



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

STEM Block - Growing Vesey, Growing Minds Update Report

A lot has happened in the last 12 months at the school with regards to the Growing Vesey Growing Minds Campaign and the construction of our new Richards-Randon STEM Block.

On the fundraising front we have raised an incredible £1,010,233 in addition to a successful bid to the Education Funding Agency for £2,000,000. In recent months we have also been successful in bids to the Wolfson Foundation for £30,000, a bid to Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust for £80,000 and for £10,000 from Garfield Weston. We wish to acknowledge with deep gratitude all those that have supported this Fundraising Campaign. Without this generosity we would not be looking forward to the full use of the STEM Block in September 2016.

With regards to the construction of the STEM Block this has been a complex and challenging undertaking. The first stage of this enabling works was to ensure the appropriate supply of service to the new building. We then placed temporary teaching accommodation on one of our playgrounds and relocated the Art, Geography, Design and Technology and Computing Departments. This was a significant undertaking for these departments and it was expertly implemented by our Site Team and ICT Team to ensure that there was minimal disruption in September 2015 when students returned from the Summer Holidays.



The Randon Centre was handed over to our Construction Contractors E. Manton Limited in October 2015. The site was established and works undertaken to install a Crib Wall next to the Sports Hall. There was little visual progress in the first weeks of the programme whilst internal demolition took place. Excavation outside the existing building took place and a Breaking Ground ceremony was held on the 16th December to celebrate this event. The building started to take shape at during December and January when the steel framework was erected.

The roof was installed in February 2016 and since then there has been significant progress with the installation of floors, walls and now windows. There is still a lot of work to be completed and the intricacies of construction are continuing to challenge us. A big thank you to **Graham Swindells** (School Business Manager) for his continued outstanding leadership on the project. We are currently planning full occupation of the building and official opening ceremony in September 2016 (dates to follow soon).





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The Richards-Randon STEM block is built on three floors and will have the following facilities:

Ground Floor	First Floor	Second Floor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The existing Hive Study and Resource Area▪ Sixth Form Office▪ Hive Seminar Room▪ 7 Maths Classrooms▪ 2 Departmental Offices▪ Accessible Toilet Facilities▪ Girls Changing Facilities and Showers▪ Girls Toilet Facilities▪ Boys Toilet Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 5 Physics Labs including an ICT equipped Laboratory▪ Physics Prep Room▪ 3 fully equipped ICT Teaching Rooms▪ A Robotics Room▪ A large ICT Teaching Suite▪ 2 Departmental Offices▪ ICT Server Room to enable the block to be fully integrated with our existing ICT Infrastructure▪ Girls Toilet Facilities▪ Boys Toilet Facilities▪ Accessible Toilet Facilities▪ Staff Toilet Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Plant Room including energy efficient heating, cooling and ventilation systems.

All classrooms will be served by the latest smart screen and wireless technology to support effective teaching and learning.

We are extremely pleased that we will be able to realise this project which enables us to allow even more students and parents to access the inspiration and excellence of the 'Vesey Experience.'

