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Morgan Sindall makes good progress on £7.1 million Canterbury College project

Morgan Sindall is delivering a £7.1 million project to construct a new business and enterprise centre, sports facilities and an art building at Canterbury College's Dover Road campus in Kent.

The project, which started on site in April, comprises the demolition of existing facilities which will make way for two new purpose-built teaching blocks. The new facilities will include 12 new classrooms and a two-storey sports and business building. An adjacent art facility will also be constructed.

The sport and business building will include a brand new sports hall, as well as a state-of-the-art gym suite for use by students and staff. There will also be break out areas for students and staff as well as IT facilities. The business area will include a venue for business events and training space, providing essential space for local businesses and the college to host events.

The art block will be a modernised sculpture and ceramics studio. A supported learning facility will also be included in the new block, creating a relaxed learning environment for teachers to offer extra support to students.

Morgan Sindall project manager Steve Paine is a former student of Canterbury College, having completed a HNC in Building Studies just over 10 years ago. Steve said: "This project is particularly special to me as a former pupil of the college and it has been a great experience to return and help to progress the college with the construction of these new facilities that will update and improve the services on offer to staff and students."

The buildings are being built to the latest environmental standards and will include the use of sustainable energy in the form of roof-mounted solar panels which will generate electricity for use within the building. This is in keeping with the building's target of achieving a Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology (BREEAM) Excellent rating.

Dave Cook, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "Great progress is being made on-site at Canterbury College, with a number of milestones coming to the fore over the coming months. The new facilities will be of great benefit to the students, staff and local community and we are delighted to be part of that process.

"We have also been working closely with the college to share our expertise in the industry, holding talks and presentations with the students and it is great to see the extensive re-development work at the college nearing completion with greatly improved facilities."

The Morgan Sindall project team has also been involved in a Kent skills build event at the college, donating materials so that students were able to develop their understanding of construction methods. The project team has also co-ordinated site tours so the students can benefit from seeing a live construction site.

The project is due for completion in late 2015 and is the final phase of an extensive redevelopment programme at the college.

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