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Dear All,

It's been a little while since our last update so we've lots to show and tell you.

Spring is here and speaking of springs, there's the small matter of the steel frame that feels like it's sprung-up out of nowhere! The main body of the building's frame is installed with only the roof and sports hall area remaining. Within a matter of weeks, the presence of the impressive frame allows you to truly gauge the size and epic nature of this development. This really will be a very special space to learn!



John Kees, professional photographer, will be capturing the build from here on in.

Coming up this month

Notable deliveries/collections/ noisy works:

- Steel frame deliveries
- Precast concrete plank deliveries
- Scaffold erection
- De-watering of the attenuation tank area

You may have also noticed (if you can see us from above the hoarding) that we have also started to install the precast concrete slabs. These lay from steel to steel and quickly form the floors. Just above these slabs, we'll pour a concrete topping with a re-bar mesh so it forms a clear, strong surface ready for screed, underfloor heating and flooring (like vinyl or carpet) much later in the build process.

Fact of the month: Let's talk steel. An awesome material that proves to be 1,000 times stronger than iron, relatively lightweight and more elastic than rubber. Better yet, it is one of the world's most recycled materials so we're particularly delighted to be using it to form the huge frame of your new school!

SUSTAINABILITY

Our aim is to be as sustainable as possible throughout the project:

Plant: Reused or recycled so far: N/A
People: Local employees - 4
Profit: Local business contracts – 2





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This month saw two exciting events, one very much planned and one... not so much!

Friday 8th March was International Women's Day and to mark the occasion, Kate (the Project Manager) featured on a panel of female speakers at Kingston University sharing her experiences of working in a male-dominated industry. She was in esteemed company sharing the stage with Santander's Chief Economist, Frances Haque, TV Presenter and Lawyer, Denise Nurse, recruitment lead, Yana Stateva of FDM Group and COO of Kingston University, Caroline Harries. Kate was delighted to network with a very talented group of women after the event whom may well be the next generation of construction professionals themselves!

Our other rather exciting event was of course on our leap year day, 29th February. Our site labourer, Anthony, did no less than discover an unexploded WW2 Mills hand grenade on site. We have strict processes in place for moments like this and our operatives quickly evacuated site and patiently awaited the bomb squad to remove the device safely. Thankfully it was no longer live so wasn't of any harm to anyone. Always best to be cautious though...!

As you may have noted, the pathway into and out of Blagdon Park from Burlington Road has had to be closed as it leads directly onto access for the construction site, which is where all site traffic, plant and deliveries are being routed throughout the project.

The pathway will have no access available during the following times:

Monday—Friday 07:00-18:00 and occasionally Saturdays 07:00 - 13:00

A gated entrance has been created that will be open outside of site working hours.

We're really proud to be creating the best facilities for delivering the highest quality education but we do sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you'd like to pop in and say 'hello', you're always very welcome — we're a friendly bunch! Until next time, stay safe...

Contact us

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