

News Bulletin

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Programme Update

The majority of the piling works is completed along with the installation of the capping beams.

The Bulk excavation to the Art Block and Fitness block is now completed with the raft slab construction incorporating underground drainage and vertical lining walls to the Art Block progressing well.

The extension works to the existing NWR vent shaft are progressing well.

Our Tower crane was successfully erected over the weekend of the 11th and 12th October 2014 as programmed.



Next 4 Weeks

Over the course of the next four weeks, the works on site will consist of the following:

The remaining bulk excavation to the pool area and the removal of earth off site.



The Raft slab construction to the Art Block and Fitness block will be progressing along with the installation of the Fair Faced Concrete lining walls to the Art Block.

The concrete superstructure works to the Art Block will commence.

The breaking out of the existing pile caps along the existing school building will progress.

Vent Shaft

As part of the agreement with Network Rail we are required to install an absorption deck over the railway tracks in order to carry out the demolition and reconstruction of the existing vent shaft which is located on the Grove End Road elevation. As highlighted in our last News Bulletin, these works can only be carried out when Network Rail agree to a track closure.

The track closure dates which have been agreed and which we have received a Section 61 agreement from WCC are the 25th and 26th October 2014, 1st and 2nd November 2014, 1st December 2014 and finally 7th / 8th December 2014.

All of these dates are Saturday night / Sunday mornings and we will have to carry out these works between the hours of 1.00am and 6.00am.

The works involved will require the use of the Tower Crane but we are confident that the impact on the neighbouring environment will be kept to a minimum as the majority of the work will actually be carried out within the Vent Shaft.



Interesting Facts

53,200 Man hours worked to date with no accidents or incidents recorded.

10,200 tonnes of earth taken off site since works commenced in May 2014.

An average of 1000 vehicle movements has taken place on and off site since we commenced our works with no recorded impact to the neighbouring environment.

Tower Crane structure was installed in one day.

No movement has been noted on the NWR tunnel during our works to date.

Community

As highlighted in our previous News Bulletin we had our first Considerate Constructors visit back in August. We have now received their formal report which has shown the project in a very positive light and we achieved a 'Beyond Compliance'score, which was well received.

We are continuing to improve all aspects of our performance both on site and around the local community and have taken on board some of the recommendations discussed with the CCS auditor.

We have held an 'Occupational Health' screening day on site where all the staff and work force were given the opportunity to visit an onsite nurse and have their blood pressure, sugar levels, lung capacity and cholesterol checked. There was a 100% uptake on the scheme and the feedback has been very positive. We intend to carry out several more similar screening days in the near future.



We have arranged for a 'Foundation Celebration' to be held on the 14th November 2014 and this will give us the opportunity to celebrate an important milestone on our programme where we will have completed the sub structure works to the Art Block and getting ready for the next phase of the works which will be the superstructure.

The celebration will give ISG the opportunity to engage the client, design team and contractors so that everyone involved in the process get the recognition that they deserve for all the hard work that has gone in so far.



Spotlight on George Hirons



My name is George Hirons. I'm 20 years old and from Rugby, Warwickshire. I'm currently a 3rd year undergraduate student at the University of Reading studying a degree in BSc Construction Management.

Within my degree, students have the opportunity to take a year out from study and gain some firsthand experience by working inside the industry.

For me, I felt that undertaking a 12 month placement as part of my degree is a fantastic opportunity to enhance my future opportunities within Construction.

I have been recruited by ISG as a Construction Management Placement Trainee, and have been added to the construction team based at the American School in London for the 12 month duration.

During my time on site I have had the opportunity to get involved with all different aspects that go towards a successful construction project. I have been issued personal responsibilities and tasks, I have learnt to work effectively within a team, and I have gained firsthand experience of working on an exciting and challenging project inside the country's capital.

I believe that I will go into my final year of university with a greater knowledge of my subject area, and the experiences I have gained during my time will be very useful when applying for future work opportunities



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