



Building for Success

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Welcome to the third edition of 'Building for Success', featuring the latest developments on our new build. You may have heard that our plans are on hold at the moment due to an LSC review so we thought we'd introduce this issue with the answers to some questions you might have about this.



Why do we have to temporarily suspend our new build programme?

Because the LSC is funding a large proportion of our new build project we are reliant on them to release the money to pay for the preparatory work. However the LSC has currently suspended funding for College new build projects until it carries out a review of its spending.

When will we know the outcome of the review?

The review is happening now and the results of this are expected in March. By early April we should have more information about our new build programme.

Why is the LSC carrying out this review?

The Building Colleges for the Future Programme has been so successful the LSC has been inundated with requests for funding meaning they have to prioritise projects. It therefore wants to review all of the current funding proposals in the pipeline to assess its priorities.

Does this mean that the new build might not happen?

Absolutely not. The funding for the Building Colleges for the Future Programme has already been allocated by the Government and is not being frozen, in fact it's recently been increased. This is simply a review of the current spending picture, and

in today's economic climate, it is understandable that the LSC wants to review its priorities. We know that we have a strong case and that the regional LSC is very supportive of our plans. Although it is a frustrating delay, we are sure that we will be able to plough ahead with the project after March.

What if the LSC decide in March that South Tyneside College is not a priority project and pulls the funding?

It is extremely unlikely that this will happen. We have a very strong case and we know that the regional LSC has said clearly that it's very supportive of our plans. We are confident that the LSC review will have a positive outcome for us.

What the New Build means for you

Every issue we will speak to staff about what the new build will mean for their department. This month we feature a department within the Marine College. Chris Thompson and his team in the Marine Simulation, Ports and Harbours department are looking forward to seeing the light in the forthcoming new build. The improvement to their working environment will be immense when alongside combining three facilities into one location staff will be able to enjoy daylight pouring through windows which their present building lacks. Simulator bridges are currently located at the Radar Station, porta cabins and in F block which means students are travelling between sites to train. The new building will

give the opportunity for the department to have a clear identity which will reflect the exceptional facilities they offer for students. Chris Thompson said, "The new building will enable us to reorganise the department and will greatly enhance the learning environment for both staff and students when we can combine all of the simulator bridges. It will be possible to create dedicated simulators for tug training for which there is an increasing demand. Students travel from across the world to take advantage of our specialised training and our new dedicated area will be able to cater for the growing need of highly trained marine professionals."



Land Sale sees New Nursery

A brand new nursery, creating several new jobs and offering up to 120 childcare places, is being created in South Tyneside thanks to the sale of College land.

Funds from the sale will contribute towards the College's new £102m state-of-the-art college across two campuses at Westoe and Hebburn.

Eammon Gribbens from South Shields, has brought a 0.2 acre site at the front of the College's Westoe Campus to develop a private nursery facility to service College staff and students. Westoe Village Kindergarten – as it will be known – is the second nursery developed by Eammon, who already owns Noah's Ark Nursery in West Park Road, South Shields.

Director of Estates, Jim Petterson, said: "We are delighted to have agreed this deal, which will create new jobs for South Tyneside, as well as providing staff and students with a valuable new childcare facility.

"Securing this sale is the latest step forward in our plans to rebuild a fantastic new training and education resource for South Tyneside."

Eammon Gribbens said: "We are extremely excited about getting this second site, which will help in the expansion of our business.

"This is a fantastic location for a nursery and we have lots of plans to develop it into an outstanding childcare facility for those who need it.

"We are currently advertising for new staff for the nursery and are hoping to open within the next six weeks."

Travel survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the travel survey.

Your responses helped us see how the staff and students get to the Westoe and Hebburn campuses.

It was interesting to see that 58% of staff from the Westoe campus and 72% from the Hebburn campus who completed the survey used their car to get to work alone. We do participate in a shared travel scheme, so if you know someone who lives next to you who can share your travelling to and from work please visit the shared travel section on the staff lounge on the blackboard site.

15% of staff at the Westoe campus and 5% of staff at Hebburn who completed the survey walk to work. We can all try and do our bit to help the environment and also make us a fitter college by walking or cycling to and from work whenever it is possible.

As the spring is approaching, why not start walking to work during National Walk to Work Week on 27th April to 1st May. Who knows, you just might enjoy it and you'll also be saving money.

1% of staff at our Westoe campus cycle to work and nobody from Hebburn does! So come on you Hebburn lot, get on your bikes and cycle to work!

In the new build we are looking at providing more bicycle storage and also making it more secure, so there will be no excuse!

Artist for the New Build

The votes are in and the results as are follows: Of the ten artists to choose from, Nick Turvey, Saga Arpino and Daniel Brown have been voted our top three.

The artists will now produce a piece of work to help us make a final decision about who will create the artwork to be displayed in College.



Nick Turvey - His current practice is a synthesis of various interests and previous experience, including architecture, film and ecology. A key aspect of Nick's practice as a glass artist is the study of syntax in nature, driven by questions about the relationship between consciousness and the organisation of physical matter, and the processes and patterns common to both. His work would suit the College in relation to his experience in creating large scale suspended glass pieces and his use of sound waves and the sea as his source of inspiration, reflecting subjects of Marine Engineering, Art and Design, Science and Music

To view more of Nicks work visit www.nickturvey.com

And if you happen to be visiting the area he has an exhibition in Oxford from March 17th until May 17th 2009

'Curved Glass' by Nick Turvey

Museum of the History of Science,
Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ

Saga Arpino - As an architectural glass artist Saga seeks to produce objects and architectural elements that will alter with changes in the ambient lighting conditions. Her work is often intended to act as a marker establishing the identity of a site, providing a sense of place.

Saga's artwork could create a focal piece at the entrance to the College's two sites, and or suspended or applied glass works within the interior spaces.

To view more of Saga's work visit her website at www.sagasstudio.net/index.html

Daniel Brown - A designer, programmer and artist, specialising in the fields of Creative Digital Technology and Interactive Design and Applied Arts. He was voted London Design Museum's UK Designer of the Year in 2004. Daniel has created a bespoke animation piece for the Aquatic Centre, Stadium Park Sunderland. His work can be made as a large scale projection piece onto the glazed areas or internal walls.

To view more of Daniel's work visit www.danielbrowns.com