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As we prepare to begin a new academic year, we are delighted to share an update on the exciting expansion project that has been taking place at Esteem South Academy throughout the summer break.

This important development represents a significant investment in the future of our school and our ability to meet the growing needs of children and young people within our community. Earlier this year, Esteem Multi-Academy Trust received formal approval from the Department for Education for the significant change application relating to Esteem South Academy. This milestone approval enables the Trust to move forward with plans to enhance specialist provision and increase capacity for the pupils and families we serve.

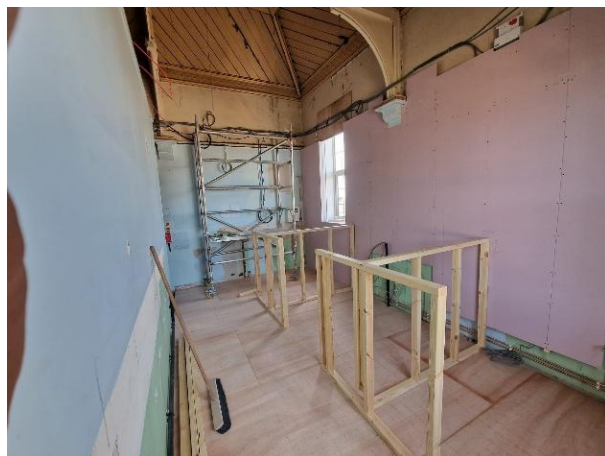
Karen Hayes, CEO of Esteem Multi-Academy Trust, recognised this achievement as a testament to the dedication and hard work of colleagues across the Trust. She described the approval as a significant step towards improving the quality, range and availability of specialist provision for children and families across our communities.

At the beginning of the summer break, the project got off to a strong start. TGF Construction successfully completed the initial site set-up and key enabling works, including the safe removal of asbestos from the new staff kitchen ceiling and the completion of drainage works. These early milestones were important in ensuring that the wider construction programme could proceed safely and on schedule.

Since these initial updates, work has continued to progress throughout the summer holiday period, with further developments taking place across the site. In the following pages, we are pleased to share the latest information, photographs and milestones from the project as it has continued to take shape over the summer months.

We are excited about the opportunities these improvements will create for our pupils and thank our families and wider school community for their continued support as we invest in the future of Esteem South Academy.





New food technology room taking shape



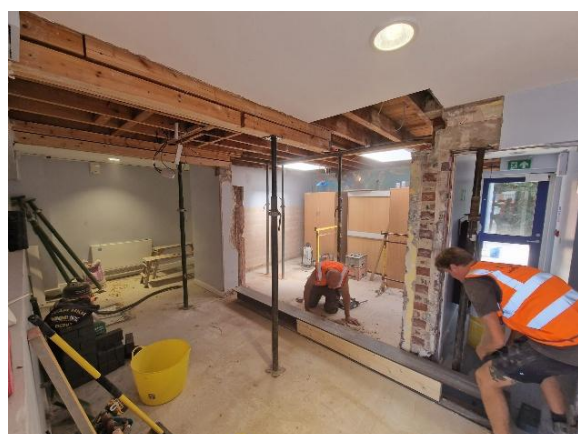
New main kitchen units going in



New Secondary toilet works beginning



Wall partitions installed to create new Art room



New Primary classroom beam being installed



Enlarged Primary classroom new wall plastered



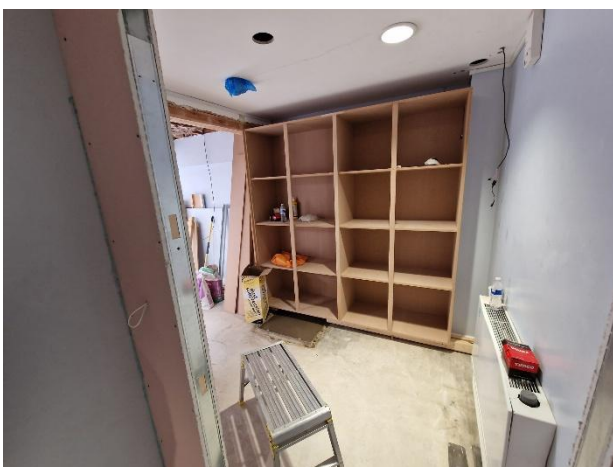
New kitchen cupboards installed



New primary classroom plastered and painted



New Art room plastered and painted



New primary classroom storage unit installed



New suspended ceilings installed



New storage area in Secondary

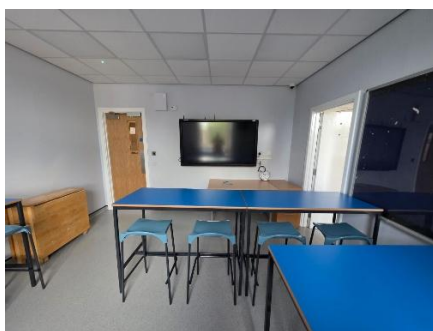


New storage area in Primary area

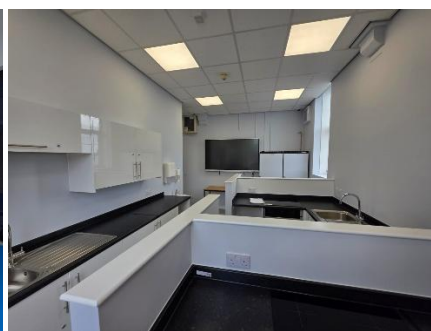
Project completion!



New Art Store with sink area



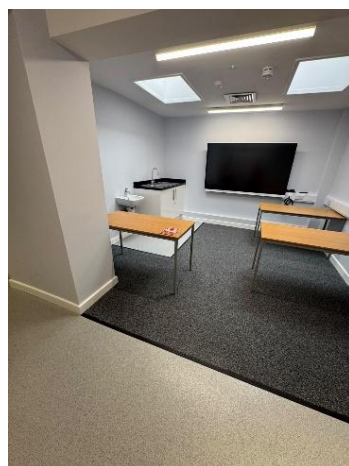
New Art classroom



New Food classroom



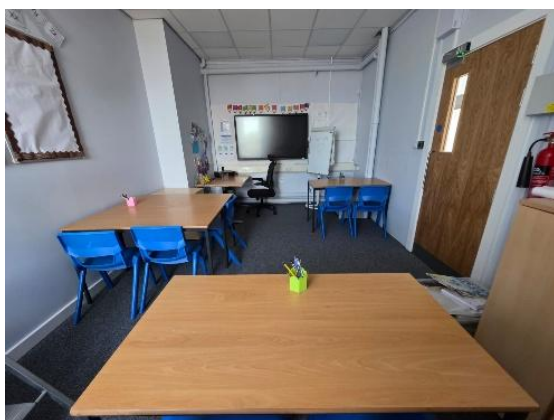
New prep kitchen



New Primary classroom



New Pupil toilets



New Secondary classroom Ground floor



New Secondary classroom 1st floor



New Secondary corridor



Secondary classroom ground floor



New office space

Thanks to our contractor TGF Construction Ltd who did an amazing job throughout over the course of the very tight 6 week project.