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# THE FUTURE

- The Turberville Building Project
- Sports Facilities Redevelopment





# Introduction

This year marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Eltham College; it may also prove to be one of the most significant years in the College's history as we begin several projects which are designed to secure our future as one of the leading independent schools in the country.

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Academic excellence has always been at the heart of the education we offer. With the long awaited replacement of the Jubilee Block, our facilities will match the quality of our teaching with modern, bright classrooms, seminar rooms and a Sixth Form Centre.

Outstanding schools are never just about academic work and results. I am pleased, therefore, that alongside this new development, the governors have committed to ensuring that the focus on the welfare of individual student remains a defining characteristic of Eltham College. A new Medical and Well-being Pavilion will provide a vital hub for the support we offer students.

The third phase of these changes will see improvements for all three core sports with Cricket, Hockey and Rugby all gaining enhanced facilities through the generosity of an anonymous sponsor. In recent years, the College has benefited from exceptional coaching as the partnership with local professional and amateur sports clubs has developed. Now, through the support of these clubs and this significant donation, sporting facilities at Eltham College will be among the best anywhere.

I hope this booklet will give you a sense of what is envisaged and how the changes will be managed. More importantly, I hope it conveys a clear message that, although the outward appearance of the College will change, our core values and priorities will not. At the end of this, the College will still be one that I hope those who have gone before us would recognise and admire.

Guy Sanderson



Guy Sanderson



# History

Since Eltham College became a fully independent school in 1976 the Governors have overseen a comprehensive programme of development of both the buildings and the grounds and this latest phase continues the careful work of previous generations.

The College has converted dormitories to art studios and classrooms (1979), added an additional teaching wing and hall to the Junior School (2004), extended King George's Hall (2008) and upgraded the changing rooms in the London Marathon Pavilion (2012).

Larger scale additions have included the Antony Barnard Hall (1989), the Eric Liddell Sports Centre (1995) and more recently the Gerald Moore Gallery (2012).

These projects have been achieved through a combination of careful management of resources, judicious borrowing and the generosity of Elthamians and parents.



1979 Dudley Witting Swimming Pool



1999 Mervyn Peake Library



2004 Junior School teaching wing and hall



2012 Gerald Moore Gallery





# The Turberville Building

To mark the centenary of the year when boys moved from Blackheath to their new home in the former Royal Naval School in Mottingham, the College launched a campaign to raise the funds to replace the Sixth Form Centre and Jubilee Block.

The result will be the new Turberville building on the west side of the Old Quad with a new colonnade linking it to existing buildings. Right at the centre of the building will be a triple-height, glazed atrium, which will create a stunning link between the quad and the playing fields to the east as well as giving direct access to the David Robins Sixth Form Centre. New landscaped areas will provide seating for students as well as a calm focus at the heart of the school, with the iconic statues of Speed and Power re-positioned in a raised bed, and the much-loved statue of Mendelssohn moved to watch over musicians as they enter the Music School.

The new building will be named after Geoffrey Turberville, the longest serving Headmaster in Eltham College's history who steered the school through the turbulent years from 1930–1959. The decision to name the building after him recognises his great contribution to our history but also emphasises our intention that Eltham College should continue to cherish the qualities he represented: academic scholarship, Christian faith and a conviction that every student matters.

The College has secured funding for this project and work will commence in July 2017.



Geoffrey Turberville

# Languages and Mathematics

## LANGUAGES

The ability to understand and to engage with other cultures has never been more important in our rapidly changing world. Latin and Ancient Greek have long provided a foundation to understanding our own western heritage and roots while the range of modern languages at Eltham College has meant that students have always been encouraged to engage with the world beyond our shores. These new facilities will ensure that we will be able to offer more opportunities for our students to become immersed in language study with specialist teaching and one to one practice rooms for the whole range of languages on offer at Eltham College: French, German, Italian, Latin, Ancient Greek, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish.

## MATHEMATICS

The number of pupils taking Mathematics in the Sixth Form has increased dramatically in recent years, perhaps unsurprisingly, given that it is a key facilitating subject. Mathematics will now enjoy a purpose-built home with bright classrooms where students can learn in a space that meets their current needs and the growing demand for technology in classrooms.



The Turberville Building



# The David Robins Sixth Form Centre

At the centre of the Turberville Building will be the David Robins Sixth Form Centre, named after the President and one of the major donors of our Centenary Campaign. The centre also recognises David's contribution as a former Chairman of Governors.

