



Visualisation of how a teaching space could look

Lee Evans Partnership is the architect for BSF School Community College Whitstable - 25/11/08

Lee Evans Partnership is a member of the consortium that will deliver the first phase of Kent's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme and is the architect for Community College Whitstable, one of the 10 schools included in this phase.

The signing of the contract on 27 October between Kent County Council (KCC), Building Schools for the Future Investments (BSFI) and Land Securities Trillium (LST) / Northgate Education (NE), means that construction can now begin to completely rebuild or substantially refurbish the schools included in Phase 1. KCC has formed a Local Education Partnership (LEP) with LST, NE and BSFI, to manage the delivery of current programme and lead on the development of further proposals.

The ambitious plans to transform education in Kent will benefit generations of students by creating inclusive, flexible learning spaces with groundbreaking information and communications infrastructures.

At Community College Whitstable high quality new accommodation, designed for new ways of learning, will replace worn-out unsuitable environments and retained older buildings will be fully refurbished, remodelled and extended. The elements of new build will be skilfully integrated in a holistic approach to create a cohesive campus centred on a dramatic courtyard that provides a focus for the whole school whilst maximising fantastic views over Whitstable and the Thames Estuary. Spaces have been designed as multi-use in order to achieve maximum flexibility and usage. The innovative internal and external areas are intended to inspire creativity and learning. The design demonstrates just how much can be achieved as the result of a highly committed partnership between the local community, staff, students, client and the design team. It reflects their ownership, aspirations and desire to transform the college into the 'Beacon on the Hill', a beacon which will offer the local community easy access to Lifelong Learning opportunities and other extra curricular resources.

For more information about the BSF programme in Kent, visit www.kent.gov.uk/bsf.

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