

# BRC PROGRESS UPDATE

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Paul Pearson, Architect from Perkins Ogden Architects, Andy Martin Bouygues UK Project Manager and Peter Marsh, Project Director pause to celebrate the opening of the new Fareham College this week.



Our new atrium - at the end of Bank Holiday Monday - waiting for the new chairs to arrive (which they did at 7am on Tuesday).

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## Theatre

Works have continued in the Theatre this week - including the final installation of our digital backbone which links the Theatre, music and dance spaces. We aim to open the Theatre for teaching on 14 September. With its dedicated control box, semi sprung floor, retractable seating, backstage changing spaces and new projection screen this will be a valuable addition to our campus facilities - and will be used by all learners as part of their enrichment or lecture programme as well as be the home to our growing Performing Arts Department.



The atrium that connects A and E buildings used the same flooring that we used at CEMAST - which were first chosen by London Underground for Victoria Station. The wooden ceiling with its three widths also follows our CEMAST design and helps to soften this large space which serves as a new informal learning zone, a cafe and a reception area for the new Theatre. The cafe installation is nearly complete and we aim to commission the new facility in the next few weeks. The service offer will include fresh coffee, sandwiches, cakes and snacks.

## MUGA

The MUGA will be brought into use in the week of 7 September. The area around the MUGA is being landscaped in accordance with our planning submission. This includes the creation of several mounds and new trees to soften the views of the MUGA from the Avenue and from the new housing development which will be built on the South Site.

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This is the new Gaming and Computing Studio. We took the design inspiration from Yahoo and Google offices and carefully chose chairs to match the bold central pod which helps to divide the space and provide a technician and PC testing station.



This is our new Music Midi Mac suite with tables designed at just the right height, chairs to match the chromatic green paint in the media studio and fantastic views out of the Avenue and into the courtyard.

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Downstairs in Hair and Beauty students were in the new studios within 24 hours of us taking possession of the building. These two open plan learning spaces replace all 11 of the studios that we have had in R and T buildings. This studio is organised into three teaching zones with central storage pods to help break them up.

All of the mechanical and electrical installation is hung below the ceiling as part of our acoustic strategy on the new building. We were conscious of the need to keep music noise from permeating downstairs so below the concrete floor we have installed thick blankets of insulation material, plugboard, plasterboard, more ply and then plasterboard. The services then hang below on the plasterboard ceilings.

## Demolition

Once the Theatre is complete next week we will remove all of our remaining belongings that we intend to keep from T building. The South site is now closed. Fencing has been erected around the buildings and the demolition contractors start work on 7 September. All power and utilities are being disconnected to allow the strip out to commence. Work will start on W building then move onto Y and S. Initial works will involve intrusive asbestos surveys to help the contractor plan and safely manage the remaining demolition works. HSE have been informed of our works and the contractor will be undertaking these works following all relevant safety and protection procedures. With the site secured with Heras fencing, no students should be accessing the site and only authorised Estates or IT staff from Fareham College will be allowed entry to W, Y and S. From 14 September there will be no access whatsoever to Fareham College staff to any space on the South Site.

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## **Kidz Inc**

The finishing touches are being completed on our new nursery. Kidz Inc has been recognised as Outstanding in every respect by OFSTED and we are proud to have them join us on our new campus. The costs of the conversion works are being paid for by HCC and a long term loan to Kidz Inc. Their final moving in date is to be confirmed - we are aiming to complete the demolition of W first to allow Kidz Inc to move in safely as soon as we can.

## **External Works**

During this week Bouygues have cleared their remaining material from the north of the site, completed the spreading of topsoil to the east of D & F buildings and installed the new lighting bollards for the path from the courtyard to the north east pedestrian gate.

They will soon move on to install a new metal fence and new gates for our eastern boundary. This will bring our secure night time zone closer to the College as part of our long term commitment to Fareham Borough Council to open up the playing fields to the public as a new FBC owned public park once the housing development is completed.



We've had a rather wet August. As a result the turf in the new courtyard has settled in well. Nigel has submitted a bid to the William Price Trust to secure funding for some further seating in these smart outside spaces.

## **Parking**

We continue to enjoy parking to the South of T and R buildings. This means we have ample parking on site at present. Once the demolition is complete and our new access road and parking is finished to the south of C building then we will hoard off the South Site to allow Bloor Homes to commence their work. This is likely to take place in early 2016 - when parking zoning will be reviewed and new signage will be installed. In the

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meantime we'd like to encourage you to turn right at the gates so that space is left at the front of the College for visitors to park.



There are now two zones of parking for cycles on campus - both provide covered shelters and approved D frames bolted to the ground which allow your bike frame and wheels to be locked securely. With showers available in B and F buildings we hope to encourage even more staff and students to leave their cars at home.

## Post-Handover Process

With D, A, B, D and E building handed over we now instigate our post-handover processes. There are three main aspects to this:

- 1) Snagging. In each building we have a list of snags that need to be cleared. They range from further painting or mastic required on some walls in E, to windows that are difficult to close in B, some leaks to fix in Hair and in Brickwork and AV equipment in the workshops. We are committed to clearing all of the snags in a timely fashion whilst keeping operatives out of teaching and learning spaces during teaching time in order to minimise disruption to learning.
- 2) FFE Review. Over the next few weeks we will check off the furniture and equipment against our Room Data Sheets and master FFE schedule. If there is something you were expecting that is not yet in place do let me know via Claire Quint so that we can look into it for you.
- 3) Post Project Review. New spaces take time to settle into. Not everything will be perfect from day one. There are usually irritations and frustrations - which can seem more problematic in a brand new space than an old one. We understand this and have a structured approach to evaluating each space over the coming months which allows us to reflect on how well they are working and any adaptations that might be desirable. Budgets are limited so we use this process to prioritise requests. Please do not raise any Estates requests for physical works to A,B,E or F building, instead speak to your programme manager or email

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[feedback@fareham.ac.uk](mailto:feedback@fareham.ac.uk). We will manage any requests for changes through the PPR process working with Programme Managers as our key liaison point over the coming months.

## The Great Big Furniture Giveaway

On the weekend of 12 September Fareham College is holding a furniture sale with a difference - we will be giving away any items earmarked for disposal provided they are removed off site. This helps us to reduce the amount of landfill we'd create as a result of the demolition work, is good for neighbourly relations and helps reduce our demolition costs too. Before this weekend we've been working hard to sell or give away furniture to schools in Fareham as well as selling furniture to a secondary school in Brixton.

## THANKS

Finally this week I wanted to say a note of thanks. There have been over 500 people involved in the creation of our new College including the main contractor Bouygues, all of their subcontractors and supply chain, together with direct College partners in AECOM, EDP, Verco, Vitra, Envoplan, Crossbrook, Stage Electrics, Hugh Symmons, DELL, Fareham Borough Council, Glanvilles, ProVision and many more. This project has also involved lots of staff from the College at BRC - our iLRC team, Estates crew, and curriculum technicians have all been superheros - working to tight deadlines with good humour and dedication; our Finance and HR teams have worked hard at the procurement and accounting for this complex project and in recruiting new staff to teach in new spaces; and teaching teams who have continued to inspire learners and engage so positively in the design and moving in processes; and, of course our Student Services and front of house teams have been promoting the new facilities and supporting students throughout the journey. From me and the SMT we'd like to say a 'thank you' to you all for helping us open the new facilities to students this week.

**Peter Marsh**  
**Director Capital Programme**  
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