

# Brooklands College



Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

As one of our partner schools, I would like to update you on some exciting developments at the College, which will ensure we can continue to grow our SEND provision and ensure outstanding outcomes for our learners.

Brooklands College and Cala Homes have recently submitted a planning application to Elmbridge Borough Council seeking permission to comprehensively upgrade the Brooklands College campus in Weybridge.

The scheme will invest £45 million into the College and deliver new homes including 128 affordable homes for local families and a wide range of community benefits including a new Sports Centre, a community hub and public access to 12 hectares of woodland.

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The scheme will;

- Deliver much needed Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision within a **new purpose-built SEND facility**; this will broaden Surrey's Local Offer and enable more young people with SEND to access education within their local community.
- **Upgrade the teaching facilities** to create a college of the future that will inspire students and support their learning and skills.
- Deliver a **new sports centre and community space** for the use of the College and the wider local community.
- Refurbish and **renew the site's significant listed mansion building**, returning it to its historic residential use and securing its maintenance and upkeep for the future;
- **Provide 320 new homes** of which 40% will be affordable homes providing a mix of rented housing, shared ownership and discounted first homes;
- **Open up 12 hectares of woodland** for newly accessible public use.
- Generate revenue for the college **to pay off substantial debt\*** owed to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in order to secure the college's long-term future;

\*The College has recently agreed a repayment plan for the debt with the ESFA. This formal agreement confirms the ESFA's support for the college whilst the transformational re-development is progressed. The agreement allows sufficient time (three years) to secure a planning approval and provides assurance to students considering enrolment at the college.

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In addition to these future plans, the SEND & Transition department is receiving further investment. The department was approved for SEND Capital investment in partnership with Surrey County Council in April 2022, enabling the College to extend existing SEND facilities and broaden the offer to include provision for high functioning Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Level 2 and Level 3.

The refurbishment of the Vickers building (including the first floor), where the SEND provision is currently located, will be carried out over the summer ready to welcome new students in September 2023. The facilities will include state of the art classroom spaces, specialist IT facilities and spaces for therapy. This investment will enable us to accommodate 15 additional students in the first year and 60 students in total. The College is currently working in partnership with Surrey County Council and our specialist feeder schools for September recruitment.

Brooklands College and Surrey County Council know that the forecasted growth in student numbers for SEND in Surrey is set to increase, which is why we are setting out these plans for the future.

Please visit the project website [www.brooklandsgrove.co.uk](http://www.brooklandsgrove.co.uk) to view the plans and register your support to secure the future of the College.

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If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact our consultation team at [info@brooklandsgrove.co.uk](mailto:info@brooklandsgrove.co.uk) or call 0800 038 5850.

Yours sincerely,

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