

# Handsworth Grange Community Sports College Newsletter

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## Welcome to our September 2011 Newsletter

### Current Progress

VINCI are now well underway with the construction works at Handsworth Grange and have made significant progress since June. We have now completed and handed over the two temporary accommodation blocks, these are now being used as classroom space to compensate for the areas lost during the new build phase. The first phase of the demolition has now been completed, this involved cutting the existing B Block in half, constructing a new external wall and then demolishing half of the building.

The demolition works are now complete and we are nearing the completion of an earthmoving operation which will then allow for the commencement of the new build.

### School Involvement

Over the course of the project there will be opportunities for the Handsworth school pupils to be involved in the Project. We have already taken a local Student who is involved in a Construction related course. He came to site for a week and gained some valuable experience on site management, health and safety and planning of site operations.

### Looking ahead

Over the next three months we will place a layer of stone on the new build area which will provide a clean working platform for the new build.

We can then commence the construction of the new build; this will start with the concrete pad foundations and reinforced concrete retaining wall. As we are installing the foundations and retaining wall we will also be working on some of the surface and foul water drainage.

Upon completion of the foundations and wall we will then start the erection of the steel frame, this forms the outline main building and will then allow us to commence brickwork and floor slabs in the new year.

The local wildlife trust have also visited site, they were able to give us guidance with best practise to follow throughout the construction process.

Later in the Project we intend to install a number of bird boxes in accordance with advice given by Sheffield Wildlife Trust. We hope to use this opportunity to involve the pupils of Handsworth; more information will follow closer to the time.

### Progress Photos



This shows our progress on the demolition of the existing building. The existing building has been 'cut' in half and the temporary wall is visible. The excavator is sitting on the footprint of the new build

The picture to the right shows a typical example of the classrooms provided within the temporary accommodation block. The classroom shown will be a new IT classroom.



### Community Liaison

During the last 3 months we have had to meet some very challenging deadlines, as a result we had to carry out some operations on a Saturday, we carried out a letter drop in advance of these works and we received 1 phone call enquiring as to the nature of the works, which we were only too pleased to discuss.

We did not receive any complaints or other concerns from any of the local residents.

However if you do have any concerns in the forthcoming months do not hesitate to contact VINCI. The contact details for Matthew the Project Manager can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.



### Contact Us:

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