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The BSF project,

September to
December 2012

A photo timeline by Jack and Jacob Harris

September 2012

Many areas of the building reopened following refurbishment over the summer holidays. Substantial transformations had taken place in the upper crush hall, where GL01 (prev. 36) had been altered to improve circulation in the corridor, and new flooring had been put down. Downstairs on the blue corridor new toilet facilities had been formed and the layout of the yellow locker area modified. Rooms BL11, BL12, BL13 and BL15 (formerly rooms 4, 5 and the year leaders' office) also reopened, together with science labs Co14 (was 15) and Co10 (16). The Music, PE, DT, English and Art departments were decorated to complete the new colour-coded scheme.



September 2012

The new canteen facility and outdoor dining area were used for the first time.



September 2012



The upgrade of the main hall was completed with the fitting of the new curtains. Meanwhile, much more substantial alterations were taking place nearby, as work on the drama block and administration area continued to transform the front portion of the school.



On the Magenta corridor a new classroom for Sixth Form students, Mg05, was under construction.

October 2012

Massive layout changes were in progress at the front of the building.



A view of the administration corridor looking back towards the canteen. The doorway on the left is the location of the old student reception window.



The area formerly occupied by the front staircase, now home to reception. Evidence of the staircase can be seen top-right.



Looking towards the old staff room. The staircase was on the left and the doorway on the right would have taken you into the Birbeck room.



A shot of what was the door to the Birbeck room; this still exists but has been widened to form part of the passageway (as can be seen in the photo). Interesting to note are the original 1950s floor tiles.

The site of the front staircase with the main entrance doors just ahead on the right.



October 2012



The Birbeck room, now the print room (Oy14).



One end of the old staff room, now Mr. Digby's office.



The male toilets, now First Aid (Oy12).



The old staff buttery, now Oy16.



The front of the new drama block.



A view of the much-altered main doors which now form part of the entrance foyer.

October 2012

The Violet corridor under construction, along with a photo of the same spot just 3 months previously.



Vi15, one of the two new drama suites.



The Violet staircase.



Upstairs in the new Violet corridor



Looking east down the Violet corridor. Before, you would have been standing in the middle of room 53, facing the window which overlooked the car park.

October 2012



A view of the Violet corridor midway through transformation. The room on the left is Vi12 (50) and to the immediate right would have been the door into room 53.



Looking north down the Violet corridor; the staircase was situated in the space occupied by the two doorways on the right. Below is a view of the same spot from the opposite direction.



Vi14 (51)



Vi27



October 2012



Vi24



Looking towards Vi22 with Vi24 on the left.



Work was also in progress on the roof of the Main Hall.



October 2012



The drama extension was clad with metal tiles, giving the front of the school a much more modern appearance.



New flooring was laid in the Crush Hall to match that in the red corridor, and tiered seating was installed in the Main Hall.

November 2012



Finishing touches were made to the enlarged science corridor, as some teachers moved into their new labs.



Co03 (9)



Co07 (10)

Both rooms 9 and 10 were made smaller; room 10 was effectively nudged along to occupy part of what was room 9, and a new technicians' room was created in what was the back part of room 10 (below).



New block paved paths were laid around the pond area.



November 2012



The revamped entrance area neared completion as new automatic doors were installed and block paving laid.



On the Magenta corridor the conversion of rooms 39 and 40 into one large sixth form art room (Mg05) was complete. Meanwhile, work on transforming the old girls toilets into a new classroom (BL26) was underway.

November 2012

Four newly refurbished classrooms opened on the gold corridor in place of where rooms 35, 36 and the IT office were. The blue staircase also re-entered use.



GL05, a new maths classroom, occupies part of what was room 35 and half of the old IT office.



GL03, a new ICT room. This was one half of room 35. Ironically the renovations have put this room, and GL05 next-door, back to their original 1950s dimensions.



GL07, another maths room. The window nearest the back wall in this photo used to belong to the IT office and the rest of this room was part of room 34. The other end of room 34 is now an office.



A view of the whole corridor. The doorway seen midway down in this photo was the IT office and is now GL05.

November 2012



26 (GL17)



Maths office (GL23)



At the western end of the gold corridor, four rooms were emptied for refurbishment: 26 (GL17), 27 (GL19), 28 (GL21) and the maths office (GL23).



27 (GL19)

At the entrance to the field, construction of a new tarmac sports court was almost complete.



December 2012



Looking towards the new student reception window as the front end of school neared completion. The open grey door on the right is the location of the old door into reception, which can be seen on the far right of the below photo from June 2012.



Renovation of rooms 11 (Co13), 12 (Co15) and the technicians' lab (Co17) was well underway. The photo on the left shows the technicians' lab, and the pictures below are of the same spot at end of the Cobalt corridor.



05.10.12



07.12.12

December 2012



Landscaping work continued around the new frontage.



The Violet and Oyster corridors reopened, though finishing touches were still being made to the new drama rooms. *Clockwise from above left are: Vi27, formerly two offices and now part of the Behaviour Unit; Mr. Digby in his new office, formerly part of the staff room; Oy09, formerly part of the staff room and now part of reception; the Oyster corridor, and the Violet corridor.*

