

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Strule Bulletin - your update on progress at Strule.

Progress on the programme continues with designs for the remaining five schools and shared facilities finalised. This follows extensive stakeholder engagement and consultation between the design team and a wide range of stakeholder groups.

In September 2017 the Department for Education announced a provisionally revised date of September 2021 for completion. The Programme Management Team continue to work against a challenging backdrop, and we are working closely with government colleagues to maintain momentum.

EDUCATION MODEL

Development of the Education Model continues in close partnership with the six schools.

The shared senior leadership group meets weekly to progress the education model development plan and this work focuses on developing the shared curriculum and the use of shared spaces. In addition the group is exploring shared pathways and transitions to ensure that all pupils will be able to maximise the opportunities that will be created through shared provision. Work is also progressing on developing approaches to shared ICT provision with a focus on collaborative eLearning and infrastructure design.

A Shared Students Council is under development and a working group of pupils and staff have met to decide how the Council will be structured and how it will conduct its business. Further meetings are planned for early 2018.

A suite of staff development opportunities have been provided with a tailored programme of collaborative leadership programmes for senior and middle leadership. To date over 30 staff have participated in programmes for senior and middle leaders with another 20 staff from across the schools due to commence in a second cohort in early 2018.



PUBLIC EXHIBITION

A Staff Preview Evening and Public Exhibition were held in Omagh on 15th and 16th November 2017.

The events were attended by over 250 people including school staff and students, parents and the local community.

Exhibition boards showcased school and shared facility designs, while an animated fly through brought the entire campus to life, capturing the scale of the project in an easily understood format.

There was also an opportunity for attendees to fully immerse themselves in the campus through virtual reality (VR) headsets.

School pupils also contributed to the event, providing artwork based around the campus ethos of Broadening Horizons, and an interactive VR experience where attendees could explore the Shared Sports Centre interpreted through Minecraft.

The animated fly through and exhibition boards can be viewed [here](#).



CONSTRUCTION

Site Preparation Works

Local firm, Fox Building and Engineering Ltd, are currently working towards completion of the Site Preparation Works in 2018. This is largely a civil engineering works contract and is key in preparing the site for the Main Building Works contract.

Strathroy Link Road

The new Strathroy Link Road (SLR) is required to facilitate the anticipated increased traffic flow as a result of the campus development, providing a significant improvement to the road infrastructure in the area.

The SLR contract was awarded to Fox Building and Engineering Ltd in June 2017 and includes a new stretch of road and a bridge linking the Strathroy Road and Derry Road across the river Strule.

SLR construction is well underway with contract completion scheduled for the autumn of 2018.

