

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the bulletin brief of Strule Shared Education Campus, Omagh. Each quarter we will update you on progress at SSEC and keep you informed about exciting developments on site. Over the past few months SSEC has taken significant steps forward, appointing WYG Integrated Consultancy Team in December 2015, completing demolition across the site and advancing the overall campus design. Next steps include refining the site masterplan, completing detailed designs for core schools and determining the number and type of sports pitches. The campus has an ambitious but achievable timetable and remains on track to open in 2020.

ARVALEE SCHOOL AND RESOURCE CENTRE

Work is progressing well at Arvalee School and Resource Centre and we remain on target for opening in September 2016.

A sample classroom was recently fitted out to allow some students and the School Leadership team to get a sense of what their new facilities will be like.



DESIGN AND PLANNING

Work around design, traffic and environmental matters has progressed significantly, and we will be submitting details to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council by July 2016. Work is ongoing with schools to refine the site masterplan and the detailed building design. We aim to make these plans publicly available in early Autumn 2016.

TRAFFIC

Construction of land required for the Strathroy Link Road (being taken forward by Transport NI) remains on programme for completion in 2018.

Plans for traffic management in and around the campus are progressing and we have been working closely with Transport NI, Translink and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Planning Department to ensure cohesive and well thought out solutions are put in place.

OWNERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Department has been working closely with the school authorities to develop future arrangements for campus ownership, governance and management. Details are set out in a Memorandum of Agreement which was formally signed off by the school authorities and the Department during May 2016.

ARVALEE PUPILS TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

For the past few months pupils from Arvalee School and Resource Centre have been designing and building a Woodland Walkway on the ground of their new school at Strule Shared Education Campus.

Joiners from Woodvale Construction Company Ltd have been helping year 11 and 12 pupils build bird boxes, a bug mansion and tree stump seats, along with their woodwork teacher. They have also been busily planting bulbs and creating signage. A willow walkway has also been transplanted from the old school site to bring an element of familiarity to the new grounds.

The Woodland Walkway will be a lasting legacy for the children and will be an important educational resource for the school throughout the seasons. I look forward to exploring the new walkway with our students.

Jonathan Gray, Arvalee Principal

SOCIAL RETURN (ARVALEE)



4 APPRENTICES EMPLOYED



32 WORK PLACEMENT WEEKS



6 LONG TERM UNEMPLOYED PLACEMENTS



80 STUDENT PLACEMENT WEEKS

