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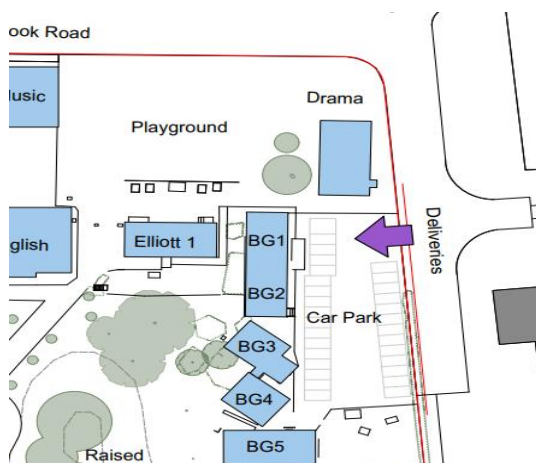
Dear Parents and Carers

Upper School Buildings Update

I am pleased to be writing to update you on the progress of our new canteen on the King's Oak Academy upper school site.

It was originally intended that the new facility would open April/May 2022, but this is now planned for the start of the new academic year 2022. This delay is due to the current pandemic and economic climate and the impact it has had on the construction industry and availability of suitably qualified contractors who could tender. I am pleased to report, that a contractor has now been appointed to undertake these works.

Since my previous update, the demolition of the decommissioned *BG buildings* and *Elliott 1* building took place during Summer 2021 leaving the ground ready for the build to commence.



Following the demolition of these buildings, the Cabot Learning Federation and the Academy have been working with the design team to create a facility that our students will enjoy using.

The new facility will comprise of a new dining hall space including an external seated area under a canopy, student WCs, kitchen, and associated staff area.

A video of the canteen design can be found by clicking the following [link](#).



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The works to provide this new facility will take place during the summer. Understandably these works may cause some disruption during the academy day, however, we will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Music Block Toilets & Indoor Seating Areas

Unfortunately, this toilet area is no longer suitable for student use and plans are now underway for refurbishment to create a new, toilet area. In the interim, please would you ask your child to use the following toilets areas that remain open throughout the school day:

Middle School (Year 7/8)	Inside the Middle School building (C-Block) in the LRC area.
Upper School (Year 9-11)	Outside C-Block toilet building
All years	BG block
Disabled / Access Toilets	Student Reception, E-Block (next to EG1) and Music Block these will remain open for students that require disabled access arrangements.
PE changing rooms	Open during PE lessons

We also recognise that whilst we wait for the new canteen to open, there is limited indoor social time seating/eating areas. To overcome this problem, we are in the process of re-locating Drama lessons to an alternative venue and re-designing this teaching space into an indoor eating area for students to use at break and lunchtime. The Learning Resource Centre (LRC, located within the Middle School) will remain open for students to relax, read and socialise with their friends in and we are also opening AG8 (computer room) so that our Year 11 students can complete their own, independent study during the lunchtime period if required.

If you have any questions with regards to the proposals, please email koa.principal@clf.uk or join our upcoming coffee mornings (Middle School 10 March / Upper School 17 March at 08:50-10:00am).

I'd like to thank you in advance for your support during these developments for our King's Oak Academy buildings.

Kind regards



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