

## **AA Projects secures £70m New Campus for The Oldham College**

Approval has been granted for a new £70 million campus for The Oldham College which has been hailed as a key development in the regeneration of the town.

AA Projects are providing Strategic Management, Project Management Quantity Surveying and CDM-C services on the redevelopment of this 8,000-student college and have been working with the College on the plans for two years, to enable AIP funding to be secured through the Learning & Skills Council. All but three of the College's current buildings will be demolished and rebuilt to create a new campus with a new layout. Building work will begin in the summer next year and is expected to be completed in 2012.

The College was graded 'outstanding' by Ofsted who praised it as one of the best in the country for hands-on training. The site will include a new sports hall and gym, purpose built classrooms and learning facilities and a high tech hair and beauty training facility and salon. It will also feature a construction training centre for students to learn skills such as plastering, plumbing, and gas fitting. The Grange theatre, used by performance students and outside theatre groups, will also be refurbished as part of the redevelopment.

The new campus has been designed to deliver a curriculum that will help meet the town's future employment needs and provide Young Professionals with the best possible employment and education opportunities, as well as routes to higher education. It is also being designed to work as learning and training space for everyone. The college's training arm, Oldham College Business Centre, will be supporting local businesses with their skills development needs using a brand-new high quality, dedicated corporate training suite. Local business leaders and their staff will be able to take advantage of high-spec facilities to develop the skills of their staff.

Niall Wright, Director of AA Projects, commented: "We are proud to be part of this redevelopment opportunity for the town of Oldham. The current buildings date back more than 40 years and the new facilities will vastly improve the teaching and learning facilities at the College."

The development was also praised by Oldham East MP Phil Woolas who said it would play a key role in improving education throughout the town.

He said: "Slowly and surely we are re-inventing Oldham as a town with a future not just a past."

**Photos:**

**Artist Impressions of the new campus for The Oldham College**

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