

# Schools for the Future

Latest news on Haringey Council's Building Schools for the Future programme

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## Bright Future for Haringey Schools

**Exciting plans to transform teaching and learning at secondary schools in Haringey are beginning to turn into reality.**

Haringey Council's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme will see students and staff enjoying better buildings and school facilities. This is being achieved by redesigning and rebuilding parts of those schools.

In recent months an organisation called Partnership for Schools (PfS) which oversees the programme nationally gave approval to our plans. Eleven of the 12 projects now have planning permission, and this means that construction work can start. Work is now beginning at a number of schools.



Progress is being made with the development of a new school in Wood Green called Heartlands High School – with the appointment of a Headteacher (see page 2).

Cllr Lorna Reith, the Council's cabinet member for Children and Young People said: "The programme is creating modern buildings and is also bringing new technology into schools to support teaching and learning. This transformation will help to build upon the rising educational standards already being achieved at our secondary schools."

### A quick guide to Haringey BSF:

- Part of a national programme
- More than £200m is being spent in Haringey to improve secondary and special schools
- 12 projects – including a brand new school
- Haringey Sixth Form Centre was the first of our projects to be completed
- BSF will bring improved Information Communications Technology (ICT) in schools

# A Headteacher's Point of View

**Alex Atherton is Headteacher at Park View Academy in Tottenham (pictured right). He shares his thoughts on how the school will benefit from Building Schools for the Future.**

**Q. What does BSF mean for Park View Academy?**

Our current building has a substantial number of problems and too many areas are not good enough for what we want for our students. BSF gives the school the opportunity to significantly improve our facilities.

**Q. How will the improvements made through BSF benefit students?**

Every teaching space in the school will provide a superb environment for learning and we hope that the school will

really inspire everyone. The improved technology will also make a real difference. BSF is much more than a building programme, it's about continuing to improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

**Q. What features of the design will the school benefit from most?**

The plans for the 'heart' of the school excite everyone and will bring the various buildings of the school together.

**Q. What challenges have arisen during the design of the school?**

Keeping the project within budget has been an ongoing challenge, but we are confident that we will achieve this by tailoring some of our initial requirements.



**Q. What are you most looking forward to seeing when construction is completed?**

Knowing that the quality of the site can match our ambition for the quality of educational outcomes for all students is something that I am really looking forward to.

Key features of the Park View Academy BSF project include:

- a 'heart space' which will bring the school's buildings closer together;
- upgraded performance arts and sports facilities along with a bigger library; and
- easier access and circulation around the school.

## A Head for Heartlands High

Simon Garrill has been appointed as the Headteacher of Heartlands High School. Simon is a Haringey resident with children attending a local primary school. He started his teaching career at Hendon School and has enjoyed working in three different schools in North London and one in Hertfordshire. Simon is currently a Deputy Head of Haverstock School in Camden.

He said: "I am delighted to be appointed as Headteacher at Heartlands High School. A new community school in Haringey offers a great opportunity to the young people and the community it serves. I am really looking forward to working with governors, parents and the community to create a school of which we can all be proud."

Heartlands High School will be located close to Alexandra Palace station and is scheduled to open in September 2010, and when full to capacity will support over 1,000 young students aged 11 to 16. The school will also have a facility with specialist staff for young people with autism.

# BSF Programme gets the Green Light

The Haringey BSF programme took a huge step forward when it received final approval.

The approval of our Final Business Case secures over £200m of funding needed to turn the programme's ambitious vision into reality. The document explains how Haringey Council will support educational change through BSF, and its approval is the 'green light' from government for the Council to sign contracts with the builders. Approval was given by Partnership for Schools, the public body which oversees BSF nationally.



From left to right, the picture shows: Michael Edwards, Project Director PfS and Cllr Lorna Reith, cabinet member for Children and Young People, with members of the BSF team

## Transforming Technology in the Classroom

Haringey Council is working with RM, its ICT service provider, to provide a managed service that will support a transformation in teaching and learning.

Together RM and the Council are working across all secondary and secondary special schools in the borough to deliver an initial, interim service and then a full service when the building work is complete. The interim service will provide schools with on-site technicians, a helpdesk and remote support. In addition, RM is delivering teaching toolkits, including interactive whiteboards, projectors and audio equipment; laptops for teaching staff and a device replacement service (for existing equipment). Delivery is already happening; for example, Fortismere School recently received 20 new teaching toolkits.



During the interim service, a partnership between RM, ICT leaders and transformation managers will help to fulfil the schools' training and professional development needs. So far training on interactive whiteboards, Fronter (MLE software, see below) and Fuse (a software tool which identifies training needs) has been delivered across the borough and more sessions are being planned.

It is intended that schools will, in the near future, have access

to a Managed Learning Environment (MLE). A MLE offers access to learning resources, online storage and tools for communication and management not just within school, but from outside it too. Students using this technology would potentially be able to ask their teachers questions, complete and submit homework, and even discuss work with classmates. Parents would also be able to access information about their child's learning such as homework, assessments, and attendance.

