

Welcome to our Newsletter

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the latest site progress and future planned activities, and to also provide you with details of how to get in touch with us regarding matters both good and bad.

The newsletter will be issued regularly and will contain all the latest news, pictures and information about the construction of the new school.

This is what we do...

Willmott Dixon Construction is part of the Willmott Dixon Group, which is the UK's 3rd largest privately-owned capital works, regeneration and support services company. Willmott Dixon Construction carries out major contracting work on non-residential projects ranging from £1m to over £100m in a wide range of sectors, from education, health and leisure through to law and order and prisons.

Established in 1852, we are extremely proud of our history and the traditional values we hold. The relationship Willmott Dixon has with the communities we work in is one that we deeply value, and we are committed to giving the best possible service to the Route 39 Academy school and the wider local community.

Construction of the new school gets underway



If you passed Steart Farm during January you may have noticed some activity on the site. This was predominantly minor enabling works and utility diversions to allow the main construction work to commence.

With the enabling works successfully complete, the construction phase of the project commenced on 6th February. Since then we have been busy with the demolition of the old caravan site infrastructure, and have also commenced an operation which will see 13000m³ of earth remodelled to make way for the new school, a process called 'cut and fill'.

On Thursday 23rd February we welcomed pupils, parents, staff, school governors and representatives from the Education Funding Authority to join us on site for a groundbreaking ceremony. A groundbreaking ceremony traditionally marks the official start of construction, and in many cultures is said to bring luck to the project. Despite storm Doris doing her best to dampen the mood, the ceremony was enjoyed by all.

Meet the Construction Team

Ed Wilson

Operations Manager



Ed has over 25 years of construction experience, progressing from Engineering into project and Operations Management. Ed heads up our Exeter office, and oversees all aspects of this project's delivery.

Simon Whittingham

Construction Manager



Simon has a wealth of Construction Experience bringing expertise from a variety of complex schemes covering Education, Retail, Commercial and Civils Infrastructure. Simon will be resident on site leading the project.

Jack Sindall

Assistant Building Manager



Jack has over 8 years experience in the delivery of commercial projects, and works with Mike to oversee the day to day construction activities.

Progress to Date



Slow worms were relocated during the summer and a reptile fence erected to ensure they are protected from the construction area.



Demolition of the old caravan park infrastructure is now complete.



Bulk earthworks have commenced, with the removal and stockpile of topsoil for future use complete.

Works Planned in the next Period

- Bulk earthworks are to continue.
- Foundations for the new building will commence.
- Storm and foul drainage will commence, including the installation of two large storm water attenuation tanks.
- Formation of the new car park and bus turning area will commence.

Want to find out more about the project?



Scan the QR code opposite or visit the Route 39 Academy website at <http://www.route39.org.uk>

In conjunction with the Route 39 Academy Trust our works have been meticulously planned to ensure the minimum amount of disruption is caused to the local community throughout the build.

For more information about the Willmott Dixon Group please visit www.willmottdixongroup.co.uk

If you have any feedback regarding our works we'd like to hear from you! Please contact Jack Sindall directly on 07875 692 254 during normal working hours, or email jack.sindall@willmottdixon.co.uk

Considerate Constructors Scheme

Willmott Dixon are proud to be associate members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme. The scheme aims to improve the image of the construction industry with it's members following a strict code of conduct in relation to how they manage the project, against which they are monitored.

We are in the process of registering the Route 39 Academy project with the scheme, following which we will be audited regularly by an independent Considerate Constructor Scheme assessor.

At Willmott Dixon we strive to minimise our impact on the local community, therefore if you have any feedback or suggestions on how we could improve please get in touch using the contact details at the bottom of the page.

If you would like to know more on the Considerate Constructors Scheme please visit www.ccscheme.org.uk or contact 0800 783 1423.



Work Experience Opportunities with Willmott Dixon



Interested in a career in construction but don't know where to start? Well, if you are keen to learn more and gain some valuable work experience with one of the UK's leading construction companies, then read on!

You can never have too much work experience and if you have an enthusiastic 'can do' attitude and really want to impress, then we encourage you to get in touch with us. We accept applications from all backgrounds and you do not even need any relevant experience.

Work experience with Willmott Dixon will give you an opportunity to experience life in a construction business, develop your skills and gain confidence whilst adding value to our organisation. If at the end of your journey with us you are still interested in a career in construction, then your work experience with us will allow you to update your CV in support of future job applications.

Our work experience placements typically last from 2 – 6 weeks and can be site or office based, or a combination of the two. If you are interested in joining the construction industry and think work experience with us will be of benefit to you, please contact either the site team for more details, or visit the Willmott Dixon website at www.willmott Dixon.co.uk/careers.

The site team is also supported by a wider team of design, planning, health and safety, environmental and quality professionals working together to deliver a successful project.

Community Engagement



Willmott Dixon recognises that our sites and teams have an opportunity to impact the local community in a positive way, and to provide opportunities for those within it. For every project that we deliver, we hope to leave a lasting legacy for the people of that community.

Typical community engagement activities that we have been involved in include providing work experience, school visits, local employment and training, and we have also supported community festivals, rejuvenated gardens for community groups and hospices, repainted community halls and supported community cafes. What is important to us is that what we do is important to the community.

In the coming months we will be seeking ideas of what activities we may be able to help with in order to add value to the local community. Watch this space for more details in our future newsletters!

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