Sixth Form life is an important transitional time for students as they prepare for university and life beyond Eltham College. The new centre has been designed with this transition in mind: it will have dedicated seminar spaces providing a venue for lectures and

discussions with visiting speakers, as well as specialist areas for careers and university advice. Additionally, there will be study spaces to encourage independent and collaborative learning and a spacious social area and café.



The David Robins Sixth Form Centre

# Medical and Well-being Pavilion

At Eltham College we want all students to have the opportunity to explore, grow and discover their own direction. While we give them the space to thrive and the encouragement to try anything, we also have a strong reputation for providing them with specialist help when needed.



Medical and Well-being Pavilion

In recognition of this we have designed a new purpose-built Medical and Well-being Pavilion, which will be built alongside the new Turberville Building with:

- A medical treatment room for our skilled nursing staff
- Rest rooms and quiet rooms for students
- Discrete spaces for trained counsellors
- Centre for the Chaplaincy
- Dedicated spaces for Special Educational Needs (SEN) learning

Giving students the space and support they need when they feel unwell, may want to have a confidential chat or need additional support, is crucial to their overall happiness and learning during their time at the College.



# Sports Facilities\*

Eltham College has an outstanding reputation for opportunity and excellence across a wide range of sports. We are proud of this sporting success and the fact that we have produced sportsmen and women who have represented their County, England or Great Britain, most recently in Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Fencing, Athletics and Ski-racing.

Coaching in a range of sports is given to all students from the moment they begin at the College. Our students also benefit from the expertise of a growing number of professional players and dedicated sports coaches, who bring with them their experience of playing at national and international level. Elite sportsmen and women are also given extensive fitness training, personalised strength and conditioning and detailed advice on nutrition. The privilege of having nearly 70 acres of grounds surrounding the College, as well as a dedicated Sports Centre, means that we have

plenty of space for students to undertake their sporting pursuits.

We are also unique as a school in having three sports clubs on site; Old Elthamians Rugby, Old Elthamians Cricket, and Blackheath and Old Elthamians Hockey. It is the ambition of Old Elthamian sports clubs to continue to climb through the regional and national divisions.

Through the support of a very generous anonymous donation, three of our core sports will receive substantial new facilities.



## RUGBY

- An extension to College Meadow to create a two-storey pavilion with improved viewing and catering
- A 300-seat covered grandstand
- An all-weather 3G artificial pitch with improved pitch lighting
- Refurbished changing and treatment rooms
- A new strength and conditioning room and additional physiotherapy rooms
- Lecture space

## HOCKEY

- A second Hockey astro pitch to enable more students to participate in Hockey and for the College to host more Hockey tournaments
- Practice and warm-up area
- A new pavilion, with additional changing, in the centre of the school site, for shared use with Cricket

## CRICKET

- Additional practice nets
- A new pavilion, with additional changing and storage, in the centre of the school site, to be shared with Hockey

The benefits to all students at Eltham College from the expertise and modern facilities of these top level sports clubs is immense. With the new phase of development to the existing buildings and pitches, students of all ability levels and ages will have improved facilities for training and match days, while the input and coaching from on-site professional clubs will continue to provide a clear pathway for those students who wish to pursue sport at an elite level.



\* subject to planning approval and donations



# Project Time-line



# Questions

**1. WHEN WILL THE BUILDING WORK BEGIN AND WHEN WILL IT BE FINISHED?**

The builders will arrive on site on 7 July 2017, after the Summer Term has finished. Demolition of the existing Jubilee Block, Sixth Form Centre, the White House and prefabs will take place over the summer break. All major demolition work is scheduled to be completed before Michaelmas Term commences in September 2017. The whole redevelopment has a project time-line of 18 months, with the new buildings scheduled to open in January 2019.

**2. WHEN WILL THE DEVELOPMENT TO COLLEGE MEADOW BEGIN AND WHEN WILL IT BE FINISHED?**

The start of the redevelopment work at College Meadow will depend on the outcome of our planning application. At present the project plan assumes that we might receive planning in May at the earliest. There are then three parallel pieces of work – the works to the fields and the installation of the artificial surfaces and car parking, the works to College Meadow Pavilion itself, and the construction of the new pavilion. We won't know the exact timeframes until nearer the time, but the expectation is that works would run from May/June 2017 through to the spring of 2018.

