

Monthly Bulletin 23 on BSF Programme: July 2007

Main developments since the last monthly bulletin are as follows:

Development of proposals for wave 5 of BSF

A series of formal and informal meetings have been held with Heads and chairs of Governors of a number of Wave 5 schools, to discuss the evolution of proposals for their schools. These will continue in early September.

The major public consultation round Wave 5 is still underway and has been advertised in WFM.

Consultation closes in early September.

Building programme:

Building works have continued on schedule at both Bremer School and at Kelmscott, with the first two phases of works at Kelmscott now completed and handed over.

Progress towards "Financial Close"

Work towards reaching Financial Close (i.e. signing all contracts and establishing a Local Education Partnership) with the Bouygues Partnership for Education and Community has proceeded throughout the month, with a target date for completion now mid-August.

Almost all contractual documents are now completed.

To date, over 20,000 separate documents relating to the contract have been uploaded on the shared web-portal, which is used for managing communications between the Council and BPEC. The final contract will be tens of thousands of pages long, all of which will have been agreed in detail by the Council and BPEC, and much will also have been agreed by Partnerships for Schools, Partnerships UK, Ramesys, Barclays Bank and HSBC bank. The need for so many parties to agree every word of such lengthy documents inevitably makes the process somewhat drawn out.

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