

Topping Out at Highfield

A topping out ceremony at Highfield Humanities College has marked the latest milestone in the programme of rebuilding the school.

Staff, Governors and Students joined the Eric Wright Group and Blackpool Council staff to celebrate the achievement. A topping out ceremony is traditionally held in the construction industry to commemorate the completion of the roof on a development.

Cllr. Lily Henderson, Chair of Governors and Gordon Marsden MP presided over the ceremony as construction workers lay the concrete for the roof of the £24million scheme. Building work is progressing on schedule and will be ready for staff and students to occupy in September 2012.

Following the ceremony, guests had an opportunity to tour the site and appreciate, many for the first time, the new teaching, learning and community spaces which will be available when the school is completed.

Cllr. Ivan Taylor, Blackpool Council Cabinet Member for Education: "The old school at Highfield has served the community well but it's past its best and now we are getting a brand new school which will serve generations for the future."

Ian Evans, Headteacher at Highfield Humanities College added: "The finished school will be fantastic not just for Highfield but for the whole of South Shore and Blackpool as a town. To have something as unique and state of the art as this in Highfield will be fantastic for everybody."