**3. WILL THE COLLEGE BE MAKING ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY BECAUSE OF THE BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT?**

Despite the scale of this project, it is a very important part of the brief to the architects and the construction contractors that there must be no effect on daily school life. This means that there will be no timetabling changes to the school day due to the building development.

**4. WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO THE TERM DATES FOR 2017/18 AND 2018/19 DUE TO THE BUILD?**

The current term dates outlined on our website should remain the same. In the unlikely event that changes are necessary, they will be communicated in advance and days lost or gained will be compensated for later in the year.

**5. WHICH CLASSROOMS WILL STUDENTS USE WHILE THE BUILDING IS BEING REDEVELOPED?**

A set of temporary buildings will be situated on the playing fields adjacent to the tennis courts for the duration of the build. These include ten standard classrooms, two music rooms, a Sixth Form common room, offices, a medical room and toilets. The foundations for these temporary rooms will be prepared during the Easter holidays and the new buildings will be brought onto the site from the May half-term break.

**6. WILL THE TEMPORARY BUILDINGS COMPROMISE TEACHING AND LEARNING?**

Absolutely not. The priorities throughout this project are the education and safety of existing students. During the latter part of the Summer Term the facilities team, IT team and teaching staff will be working together to transfer resources, IT equipment and all teaching and learning materials into the temporary classrooms, ready for the start of the Michaelmas Term 2017.

**7. HOW WILL STUDENTS ACCESS THE TEMPORARY BUILDINGS?**

A staffed, designated crossing to allow students and staff access to the playing fields, temporary classrooms and the Junior School is factored into the project plan. It will provide a safe crossing point across the construction access road. It will be closed by site staff whenever construction vehicles need to pass, and there will be designated times (including break and lunchtimes) when it will always remain open for student and staff use. The site compound and access area will be sealed off to the rest of the school at all times.

**8. HOW WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO ACCESS OTHER PARTS OF THE COLLEGE, ENSURING THAT THEY ARE SAFE AT ALL TIMES? (FOR EXAMPLE, JUNIOR SCHOOL BOYS COMING TO KING GEORGE'S HALL FOR LUNCH)**

The construction area and builders' compound site will be fenced off throughout the project and accessible only to site workers, although we are planning for some viewing panels that will provide some visibility of the transformation happening inside. All tools and materials will be securely stored within the site compound. The access route between the Junior and Senior School will be around the front of the main College Building, through the specially designed gateway in the construction access road (see above), and alongside the temporary classrooms, re-joining the current path near the tennis courts. Parents who have children to collect from both the Junior and Senior School may also use this access route. All routes will be clearly signposted.



# Questions

## 9. HOW WILL THE COLLEGE MANAGE THE NOISE SO AS TO NOT DISRUPT CLASSES TAKING PLACE NEAR THE BUILDING SITE?

The main reason for delaying the start of this project was to ensure that the noisiest part of the work, namely the demolition phase, would take place during the holidays. Inevitably there will be some noise created from the building work but we would hope that much of this would be isolated within the site compound, away from the main school. In timetabling classes, we will seek to rotate students so that they are in the proximity of build for only part of each day. Examinations take place in the Sports Hall which is at the furthest point from the construction area and we do not expect this to be affected.

## 10. HOW WILL THE COLLEGE MANAGE THE IMPACT OF RUBBISH, DUST AND BUILDING DEBRIS ON THE SITE?

All building waste and debris will be dealt with inside the construction compound and will leave the site along the construction access road. During the demolition period over the summer holiday there will be a significant number of lorries removing waste from the site on a daily basis. After this period, waste removal will be organised by the contractors as required. We expect the worst of the dust to be during the demolition and are taking measures to protect the rest of the site. Once school returns in September 2017 we expect dust outside the compound to be minimal or non-existent.

## 11. WHAT IMPACT WILL THERE BE ON CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AND SPORTS FIXTURES DURING THE REDEVELOPMENT? WILL THE COLLEGE STILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SAME BREADTH OF OPPORTUNITIES DURING THIS TIME?

The day-to-day operations at the College will not change and we will still offer the full breadth of co-curricular activities. Access routes and building compounds have been designed to minimise the impact on sport and we have worked closely with Sport England in planning this. During the build we will lose the long jump pit and one Cricket square, and two Rugby pitches will have a shortened dead ball area. Access to the sports fields will be maintained at all times through the special gateway in the construction access road. There will be no construction activity at weekends, when there will continue to be full access to the sports fields.

