

# Ewell Castle School

## Development News

June 2011



We are delighted to report that work on the new building at The Castle commenced on Monday 6th September 2010 following the decision made recently by the Governors of Ewell Castle to proceed with the planned building project at the Senior School.

This latest project represents the most significant development of the school's facilities in the history of the school, following the



View from Pledger Building

The new building will provide six new classrooms, a purpose-built kitchen and dining/assembly area, Sixth Form cafeteria, cloakrooms and office accommodation. Completion was scheduled for August 2011, however delays caused by adverse weather earlier in the year and more significantly recent delays in deliveries, have thwarted our efforts to be ready for the start of the new school year. Phase two of the works will involve the demolition of the "huts" and the redevelopment of the 'Quad' to



View from Lake

acquisition of Glyn House in 2002, and is a clear indication of the confidence of the Governors, staff and parents in the current standing of the school.



Dining Hall

provide a landscaped central area to complement

the existing outstanding features of the grounds. We now anticipate moving into the new building in the October half-term, this being the next available 'window of opportunity'.

### Wall of Memories

Remember your connection with Ewell Castle by buying a brick. Your £100 donation is worth £120 when Gift Aided and will benefit future pupils. Your "brick" will become an integral part of the new development. Further details from [m.coleman@ewellcastle.co.uk](mailto:m.coleman@ewellcastle.co.uk).



Classroom



Gadesden Library



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The Library, henceforth to be known as the Gadesden Library is now in operation, following major refurbishment works over the summer break. The library is named in memory of the Gadesden family, owners of The Castle during the second half of the nineteenth century, and in recognition of the generous bequest made from the estate of a member of this family, through the Grocer's Trust Company.

Another generous charitable donation – from The Harbour Foundation, has also contributed to the development of the Library, but will benefit the Special Needs Department in particular. Some of these funds have been utilised to cover initial costs of increased staffing in Special Education Needs provision, while the remainder has been designated for development of the Learning Support area and associated resources.

To compensate for the temporary loss of part of our sports grounds at The Castle due to the construction traffic, the Headmaster of Salesians College has kindly offered us the use of the sports fields in Old Schools Lane, Ewell – off the one way system around Bourne Hall. We hope that this relationship will be extended beyond the year as these new fields provide a welcome addition of more football/rugby pitches as well as a cricket square.



New Sports Fields



Glyn House Play Area

A year ago we established the hard play area at Glyn House. This, together with the play equipment and landscaping, has transformed the grounds to the rear of the house. Some necessary remedial works and new developments have now been completed.

Further landscaping has been undertaken at Chessington Lodge. Following the establishment of the garden area and decking, we have now introduced a water feature and planted new beds to the side and front of the building.



Chessington Lodge Water Garden



Glyn House Hall

The Main Hall at The Castle and the Glyn House Hall have been equipped with new digital lighting equipment and dedicated sound equipment which will greatly enhance future productions at both Junior and Senior Schools, and provide improved facilities for GCSE and A level Drama and Music at The Castle.