



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear parents/carers,

The new building update

The installation of the new building is going very well despite the delay due to COVID-19 where we have had to delay the handover from October 2020 to January 2021. This delay was unavoidable where contractors were put on lockdown twice and manufacturing also closed creating product shortage. The new building will be replacing 3 very old demountable buildings that are well past their life cycle where 2 of the 3 have been in operation for 20 plus years. One of these demountable buildings was the Drama block that has been removed to make way for the new building. This led to a number of temporary and permanent moves within the school.

Drama are now in their new permanent position alongside Dance and this is working very well and Drama are very happy with their new area. The move of Drama into their new area meant that PPE have been temporally moved to one of the demountable buildings awaiting their new location in the new building. This demountable will be demolished along with the 3rd demountable that was a Science Lab after the new building has been handed over to the school. The existing Science lab was located away from the rest of the Science department, the newly refurbished Science lab (see image) that was the staff room is now in the Science block that has please the Science team. The existing staff room has been moved to the Main Building and had an excellent refurbishment.

The new building is progressing and will be fully weather tight by October half term. The brickwork is progressing well and all windows are in. The concentration is now the internal fit where all rooms have been formed and the mechanical services are being installed. Final connection to electrical and mechanical areas that are currently in the live school will go ahead over the October half term. The contractors will be starting on landscaping over the October half term.

Attached are images of both external and internal views of the new building including our new Science Lab 51 and staff room.

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