

Ellis Guilford School remodelled for the 21st century

The first phase of works to transform Ellis Guilford School has reached completion.

The £12m refurbishment project was funded through the former Government's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

The outdoor space has been remodelled to create a 'town square' which provides a central social hub and focal point.

The state of the art school which caters for 1350 pupils aged 11 – 16 now includes a new Maths, English and Humanities building featuring 30 new classrooms across two storeys as well as a music and performing arts suite with its own entrance area, two large music rooms, a large dance room and a large drama classroom.

Classrooms are now clustered around multiple 'heart spaces' which feature small group and independent learning areas, as well as provide areas for social gathering and informal dining.

The school now boasts a dedicated dining hall and new build kitchen with modern catering facilities along with a south facing dining terrace which offers a more private outdoor dining experience.

The existing retained block has new electrical services and data cabling to ensure that the pupils have access to the new IT system which has been installed across the whole school site.

The next phase of the project will focus on demolishing the older parts of the school and completing the external sports areas.

Sally Coulton, Head Teacher at Ellis Guilford School and Sports College, said: "The new buildings look superb and we are all very excited that they are ready for the new academic year. The transformation over the past eighteen months has been remarkable and we can all see that it was worth the wait. The students and staff will now have access to exceptional facilities which will enhance learning and achievement."

Councillor David Mellen, Nottingham City Council's Portfolio Holder for Children's Services said: "I'm delighted to see the planned works progressing at Ellis Guilford School. The transformation, once complete will offer greatly improved environments for the children to learn in, giving them the opportunity to thrive and succeed."

The construction work, which began in May 2011, has been carried out by Nottingham's award winning Local Education Partnership (LEP) which is a public private partnership between the Council and inspiredspaces.

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