

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Bulletin Brief of Strule Shared Education Campus, Omagh - your update on progress at Strule. Positive momentum continues with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council granting full planning approval at the end of 2016. The Site Preparations Works Contract has recently been awarded and development of the Education Model is also well underway.

In the coming months we intend to submit the planning application for the Gortin Road widening (view concept proposals [here](#)), and award the contract for work to begin on the Strathroy Link Road.

OMAGH FIRM AWARDED SITE PREPARATIONS WORK CONTRACT

Fox Building and Engineering Ltd has been awarded the contract to prepare the Strule site in anticipation of the Main Building Works, due to begin late 2017. Operations will include ecology protection, site clearance, earthworks to adjust the site to required levels and on site infrastructure works.

Work is due to commence in March 2017, with a view to completing by December 2017.

Strule is fully committed to Buy Social, which means social clauses will be built into all contracts awarded over a particular threshold.

Buy Social targets have been set for Fox Building and Engineering Ltd to ensure opportunities, such as work experience, apprenticeships and jobs are created for new entrant trainees.

For more information visit: buysocialni.org



DESIGN AND PLANNING

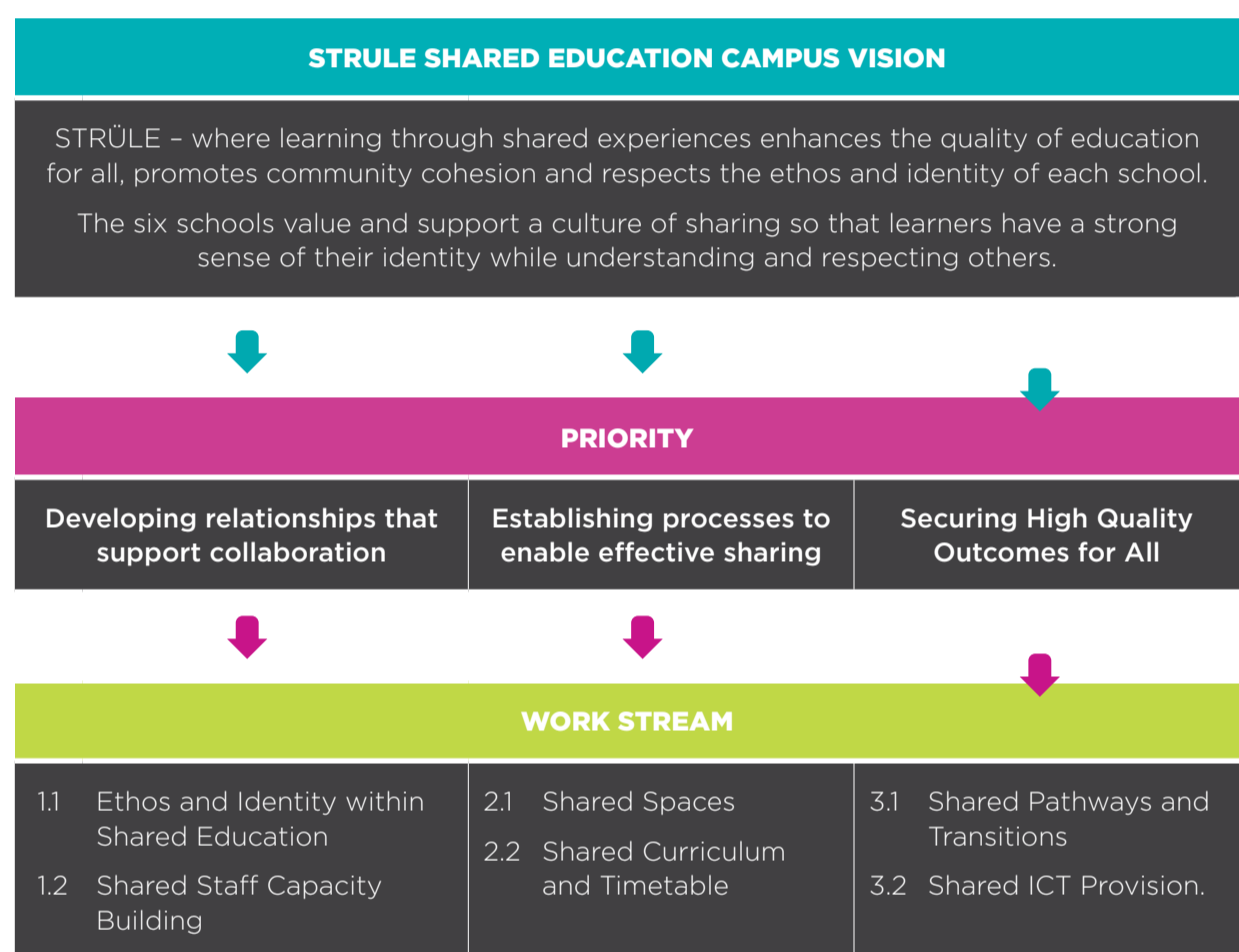
All six of the schools involved have played a significant role in developing the site masterplan, core school, shared education centre and sports facilities designs. Final detailed designs (RIBA Stage 3) for the remaining five schools and shared education centre and sports facilities are now complete.

There are intentions to showcase these designs publicly later in the year.

EDUCATION MODEL

The Education Model continues to evolve and is structured so that all work can be mapped back to an educational vision for the Strule Shared Education Campus.

The vision is supported by three priorities, each of which is actioned through two focused workstreams. This can be seen in the diagram below:



BETT CONFERENCE

Representatives from the six schools attended the BETT conference in London on the 25th and 26th January.

The purpose of the visit was to explore emerging technologies and their application in the classroom so that the schools will be able to plan how best to utilise the IT resources to support teaching and learning when they migrate to the Strule Campus.

The group viewed a wide range of hardware and software solutions and have prepared a report for presentation to the Principals' group. This work will now inform the implementation of the High Level ICT Strategy for the shared campus.

