NEWS

Mildenhall Hub Newsletter

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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 are now progressing swiftly on site with the external finish to zones one and two completing in the coming weeks. There has been completed transformation to the aesthetics of zone one (the Leisure Centre) which now has a modern grey cladding finish accompanied by a timber cladding finish to the main sports hall. Works have also progressed with the installation of the 3G Sports Pitch to the west of the main building. Works to the swimming pool also progress well, with all pool pans (on the internal surround of the pool) now installed. The pool liner will be carefully installed over the coming weeks. Changing areas are also progressing well.

Mechanical and Electrical works have also progressed extensively, with the establishment of the impressive plant room that will engine the entire building. There are a number of environmental features to improve sustainability, including solar PV panels on the roof, which have now been installed.

Works to the Academy (zone four) are also full steam ahead, with furniture now being installed and flooring/tiling works commencing which will provide a professional finish. Mechanical and Electrical final fix is also happening within the Academy which will ensure future proofed connections for the Academy going forward.

Zones two and three are also progressing well with plastering works now completed in these areas and raised floors installed ahead of a final floor finish. Mechanical and Electrical early phase works will conclude in these areas over the coming weeks before moving on to the final phases.

Utilities are also progressing well on-site with water works nearing completion. Electricity, Gas and Data connections are also well under way, with associated partners delivering these works well.

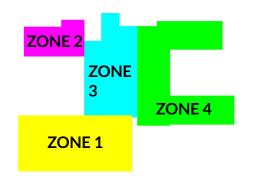
Works have commenced on the pre-school adjacent to the main building. We have completed the demolition phase and works progress on the reconfiguration of the floor area to accommodate the early years school.



ZONES EXPLAINED

Public Sector Offices Advice Centre Children's Centre

Leisure Centre



Health Centre Library **Community Facilities**

Mildenhall Academy



NEXT STEPS

Planned works in zone four include continued radiator installations and vinyl floor finishes to the ground floor. Fire sprinkler installation will also finalise on the first and second floors. The Academy will also continue it's furniture fitting programme which will provide the final classroom provision for Academy students and staff.

Works on the ceiling grids in the NHS area of zone three will progress, concealing the many services of the building above and providing a professional finish. Door installations will also continue over the coming weeks. Sub-contractors are also completing the floor finishes and internal decoration to zone two.

Final external cladding and window works will finalise to the leisure centre ahead of progressing internal finishes, including tiling within the changing and pool areas. The pool finish will complete over the next two months which will be a significant milestone for this area.









BACK TO SCHOOL

It's back to the classroom for staff and students at Mildenhall College Academy and the start of a school year that will see them move to their new hub home. Academy principal Nicola Hood said - "The hub and all the good things it brings together, is so important to me, my staff, our students and our wider academy family. Finally, the students and the community of Mildenhall are going to have an educational building that reflects the outstanding work and achievements of our staff and students."



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