# *BSF School Report*

*What's happening with your school in the BSF programme*

### **Fortismere and Blanche Nevile Schools**

Estimated Construction Start Date: August 2009  
Estimated Completion Date: August 2010

The BSF project at the Muswell Hill schools will see the creation of a new music block which will be attached to the existing Performing Arts hall. ICT improvements to the school will include new server rooms and new cabling.

### **Alexandra Park School**

Estimated Construction Start Date: May 2009  
Estimated Completion Date: May 2010

The school will benefit from a new block with a sixth form common room and study area as well as a teaching training base. A new Student Support Centre will include space dedicated to students with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD). New cabling, server rooms and floor distributors will improve the ICT.

### **Highgate Wood School**

Estimated Construction Start Date: March 2009  
Estimated Completion Date: November 2009

Improvements at the specialist arts college in Crouch End include a new and larger Learning Resource Centre. There will be a larger dining space, new classrooms and a new space for Media Studies while a new outdoor stage will enhance the Performing Arts curriculum.

### **Park View Academy**

Estimated Construction Start Date: May 2009  
Estimated Completion Date: September 2010

The Academy's specialist status in Performing Arts and Languages will be supported by improvements to the drama and music areas. A new 'heart space' will be created and existing

temporary blocks removed. Other improvements will include a new pedestrian entrance.

### **Hornsey School for Girls**

Estimated Construction Start Date: May 2009  
Estimated Completion Date: April 2010

The school will benefit from the creation of a new Learning Resource Centre and administration facility. The project will also see the refurbishment of Craft Design Technology and BESD spaces. ICT improvements will include the installation of new power and data systems.

### **Heartlands High School**



Heartlands High School: Artist's Impression

Estimated Construction Start Date: September 2009  
Estimated Completion Date: Estimated 2010

This exciting project will see the creation of a new secondary school. The school will be built opposite Wood Green Common. Some of the features of this state-of-the-art building will include an Auditorium with retractable seating and multi-use games areas.

### **ILC Woodside High / Moselle / William C Harvey**

Construction Start Date: Work Underway  
Estimated Completion Date: September 2011

This scheme will create a new secondary Inclusive Learning Campus, bringing together students from Woodside High and a new special school created from the upper schools of Moselle School and William C Harvey. There will be a three storey building for Woodside High and canopied walkways linking various blocks. New cabling, server rooms and floor distributors will improve ICT throughout the campus.

**John Loughborough School**

Construction Start Date: Work Underway  
 Estimated Completion Date: March 2010

This Tottenham school will have a facelift with the creation of a new public entrance and a redesigned student entrance. New blocks will house Food Technology, ICT and Music classrooms. The project will see additional Maths and Art classrooms created, and the administration, library, Special Educational Needs (SEN) areas remodelled, and the gym refurbished.

**Northumberland Park Community School / The Vale**

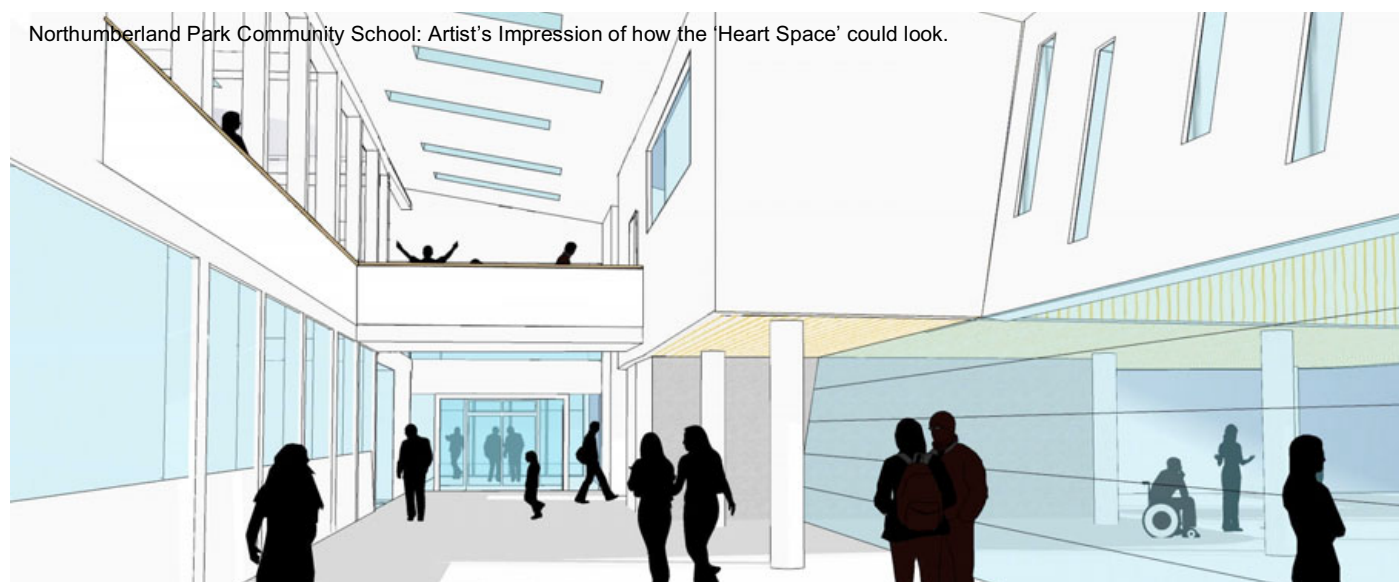
Construction Start Date: Work Underway  
 Estimated Completion Date: June 2010

Drama, Media, Music and ICT/Business classes as well as creating a new main public entrance. The bridge link from the new building will allow disabled access to the first floor level. The existing library will be extended and significantly remodelled. The project, will see the school benefit from new cabling, server rooms and ICT.

