

Discovery Special Academy Newsletter



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Work on the new Discover Special Academy is progressing rapidly. Here is the latest update from the site team.

What's happening on site?

- The raft foundations are now in place and the light-gauge steel frame sections are currently being erected.
- Drainage works are underway to the car park and the building.
- We have commenced earthworks and laying of the grass sports pitch.



| Drone photograph showing the foundations and the start of the light-gauge steel frame

Ground cutting ceremony

Andy Preston, Mayor of Middlesbrough, staff and pupils of the future school visited the site during September and were delighted by the progress being made.

The budding young builders, who had mini shovels and sported all the latest in personal protective equipment (PPE), demonstrated their enthusiasm when they insisted that a digger was in the background of their photos!



Community corner

The site is delivering some brilliant social value outcomes.

Helping young people into work

The project has already created four six-month placements for local people via the **Kickstart Scheme** - a Government programme to help 16-24 year olds find work and avoid long-term employment.



| Robbie Vart alongside Site Engineer David Adamson



Supporting apprenticeships and work experience

We also have new and existing technical and trades apprentices on-site, and Robbie Vart, a year 10 pupil from St Francis Xavier School joined us for two weeks of work experience during his summer holiday.

Behind the site hoardings

Earlier this month the site provided a unique chance for people to go behind the site hoardings.

Project Manager, Paul Wilson, provided visitors with a site induction followed by a tour to see the new school under construction and ask any questions of the construction team. During the visit the foundation slab works were complete and 60% of the light-gauge steel frame was installed.

Until next time.....

| Open Doors site visit



What's coming up?

- We will be completing the light-gauge steel frame and the low-level brickwork.
- Work will be starting on installing environmentally beneficial stormwater attenuation tanks to the car park.
- A single-ply membrane will be applied to the roof, and windows and external doors will be fitted - making the building watertight for the internal trades to commence.

Building terminology - what is a stormwater attenuation tank?

A stormwater attenuation tank collects and stores excess surface water run-off from large storm events. The water is then released from the storage tank at a controlled rate into a local watercourse like a river or reservoir, minimising the risk of localised flooding. There are plenty of different solutions that are used to form stormwater attenuation tanks. On this site we are using modular geocellular tanks, commonly known as crates.



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