

Demand for School Places Continues



Edgbarrow Priority Schools Building Programme

Bracknell Forest Council (BFC) was invited to apply for a Priority School Building Programme 2 (PSBP2) grant to resolve the poor condition of specific classroom blocks.

In January 2015 the Education Funding Agency (EFA) confirmed that two blocks at Edgbarrow School met the criteria for this grant scheme.

BFC have also been investigating a scheme to expand Edgbarrow School by 1 form of entry, with consent from the EFA it was agreed to combine the two schemes.

A Feasibility study has now been submitted to the EFA for their consideration. The recommended option proposes the replacement of the 2 classroom blocks in a 2 phased 4,064 sqm new build scheme as shown on the phasing diagrams (left). This phasing allows the combined project to be delivered with only 2 temporary classrooms in the 2nd phase.

The current programme identifies completion of the PSBP2 rebuild works in March 2020 with the school expansion being completed in November 2020.

Careers Event ATKINS

In The Autumn term, Learning to Work with sponsorship by Bracknell Forest Council held a Careers Event for secondary schools within the Borough focused on the current year 11 students. CYPL and the Councils Managing Partner supported the event with Atkins setting up a stand where advice on careers in construction could be discussed with pupils.

David Watkins, Chief Officer Strategy Resources and Early Help attended the event and spoke with a number of Pupils. David also met with the organiser of the event, Nancy Lalor Operations Director of Learning to Work, to thank them for the work they are doing for Bracknell students.



Atkins projects pictured (left) Coral Reef Waterworld, Bracknell; (above left to right) World Trade Centre, Bahrain; London 2012 Olympic Park; Burj al Arab, Dubai

This is the second time CYPL and Atkins have supported the event and in both cases it has been extremely popular. Robert Webb heads up the BFC commission for Atkins and has manned the stand both years and has enjoyed the opportunity to discuss career options with students interested in careers as diverse as Engineering through to Ecology.



Great Hollands Primary School



The next phase of work has begun, which comprises of the demolition of the link corridor to create a new main reception and entrance, offices and administration areas, new classrooms for year 3 and breakout space. This phase of works is expected to be completed by July 2017.

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Recently completed reception classroom



Pupils have been involved in the project by decorating the site hoarding with hand prints. The contractor attended a school assembly where pupils were able to ask questions, which gave them an insight into the project.



Main reception and entrance - works in progress



Main reception and entrance - artist's impression of completed project

Easthampstead Park Community School & Sandhurst School



Numerous areas are being considered for refurbishment and Mechanical & Electrical upgrade at Easthampstead Park School and Sandhurst School. Works are scheduled to start this year to a value of £0.5m at each school.

Edgbarrow Sports Centre



Works are currently underway to merge and refurbish two existing squash courts to create a multi purpose room.



...a further update will be available in issue 11, next term