab.

The concrete slab is polished with a rotating blade, which provides a high quality finish and enables installation of internal finishes.



Community Liaison

During the last 3 months we have carried out a large amount of work on site, this has included the power floating of a floor slab, this was preceded with a letter drop to all local residents. We hope the works have not caused any problems for the local residents; we are pleased to say that we have not had any complaints.

Please feel free to contact us on the details below if you have any queries.

Merry Christmas to everyone from VINCI Construction, we look forward to working with everyone in the New Year to provide an excellent learning facility for the local children.



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