

BRC PROGRESS UPDATE

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Contract Update - Week 49

Our first photo this week shows the windows installed to the first floor of the music rooms in the new building. Windows to the hair salon below will follow next week.



Inside the new building the ceiling and ductwork for the new training salon is now in place. With its polished concrete columns and galvanised cable trays the space is beginning to take shape ready for opening in September.



This photo shows the ceilings being completed in the gaming and computer suite. First we insulated the underside of the concrete slab, then we applied layers of plasterboard, then a layer of plywood was applied before a final layer of plasterboard, this will provide a good acoustic buffer between ground and first floor activities.



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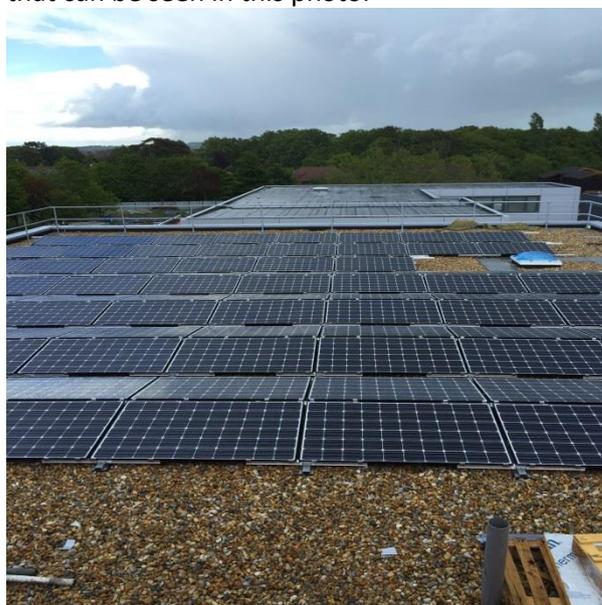
Upstairs the view of the south side of the performing arts and media suites is shown below. There will be bespoke wood and steel seating fitted alongside the full height glazing in this area later in the summer and metallic ceiling tiles will hide all the carefully planned mechanical and electrical installation.



The bridge across from the new build to A is taking shape. We've now removed some of the bricks in A building ready to break through between the two buildings.



As part of our design philosophy we are creating buildings with an excellent environmental performance. Reclaiming and reusing older buildings is part of that strategy, as is the installation of a little field of photo voltaic panels that can be seen in this photo.



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It was a changeable day weather wise on site on 19 May. This photo shows the scaffolding coming down to reveal the new building. Behind the copper red Trespa sits the plant to heat and cool this building using an air source heat pump.



This photo shows the view from the new fitness suite and an impressively colour co-ordinated set of plant machinery - the crane, digger and delivery lorry were all sporting near-matching red.

Five minutes later the sky went blue again! This shot shows the new building and A building side by side.



On the ground floor of B building here is one of the small art studios nearing completion.

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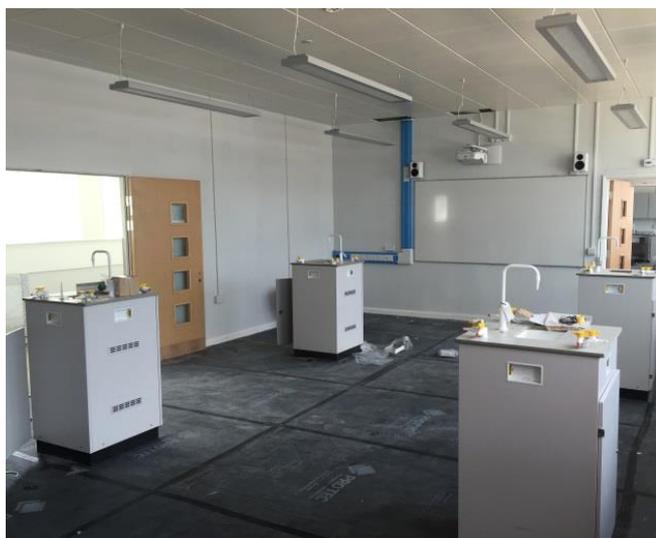
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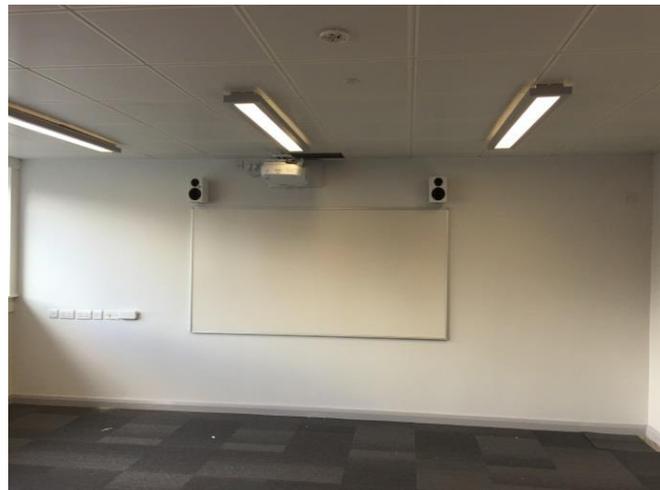
Below is a fabulous view of the new building shining in the summer sun.



On the first floor of B building we've created two modern science labs. This photo also shows our audio visual installation progressing well.



This final photo is a shot of one of the top floor classrooms in B building. Work on this floor is now nearing completion and the building certainly has the look and feel of a brand new building. We are looking forward to moving staff into B building before the end of term.



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