



# Principal's Newsletter

I hope that despite our present circumstances you have been keeping safe and able to enjoy some of the lovely hot weather that we have seen over the recent weeks! This has certainly provided ideal conditions for the building works at the new Leigh Academy Rainham site to continue, enabling significant progress to be made in preparation for opening September 2021.

It is now at least 6 weeks since building works began at the new academy site. While adhering to government guidelines, recent works have involved removal of the trees at the access points to the site, all of which has been carefully managed around the birds' nesting season following a meticulous survey of the trees to ensure no bird nests were damaged. Where nests were discovered, trees have remained and will do so until the chicks have fledged safely. In addition the piling work to lay the deep foundations has begun which will provide the extra support required for our stunning new three storey building. As described in my first newsletter we can expect to see the impressive steel frame being erected from the end of August in preparation for putting in the three floor levels. We have also had confirmation that we will be installing 200 square metres of photovoltaic solar panels on the roof of the Academy which is a fantastic step towards achieving our goal of establishing a unique, environmentally friendly secondary provision!

Over the upcoming weeks you will see our new banner appear on the hoarding along Otterham Quay Lane to advertise that we will be accepting admissions from September 2020 for 2021.



I look forward to sharing further developments with you over the next few months as our building work progresses. I will also begin to share details regarding the arrangements that will be put in place to support the admissions process from September. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us using our website or the email address provided in the box below.

Mrs A Millward

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