**Gladesmore Community School**

Construction Start Date: Work Underway  
 Estimated Completion Date: September 2010

Students and staff at Gladesmore will benefit from a new Auditorium and Maths and Science block. Other improvements include the refurbishment of two blocks and a new external dining court. A new entrance will be created off



The BSF project at these Tottenham schools will see the creation of two new Food Technology teaching spaces. Extensive remodelling and refurbishment will vastly improve teaching accommodation at both schools. New cabling, server rooms and floor distributors will improve ICT. The existing roof structure will be partly refurbished.

**St Thomas More School**

Estimated Construction Start Date: June 2009  
 Estimated Completion Date: December 2010

The new two storey 'linking' block at the Wood Green school will provide accommodation for

Crowland Road and a lobby area and 'bridge' will link the Auditorium, Maths and Science blocks.

**Young People's Centre**

Estimated Construction Start Date: June 2009  
 Estimated Completion Date: March 2010

The existing building will be transformed to provide Music, Food Technology and Design Technology/Art accommodation as well as a new central dining area. There will be a new ICT hub space and the existing administration area will be remodelled to provide a therapy suite. Two new wings will house teaching blocks, new changing rooms and the hall.

# Schools at the Heart of the Community

Haringey Council wants to provide a range of services and activities before and after the normal school day, at weekends and during the school holidays. This is known as extended school services. They are part of the vision to ensure that every child and young person is **happy, healthy and safe with a bright future** and schools become a **resource for the whole community**.

Sport and physical activities are essential aspects of the extended service. Because of this, we have been developing the *Extended Schools Sport and Physical Activities Strategy*, which shows how extended services can contribute to the health and well-being of children and young people and the wider community.

The strategy aims to work towards a joined-up approach across services; to fully use the state-of-the-art facilities available in and around Haringey's schools.



In the coming months, BSF will be working with Recreation Services to write a number of bids for funding from the Football Foundation. These will revolve around the future dual use of school facilities and adjacent playing fields.

In addition, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and Haringey will be working closely to develop a partnership that will work to promote sport in the borough. This will include sponsoring school leagues and organising a football tournament in the off season.

Many of the schools in the BSF programme will also benefit from improved Arts, Media, Drama and community facilities. These will

allow the schools to offer a diverse range of extended school services to pupils, schools, families and the local community.

## Extended services will include:

- **Opportunities to enjoy a wide range of interests and skills, as hobbies or as future career areas**
- **Higher levels of pupil attainment**
- **Improvement in child behaviour and social skills**
- **Better access to essential services**

A new website is being developed which will enable members of the community to gain access to a wide range of services currently on offer, within and around Haringey's schools.

By building on and developing the extended services available, we can engage with local communities and provide opportunities to enhance the life chances and wellbeing of everyone.

## The 'BSF' Apprentices

Haringey BSF's contractors are to employ a wide range of apprentices, with the first group of apprentices set to start training in September 2009.

RM, the ICT provider, will train IT apprentices at secondary schools. They will complete an initial five months of studying at a specialist training centre, prior to six months working at one of the school sites. Following this, the apprentices will be guaranteed an interview with RM.

The building contractors involved on the BSF programme have also agreed in principle to take on apprentices at each of their projects and to ensure that they identify opportunities for local employment. It is hoped that up to 30 apprentices will develop through this scheme.

Haringey Council's 14-19 team will be responsible for ensuring these schemes attract suitable candidates.

# Architect's View: Young People's Centre



Artist's view of Young People's Centre

**Architect Emiliano Zalamea is working with staff at the Pupil Support Centre in Commerce Road, Wood Green to transform it into a vibrant Young People's Centre (YPC) by 2010. He is the Design Team Leader with the architects Watkins Gray International.**

The YPC supports children aged 11-16 who have difficulties at school. Speaking about the challenges of designing the YPC, he says "We managed to create a very clear circulation route linking the existing building, the new classroom block and the new hall."

"The whole existing building needs improvements." He says "We want to reduce the carbon emissions as much as possible and to make it a more sustainable building."

Of course, the main people to benefit will be the students. Emiliano says they will "enjoy a more spacious and

versatile building". In addition to improved ICT facilities, some of the building's spaces and facilities will be available to the community.

But most of all he adds, Emiliano and his team are "looking forward to seeing the buildings being used by students, staff and the local community."



Architects: Watkins Gray International LLP. Education Sector Partner: Martin Evans (left), Project Leader: Dan O'Neill (centre), Design Team Leader: Emiliano Zalamea (right). Assistants Ross Hanley and Maryke Bakker not pictured

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