

# Whickham School, Gateshead

Newsletter No. 1 – October 2018

**Welcome to our newsletter, which keeps you up to date with events and progress on site.**

## What we're building

The project creates a new three/four storey 'superblock' to replace the aging teaching blocks and sports hall to the north of the site. The new building will include a wide range of facilities zoned around a central main hall and activity studio, as well as a new sports hall and various specialist teaching spaces. These classrooms will serve subjects including engineering and technology, in addition to the main core curriculum subjects, Maths English and Science.

The new build school is scheduled for completion in January 2020 with the demolition of existing facilities and construction of new sports pitches scheduled for completion in January 2021

## Recent progress

Site surveys to establish ground conditions and existing services have been undertaken

## What's next?

In the next few weeks, we will:

- Establish site boundary & Site setup
- Form temporary construction access
- Bulk earth works
- Foundations & Drainage

## Environment and community

BAM is committed to helping the environment and community. This includes reducing our carbon emissions, recycling and, wherever possible, diverting waste from landfill.

During construction, our team have looked at ways in which we can work with and support the local community.

This includes a commitment to local recruitment, as well as the use of local subcontractors and the local supply chain wherever possible.

BAM will also look for opportunities to get involved with local education and hold workshops and site visits with local schools. We will also look to support local people through work experience opportunities.



**View from Burnthouse Lane**



**View from carpark**



**View from existing school**

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## The site team:

**Project Manager:** Julian Roberts  
**Senior Site Manager:** Mark Farrell  
**Engineer:** Phil Morton  
**Project Surveyor:** Kevin Daunt  
**Project Planner:** Dave Curwen  
**Design Manager:** Mark Farnell  
**Building Services Manager:** Chris Baron

## Our partners:

**Client:** Department for Education  
**Architect:** Ryder Architecture  
**Structural Engineer:** Curtins  
**M&E Consultant:** CAD21  
**Landscape Architect:** ONE Environments  
**Building Control:** Stroma



## Contacting the site team:

If you have any questions or concerns about what's happening at the site, please call us or email

**Tel:** 0191 487 4897 (Gateshead office as site phone number not known yet)

**Email:** PSBP2Whickham@bam.co.uk

## About BAM

BAM Construction is part of BAM Construct UK which is one of the country's largest construction services organisations with a turnover of more than £900 million. We operate throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Our European parent company is Royal BAM Group which employs over 25,000 people worldwide and has a turnover of €7billion.

## Considerate Constructors

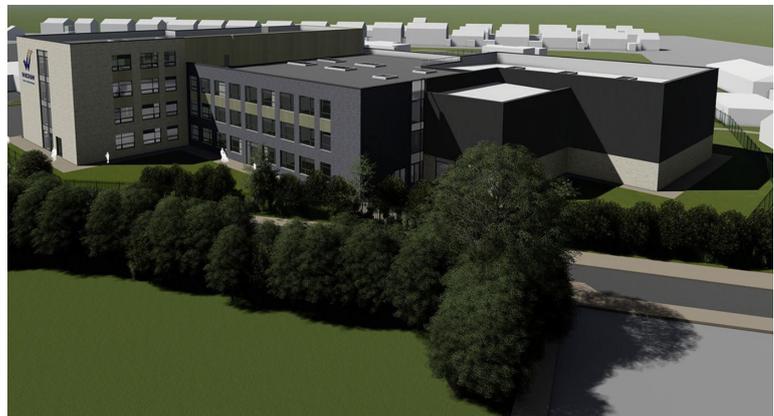
All BAM sites register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This means we are committed to being a good neighbour and to being clean, respectful, safe, environmentally conscious, responsible and accountable. Our site is independently inspected to make sure we live up to these aims.

We try to work in a way that causes as little inconvenience as possible to our neighbours. We apologise for any unavoidable nuisance that may be caused during the work.

## Please help us with safety

Construction sites can be dangerous. At BAM our top priority is the health and safety of everyone who works on our sites, the public and the local community affected by our work. If you need to contact us, please ring us or call the site office but do not enter the site.

Please make any children in your care aware that our building site is not a playground and that they must not enter the site. Thank you for your co-operation.



Aerial View