

# Information for residents September 2011



## Letter from Head Teacher

After four years of intense effort, creativity and determination, the new Walkden High School is ready to open.

The building itself is an investment in the local community. The environment will raise the aspirations of all who use it. The learning and teaching which will go on inside it will offer opportunities for this community for many years into the future.

Our young people are worth investing in and nothing does that better than providing them with a building which is vibrant and contemporary together with fantastic curriculum choice and excellent teaching and pastoral care. A new chapter in Walkden High School's history is truly underway.



Elaine Hilton, Head Teacher

## Introduction

We would like to take this opportunity to thank residents who live around the new school for their patience, cooperation and support during the construction period. We realise that at times this has been a difficult and disruptive process.

It is our ambition to be a good neighbour and we are committed to working with residents and the local community.

This newsletter will provide information which will help you understand how the new school will be managed and who to contact if you have any issues. We want to be a good neighbour, so please do not hesitate to contact us if there is a problem and we will respond as quickly as we can.

For the most up-to-date information about the school, please take a look at our website [www.walkden.uk.com](http://www.walkden.uk.com)

## The new school building

We believe that the opening of the new building is a landmark event in the life of our school and we want this building to be used for the benefit of the whole community. The new facilities include modern learning spaces, areas for hands on learning and performance, new sports facilities and community facilities including a spectacular atrium area and refreshment facilities, together with other spaces suitable for meetings, presentations and a range of community events. The building will bring opportunities not just for young people, but for everyone who wants to continue their learning, develop their skills or take part in sporting and leisure activities.



## School operations

**Q: What are the opening times of the new building?**

**A:** The building will be open from 7.00am until 6.00pm for school use. After school the building will be open for various community activities which are described overleaf.

**Q: Where are the main entrances which staff and students will use?**

**A:** The main vehicle entrance for staff and visitors is off Old Clough Lane. There is pedestrian access only from Mereclough Avenue, Laburnham Road and from the loopline. There is no access to the school from Reedmace Close, Willowmoss Close or Beck Grove. Students arriving by bus will be dropped off on Birch Road and will use Laburnum Road to access the school.

**Q: Who should I contact if I am concerned about pupil behaviour, litter, noise etc ?**

**A:** Please ring the school on 975 8000 or you can email us using the electronic form on our website: [www.walkden.uk.com/ws/contact](http://www.walkden.uk.com/ws/contact)

## Travel to school and parking issues

We have been working with residents and students on our travel plan and information has been sent to parents asking them to show consideration to local residents by not parking in the surrounding streets. A wide range of measures have been taken to reduce nuisance parking, control traffic movements and address highways issues.

### Q: Who should I contact if I am concerned about parking issues in the area?

A: For parking issues please call 779 4987. We have asked for extra support from the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who can be contacted on 856 4779.

## Community use

The new building will be available for use by the community and community groups. Salford Community Leisure (SCL) will be managing these arrangements and providing staff to supervise activities. The hours of community use will depend on the demand for the facilities but the general hours of use will be from 6.00pm



to 10.00pm weeknights and 9.00am to 8.00pm weekends. Use of the outdoor pitches will be limited to Mondays to Fridays from 8.00am to 9.00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 9.00am to 8.00pm. All users of the facilities will be required to agree to a code of conduct and sanctions will be imposed if the code is breached. No groups or individuals will be allowed to use the school without booking first. If you wish to find out what activities will be available then please contact Danielle Morecroft on 778 0571 or email her at [danielle.morecroft@sccl.co.uk](mailto:danielle.morecroft@sccl.co.uk)

### Q: Who do I contact if I have any concerns about the community use of the school?

A: You can contact staff from Salford Community Leisure after 5.00pm on 975 8000 or contact Danielle Morecroft on the details above. The school will also run activities for its students and the community outside of school hours. On some evenings there will be parents' evenings or performances. Details of these will be put on the school website.

## Security and site management

There will be a site manager on site at all times when the building is open. When the building is unoccupied it will be monitored via CCTV and the security system.

### Q: Who do I contact if I am concerned about any activity on the site when the building is closed?

A: If you see anything concerning taking place on the site between 10.00pm and 6.00am or at other times when the building is closed, please call the police. They will assess the situation and make the most appropriate response. This should minimise any



inconvenience to residents and mean that prompt action can be taken.

## Demolition of the old building

At the end of August 2011, Laing O'Rourke (LOR) will start setting up a site compound and placing site cabins on the site of the existing school. LOR will take full possession of the site on 12 September 2011 and will erect a hoarding onto the existing railing fence.

Controlled demolition is due to start in late October or early November and will run to February 2012. LOR will place topsoil over the site and will hand it back to the council in April 2012. Part of the site will continue to be used as a playing field. There are as yet no plans in place for the future of the rest of the site.

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