

Laurus Ryecroft Secondary School Construction Site Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter, which aims to keep you up to date with what is happening on our site.

What we are building

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



Recent progress

The second phase of the modular temporary accommodation was successfully handover in August accommodating a further years intake of pupils

The main school construction is now well advanced with envelope consisting mainly of brickwork and cladding being completed over the next two months. External groundworks consisting of roads, hard and soft landscaping will be progressed over the next three months. Internally the main general classrooms and science laboratories to both to the secondary and sixth form are being fitted out across all floors. The main large spaces including the main hall, dining and dance studios are all being progressed with specialist items such as kitchen equipment due in during February. The sports hall has been constructed and will be fitted out over the next few months with specific sports related equipment

Activity on site is currently at its highest as the fit out works, internal mechanical and electrical works are being progressed on all available fronts.



What's next?

As the internal fit out continues over the next few months the emphasis will turn to final decoration and commissioning the main mechanical and electrical services. Delivery of specialist equipment and furniture will commence during late February. The external groundworks will continue around the building with the emphasis on forming the multi use games areas. The new incoming road from Lumb Lane will be connected into the existing road that connects Cryer Street



Construction activities

We will endeavour to minimise disruption during the construction process. We have registered 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 mainly from the new entrance established on Lumb Lane. As the project moves towards completion, Cryer Street will need to be used mainly for deliveries of furniture and specialist equipment. Deliveries will be co-ordinated and managed to minimise disruption on Lumb Lane and Cryer Street.

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 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 3% of all schools nationally based on 2019 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 and now has over 300 Year 7 and 8 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

Project Manager: Lee Benson

Senior Project Surveyor: Alex Christian

Project Planner: Mike Burgess

Design Manager: Lee Parker

Building Services Managers: Andy Blurton
Ray Dagg & Graham Tandy

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 Crewe UTC. BAM have completed building 3 schools for the Laurus Trust; Cheadle Hulme Primary School, Laurus Cheadle Hulme and Didsbury High School.