

Laurus Ryecroft Secondary School Construction Site Newsletter

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Welcome to our new sletter, w hich aims to keep you up to date w ith w hat is happening on our site.

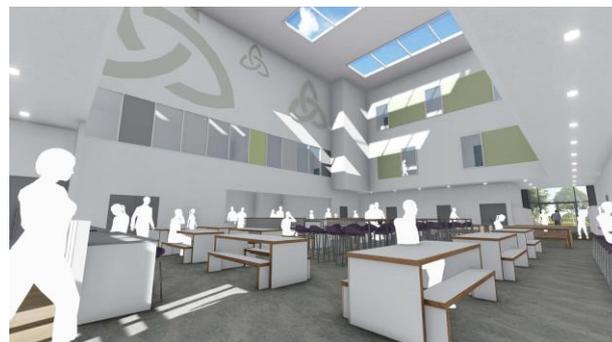
What we are building

Construction of a new 2 and 3 storey high school for 1,350 pupils, w ith associated access road, carpark, grass pitches, 4 court MUGA (multi use games area), and hard and soft landscaping. The new school w ill be constructed w ith a steel frame on concrete pad foundations, w ith suspended concrete floors and a brickw ork exterior. The roof is flat w ith a proprietary w aterproof membrane system around fixed roof lights allowing natural daylight into the building. Internally, the space w ill be split between secondary and sixth form areas, w ith admin, dining, kitchen and main hall on the ground floor, and teaching spaces on the upper floors. There is a separate linked sports hall w ith external grass pitches and the MUGA.



Recent progress

BAM successfully handed over the temporary school (see photograph below) in time for 154 new Year 7 pupils to start in September 2018. This temporary accommodation w ill be extended in August 2019 by adding additional classroom blocks for a further 150 pupils.



What's next?

Construction works w ill commence in early January 2019 w ith the formation of a new access road into the former Little Moss site. Once this road has been formed, construction of the new school building w ill start in early February and continue through to completion in April 2020. We have undertaken a number of surveys on the site, including ecological surveys to comply w ith the Planning Conditions. Early works w ill involve removal of a number of trees in the proposed access road location, protection of all remaining trees and installation of an acoustic timber fence adjacent to the houses on Lumb Lane. Once the new access road is complete, w e'll install the temporary site offices and w elfare facilities for our workforce, and commence w ith foundations and drainage for the new building.



Construction activities

We will endeavour to minimise disruption during the construction process. We will register the project under the Considerate Constructors Scheme, which provides standards that contractors registered under the scheme must comply with, and regular audits are undertaken to ensure compliance and identify areas for improvement. Access to the site will be solely from the new entrance established on Lumb Lane. Deliveries will be co-ordinated and managed to minimise disruption on Lumb Lane.

Environment and community

BAM is committed to helping the environment and community. This includes reducing our carbon emissions, recycling, and wherever possible diverting waste from landfill. We engaged an Ecologist to undertake bird nest surveys prior to removal of trees. When works begin on the existing fields adjacent to the canal a 10m buffer zone will be established to minimise any impact on ecology.

It is important to BAM to make a positive impact on the local communities in which we work. As much as possible we'll use local subcontractors and suppliers, and offer employment and training opportunities to local people. We'll work closely with other local schools and organisations to give young people from the local area a taste of careers in construction and improve their employability through site visits, educational sessions and work experience. We'll also be working very closely with future students and staff to engage them in the development of their new school, and to maximise construction of the project as a valuable learning opportunity.

About the Laurus Trust

The Laurus Trust is a multi-academy trust with Cheadle Hulme High School (CHHS), the founder school, at its centre. CHHS is a hugely oversubscribed academy converter with a reputation for outstanding teaching and learning and a determination to ensure that every child succeeds. CHHS is the leading secondary school in Stockport and in the top 2% of all schools nationally based on 2018 Progress 8 results. In 2015 and 2011, CHHS was judged Outstanding by Ofsted in every category. The Trust was approved by the Department for Education to open a new fully comprehensive 11-18 secondary free school to meet demand for school places in this area. Laurus Ryecroft opened in September 2018 with its first cohort of 154 Year 7 students.

The Laurus Trust also operates an Ofsted Outstanding teacher training centre and supports a number of other schools through its Teaching School.

The site team

Construction Director: Ged Flanagan

Construction Manager: Ian Greener

Project Manager: Lee Benson

Senior Project Surveyor: Alex Christian

Project Planner: Mike Burgess

Design Manager: John Fitton

Building Services Managers: Andy Blurton
& Ray Dagg

Our partners

Client: The Laurus Trust

Free School Operator: The Laurus Trust

Technical Advisor: Mace

Architect: Pozzoni

Structural Engineer: Ramboll

Environmental Services Consultant: Ramboll

Ecology Consultant: TEP

Landscape Architect: Dally Henderson

Please help us with safety

Construction sites can be dangerous. At BAM our top priority is the health and safety of everyone who works on our sites, the public and the local community affected by our work.

If you need to contact us, please ring us or call the site office but do not enter the site construction zone. Please make any children in your care aware that our building site is not a playground and that they must not enter the site. Thank you for your co-operation.

About BAM

BAM Construction is part of BAM Construct UK which is one of the country's largest construction services organisations with a turnover of more than £900 million. We operate throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Our European parent company is Royal BAM Group which employs over 25,000 people worldwide and has a turnover of €7billion.

The team building this schools project is made up of local people living across the North West and our regional office is in Salford. BAM have successfully delivered many school projects across the country over the last 5 years, and recent experiences in the region include the delivery of Kearsley Academy, MediaCity UTC and Crew e UTC. BAM are currently building four new schools for the Laurus Trust, namely Cheadle Hulme Primary School, Laurus Cheadle Hulme, Didsbury High School and Laurus Ryecroft.