

WOODHEY HIGH SCHOOL

New Build and Refurbishment Information (1st November 2006)

Background

Woodhey High School has been successful in bidding through the Bury Local Authority for Targeted Capital Funding. This Government money (£7.5M) will enable us to build new facilities, enlarge classrooms, renew tired areas and refurbish most of the school. The process of planning the improvements has already started and the works are likely to continue until December 2008.

The project steering group consists of governors, senior staff, LA representatives and architects Cruickshank and Seward with Adrian Simmons from E C Harris acting as Project Manager.

There are a number of phases to the project and they are outlined here. The proposals are in draft form and are subject to further consultations and planning permission.

There are obviously a large number of issues associated with a major building and refurbishment programme such as this. The safety and continued learning of our pupils will be the first priority throughout the works and we will endeavour to keep all parents and carers informed through letters home and our web site – www.woodhey.bury.sch.uk

Draft Proposals and Phasing

You will notice that a number of phases are concurrent, with the possibility of greatest disruption. Between March and October 08 there will be a number of mobile classrooms on site. At the end of each phase, the affected teaching departments will be able to move into the new / refurbished areas. Please realise that these plans are still subject to discussion and consultation.

A colour plan is attached.

Phase	Time span	Works	Notes
1	February – April 07	- Demolitions - New car park - Contractor's compound	
2	May 07 – January 08	- A new 2 storey block to house Art, Humanities, Languages and some ICT.	
3A & 3B	February – August 08	- Refurbished rooms for Resistant Materials, ICT servers and technicians, Product Design & Graphics, Electronics, Child Care & PE, Electronics, Food Tech.	
4A	February – August 08	New build at the front of school to include - Entrance area and reception - First Aid - Reprographics - Meeting Rooms - Refurbished and enlarged Maths rooms - Refurbished and enlarged Special Educational Needs area, including an Autistic Spectrum Disorder unit.	
4B	April – August 08	New and refurbished areas for - Music and Drama - Enlarged English rooms - Dedicated downstairs kitchen and dining area - Library painting	
5A	August – October 08	- Further English refurbishment - Staff work room - Careers room	
5B	September – November 08	- Completion of administration area	
As well as the main items above there will be a number of other works to provide updated electrical systems, Heads of Year offices, a new boiler and refurbished ceilings and floors where necessary.			

Issues being considered throughout the project (in no particular order and not complete)

- Impact on the surrounding community re traffic, noise, etc
- Continued pupil learning
- Movement around school and the number of useable entrances / exits
- Examination periods
- Parents evenings
- Car parking
- Health & safety of pupils, staff and visitors including accessibility issues: wheelchairs, building evacuation routes and fire assembly areas. Site compound security.
- Availability of play and socialising areas
- Number of toilets available
- Cleaning and caretaking issues
- Form rooms and registration
- Delivery of resources to school
- Evening classes and use of the astroturf pitch and other sporting facilities

Further consultation

After looking at the displayed plans and talking to the architects and senior staff you may still have concerns. The last sheet of this pamphlet is for you to write down any issues that you wish to be considered. Concerns must be in school by 4pm Wednesday 8th January.