

High Storrs School Newsletter

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the VINCI Construction UK High Storrs School newsletter

Since the main works commenced on the High Storrs Redevelopment in July, work is progressing well both in the New North Block and in the first phase of Refurbishment works within the Existing Grade 2 listed Building.

North Block – Progress so far.....

The end of July saw the site being prepared for the start of the new building with the ground being levelled ready for the foundations to be installed.

In August nearly all of the foundations for the north block were installed. This involved digging large holes to find solid rock and then installing a concrete pad.

The excavation to find suitable rock involved digging holes that were, in some areas 4.3m deep

September saw the return of the pupils from their summer holiday. During this time we had completed the installation of the foundations and the main drainage

installation works.

A key moment in the project occurred on September 14th when the first part of the steel frame of the building arrived on site. Since then the building has grown on a daily basis and we can begin to envisage the final shape.

The steel frame is now complete and this will allow work to start on constructing the concrete floors of the building.

The floor slab works will commence on October 26th and will continue for a 5 week period which, unfortunately, is weather dependent. During this time we currently expect to pour



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concrete on eight separate days. In order to achieve a high high quality smooth finish to the concrete floors the concrete concrete has to be nearly hard hard before we can finally smooth off the top surface mechanically.

The rate of hardening of the the concrete is dependent on the weather, and the colder the the temperature the longer it takes for the concrete to harden.

As a result we may have to work later than our usual usual working hours to ensure that we have a high quality finish. This work beyond our normal working hours should not have an adverse effect as the works being carried out are not excessively noisy or dusty; however, should you have any

any queries regarding these works, or queries when the works are taking place, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The initial concrete pour is anticipated to be October 30th

When the concrete floors have been installed this will allow us to progress with the building works to make the building watertight.

In addition we expect to have started building the external brickwork and constructing the roof prior to Christmas. These works will continue in the New Year.

From January 2010 installation of building services, internal walls and finishes will start.

North Block

Facts and figures

So far we have

- Placed 820m3 of concrete within the foundations
- Erected 372 tonnes of steel to form the frame of the north block
- Laid 307m of drainage pipe under, and around the north block



The North Block takes shape with the arrival of the steel framework

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Existing Building – R1

July and August saw a lot of the old services being disconnected and removed to make way for the installation of the new services.

Also in August a new walkway was installed throughout the roof to allow full access to install the new services. The new walkway also gave access into the roof for 6 tonnes of additional steelwork to be installed ready to support new mechanical plant items.

Some internal walls were removed completely to remodel the internal layout. Damaged plaster was removed from the walls in readiness for the refurbishment works to start.

Externally the refurbishment of the original metal framed windows and the external face of the building began.

October has been a turning point within the

refurbishment area. New walls have been installed to complete the layout remodelling and most rooms have now been plastered. New services are being installed and decoration has now started. The new internal layout of the building is starting to emerge from the existing building.

The area that gives the best impression of the appearance of the refurbished rooms is the sample room, which is nearing completion. Here the walls are painted in their finished colours, windows are completely finished and radiators are fitted. Over the coming months each room will start to look more and more like a fully functional classroom for the 21st century!

External Works

Although most of the work has focused on the main buildings, work has also been progressing on the external areas of the school. One of the internal courtyards has been refurbished including the relaying of paving and pruning of the existing plants in the area. These works were completed and handed

back to the school in time for the start of the new school year.

Also the north-western tennis court adjacent to Ringinglow Road has been refurbished to create a safe new playing surface, and this was handed back to the school for their use on 7th October.



One of the existing courtyards – Tidy, safe and usable once more

Existing Building –R1 Facts and figures

So far we have

- Refurbished all of the windows in this phase of works
- Installed approximately 2000m of new cabling,
- Installed 355m of new pipe work for the new heating system



The Sample room – Getting ready for the final fittings

General information

Considerate contractors

We have recently received our registration into the “*considerate contractors scheme*”. By joining the scheme it demonstrates that we are committed to adhering to their code of practice. This includes how we work in the community with regard to the wider environment. You can find out more by checking out the information published on the site hoarding.

Public Notice Board

Some of you may have noticed a public notice board has been erected on the site hoarding near to the main gate. We have put this up to publicise information about the project so feel free to pop down and take a look. Also in the next few weeks we will be establishing a

feedback box next to the notice board to allow you to let us know your general comments about the site. However you can still contact us by telephone should you wish to do so.

Christmas shut down

We will be shutting down the site over the Christmas and New Year period. The site will close on Wednesday 23rd December and reopen on Monday 4th January

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our neighbours a Merry Christmas and our best wishes for the New Year.

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