## 12. HOW WILL THE COLLEGE MEADOW REDEVELOPMENT AFFECT SPORTS FIXTURES?

During the College Meadow development the College will not have access to two rugby pitches while they have an artificial surface installed. The College has ample rugby pitches for matches to take place so we will look to minimise the disruption to College sports activities by carefully timetabling how we use the rest of the site, and working closely with the OE Sports Clubs to manage the timetabling of fixtures and the impact on the playing surfaces.

## 13. WILL ANY ACTIVITIES NEED TO BE CANCELLED AND REARRANGED DURING THE BUILD? WHAT PROVISION HAS BEEN AGREED FOR THIS?

The only anticipated changes will result from not being able to erect a marquee and therefore we are considering alternative venues for Speech Day, Junior School Prizegiving, the Leavers' Ball and the Summer Concert.

## 14. WILL THERE BE AN IMPACT ON ACCESS AND PARKING FOR PARENTS DROPPING/PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL?

We will be restricting works access so that no large vehicles will enter or exit the College during the key drop-off and pick-up times. If you are visiting the site during the day however, you should be aware that the main gateway to the College is also the entry point for the construction team and you will need to follow the directions of any banksman controlling construction access.

## 15. WILL THERE STILL BE ACCESS AND PARKING AT COLLEGE MEADOW VIA THE MARVELS LANE ENTRANCE?

College Meadow will still be accessible from Marvels Lane. When the contractors are appointed they will be asked to prepare site management plans that make provision for safe, ongoing parking and access.

## 16. WILL SIXTH FORM STUDENTS STILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE TO THE COLLEGE AND PARK IN THE ALLOCATED SIXTH FORM PARKING SPACES?

The existing Sixth Form car park will become the contractor entrance and exit and part of the site compound for the duration of the work. Sixth Form students wishing to continue to drive to school will be issued with permits and requested to park at College Meadow, using the Marvels Lane entrance to the site.

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## 17. WILL THERE STILL BE A DEDICATED SOCIAL AND STUDY SPACE FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS WHILE THE BUILDING WORK TAKES PLACE?

Yes, a temporary Sixth Form common room and Sixth Form offices are included in the suite of temporary buildings and full academic and pastoral support will continue uninterrupted by the building works.

## 18. WHERE WILL STUDENTS ACCESS WELL-BEING SUPPORT ONCE THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED?

Medical and treatment rooms and offices are included in the suite of temporary buildings. A new Medical and Well-being Pavilion will be constructed as part of the main project and will occupy the site of the current Cricket Pavilion.

## 19. HOW IS THE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDED? IS THIS FROM SCHOOL FEES?

The College is funding the development from a long-term bank loan, secured against the site, and based on a clear financial plan for the coming years. We have been able to reduce the loan requirement following a number of generous donations from alumni and friends of the College. The development of the sports facilities will be dependent on donations towards the project.

## 20. WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL ON-SITE SECURITY DURING THE BUILDING WORKS?

The building contractors will be required to put in place security arrangements for the compound, including intruder alarms etc. We are taking advice on whether additional security will be required for the rest of the site, on top of our existing arrangements which include intruder alarms, CCTV and regular patrols of the site.

## 21. WHO ARE THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND ARE THEIR EMPLOYEES DBS CHECKED?

The contractors have not yet been appointed – we will announce their identity as soon as this process has been completed next spring. The site foreman and any other key contacts for College staff will be DBS checked. The wider construction team will not have checks as they will be supervised at all times and will not be in contact with students. There will also be a set of agreed protocols which the College will monitor closely.

## 22. WHO WILL BE THE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT AT THE COLLEGE DURING THE BUILDING WORKS, IF PARENTS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THEY WISH TO RAISE?

Please direct any queries to the Bursar, Mrs Susan Roxby [smr@eltham-college.org.uk](mailto:smr@eltham-college.org.uk)

## 23. WHAT CONTINGENCY PLAN DOES THE COLLEGE HAVE IN PLACE SHOULD THE TIME-LINE FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT BE SET BACK?

We have built in a generous time contingency. We have permission to retain use of the temporary accommodation if necessary.

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