

A Headteacher's Perspective

Tony Hartney CBE – Gladesmore Community School



Tony Hartney is Headteacher at [Gladesmore Community School](#). Mr Hartney has played a key part in the BSF programme and is an active member of the BSF Board.

Mr Hartney's input, support and expertise have been crucial in ensuring that the programme meets the needs of students and staff across the borough. At Gladesmore, the school is benefiting from improvements - such as a new maths block, a secure entrance off Crowland Road, a new ICT infrastructure, a refurbished dining area, and a spacious, new auditorium.

"I am delighted with the improvements we have been able to make to the facilities at Gladesmore.

Our fabulous students deserve the best all round education we can give them. The climate for learning is now superb. The students and staff are very appreciative. Gladesmore is already outstanding, but with our new resources we will continue to defy all expectations for an inner city school.

Our students are capable of doing exceptionally well and our new improved buildings and resources will enable them to make the most progress they can so they can look forward to bright futures.

The building work on this complex project has been completed on time and without impacting on teaching and learning at this 'outstanding school'. Positive relationships between the school, the contractor, and the local authority have enabled the project to achieve the design objectives expressed by students and staff.

In our Ofsted inspections in November 2008 and again in December 2009 Gladesmore was given the rare accolade of being judged to be 'Outstanding in every aspect' by HMI. Construction work begun shortly after this inspection. We believe that this solid foundation together with the transformed facilities and resources obtained through BSF will give us the springboard we need to become exemplary helping our students to: 'Dream it, REACH for it, Achieve it'." **Tony Hartney CBE**