



# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Special Edition Newsletter

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## **WHSG Awarded Money for new Design & Technology Block**

I am delighted to advise parents and friends that Westcliff High School for Girls has been awarded a significant sum of money towards the cost of our new Craft, Design & Technology (CDT) block which will be based to the east of the main building.



### **View of the entrance to the new CDT facility**

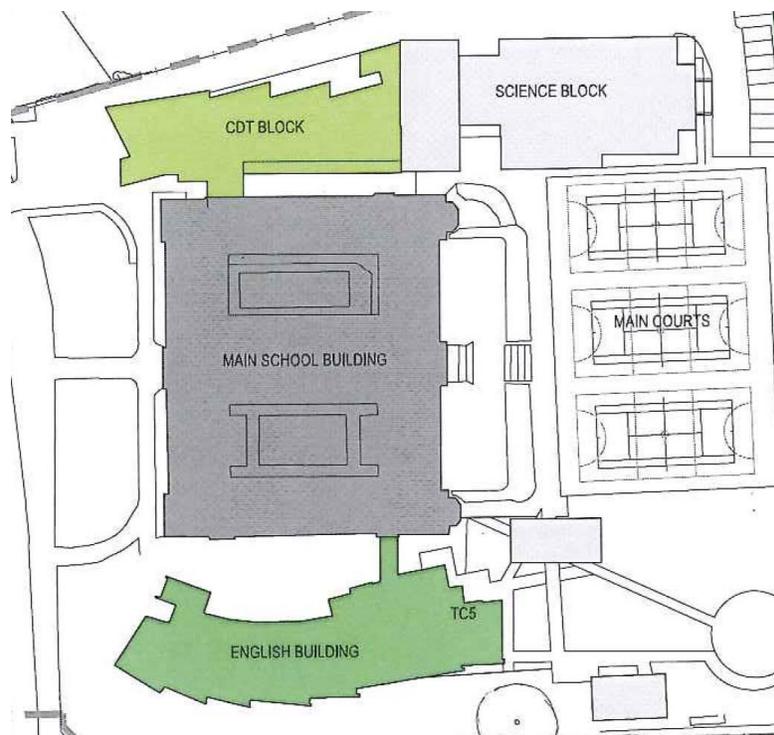
The new building is expected to cost just under £4 million, and the grant from the Education Funding Agency through the Condition Improvement Fund is for £3.6 million.

WHSG already has building permission in place for this new project and we hope that work can begin on it in October this year. We expect it to take about 14 months to build after which we will begin the process of fitting it out with the specialist equipment needed to teach these subjects, aiming to have it fully in use for September 2018.

This new building will replace the tatty demountables currently used by CDT plus a number of sheds and other temporary stores. It also means we can bring together CDT into one combined area, instead of having Graphics/Engineering rooms, Food Rooms and Textiles Rooms in different parts of the school.

Our original plans include the idea of linking this new building to our main school building through walkways and a walk through into the Science Block. We hope to retain these aspects of the build, but some aspects of it may be subject to change as we identify how much we can achieve with the money we have been awarded.

During the building work we expect to house CDT in some temporary accommodation. This new build will also mean we have to move the bicycle sheds and the bin store to new locations. We also hope to build some additional car parking spaces as part of the work.



**Site plan showing the location of the building**

This project will also allow our school to permanently change our Admissions Number for Year 7 pupils to 184 as we will now have the space to accommodate this extra form group.

By relocating the Food Rooms to the new building we will also have the opportunity to extend the Library so it is big enough to meet the needs of our pupils and free up some rooms for general teaching which are needed as the school roll grows.



**East elevation of the proposed new building**

### **WHSG HAS TO RAISE £300,000**

The total value of the capital bids which the school is due to receive is just under £4million. The government capital funding projects for schools are massively oversubscribed and only a small percentage are granted. In order to secure this funding from the government, the school had to pledge to raise £300,000 from its own resources so as to demonstrate our commitment to the project. **This equates to £261 per pupil at the school.**

All the students at school are currently benefitting from the excellent new facilities developed over the last twelve years in terms of the West Wing, the new sixth form block and the dance studio and fitness suite amongst others. These improvements were only possible thanks to the support of parents and pupils at the time. As you will see from the images of the proposed new block, it will provide a superb environment both for the schooling of your children, as well as those to come.

We would very much like you and your children to join with staff and be part of helping us achieve this ambitious project. Over the period to September 2018 there will be a number of ongoing strands towards raising the funds required. We realise that not everyone is in a position to contribute financially to the project – everyone's involvement in terms of ideas and participation in fundraising events is just as important.

We will be appointing an events co-ordinator for this project but in the meantime please contact our Finance and Operations Director, Mr Nigel Brunning, if you have any questions or ideas, want to help or would like more information.

As an initial step we have set up a donation item on Parentpay entitled:

**"2018 - NEW CDT BLOCK FUND".**

If you would like to support the project and are in a position to do so financially, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your continued support. We are looking forward to getting the whole school working together to achieve something fantastic.

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