

Welcome to this month's newsletter, regarding the progress being made on the construction of the Mildenhall Hub, a major national project to deliver a better school, improved leisure facilities, and integrated community and public services.

The multi-million pound project will create modern accessible services to people living in and around the town, and from the surrounding area, and includes a new school, children's centre, new leisure facilities, a health centre, facilities for Suffolk Police, West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, as well as a library, job centre and Citizen's Advice centre.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Works progress well within the leisure centre on the two pools with tiling to the surrounding floor and wall areas. Extensive tiling has also concluded in the changing room areas with commencement of the changing cubicles, seating and lockers. Mechanical and electrical items in the main sports hall and gym areas are also continuing.

Fixture and fittings are ongoing in zone two including communal, stairwells and main entrance areas. Lockers are being established for the police with ceiling panels ongoing in this zone to provide a final finish. These will provide a modern finish to the public sector facilities and childrens centre.

The main stairwell in the zone three atrium has also seen significant development since our last newsletter and will be one of the first things seen when entering the main building from this side. This is now ready for decoration and final fixtures and fittings. The automatic doors are also in place for the health centre entrance. Decorating and final finishes continue in the health centre, with a modern finish applied throughout. We have also received delivery and commenced installation for the main kitchen machinery which will service the canteen.

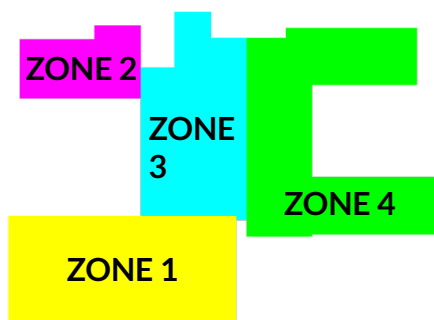
'Power on' is expected within the next few weeks following final installation of specialist subject items such as cooking appliance and gas taps. This will be a considerable milestone for this part of the development. Automatic doors have been installed at the main entrance points and decoration continues. Furniture installations in the classrooms for the three storey building are well underway with works on the second and third floors. Handrails have been installed in the Academy stairwells.



ZONES EXPLAINED

Public Sector Offices
Advice Centre
Children's Centre

Leisure Centre



Health Centre
Library
Community Facilities

Mildenhall Academy



STUDENT HOARDING COMPETITION

Students from Mildenhall Academy took part in a competition to design posters for use on hoarding artwork at the site which thank those who have played a key role during the pandemic. 25 designs were selected from over 50 entries and added to our site hoarding. Our thanks to Nicola Hood, Natalie Moles-Smith & the students at Mildenhall Academy for brightening things up!



NEXT STEPS

Works will continue in all areas as the project enters the final stage of construction with mechanical and electrical works ongoing in all areas. 'Power on' is expected within the Academy over the next few weeks as well as working towards completion in the main pool area, which are important milestones. Furniture, fixtures and equipment installations will also progress.



MENTAL HEALTH

Many of us are experiencing difficult emotions about coronavirus. This may be about getting sick, the government restrictions, or feeling hopeless about when the pandemic might end. We want to reassure those that are working on our site that support is there if needed. In partnership with MIND, members of our team have conducted mental health awareness training and are there should you need them or want to talk. Our mental health posters can be found throughout the site with further details



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For more information about the history of the Mildenhall Hub project go to www.mildenhallhub.info

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