

## **Farnworth Campus Officially Opened for Bolton Sixth Form College**

A visionary new development has been opened for Bolton Sixth Form College. The official opening of Farnworth Campus is the culmination of years of campaigning and hard work by Principal Roy Whittle, staff at the College, Governors chaired by Leilia Price JP and Dr Brian Iddon MP for Bolton South East, to ensure that a high quality sixth form education is made available to young people in South Bolton.

The new build Sixth Form College, designed to be contemporary and modern in appearance, will improve the urban character of the area and address the regeneration aspirations of Farnworth. Consultants AA Projects have been involved with the project from the very outset advising on the property and funding strategy and ultimately providing the overall Project Management, Cost Consultancy, Employer's Agent and Health & Safety expertise on this visionary new development. North West building company, Bardsley won the construction contract and worked closely with AA Projects and Bolton Sixth Form College during the 13 month build phase. The works were completed within the contract sum and ahead of completion date, proving the project to be highly successful.

The building itself is made completely from recyclable materials with all timber selected from sustainable sources and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). One of the key features of the design is the central atrium that will allow light to enter all floors of the main building, making it an airy and modern space, the use of natural light and sustainable materials will reduce dependency on artificial energy sources. Due to its central location, it is hoped dependencies on the car as a transport mode will be reduced and walking and the use of public transport promoted.

Steve Reddin, Director at AA Projects, said, "The new Farnworth Campus provides a flagship educational establishment for the local area and the wider community of Bolton. We are proud to have helped in the provision of these

first class learning facilities and are delighted to be at the opening today to help celebrate the College's achievements."

"Together with the client and all involved we have formed a superb partnership", comments Bardsley Chairman, Wayne Bardsley. "We've set out to create a modern and dynamic place in which to learn that will attract students from across Bolton and we hope the new facilities will lead the way in the wider regeneration of Farnworth".

The College will welcome its first students at the start of the next academic year in September 2008. The new exciting centre will significantly increase the range of courses available to young people in the south of Bolton. Applications for the College have been of a high quality and there will be over sixty courses on offer ranging from traditional A-levels to vocational Diplomas. The range of provision will be enhanced by contributions from Bolton Community College in Hair and Beauty and Construction and 14-16 year olds will also be able to take up some courses in these areas.

The Farnworth Campus is the first phase of a LSC-funded £100m development in Bolton which will see the Sixth Form College's North Campus re-located to the town centre, on a site shared with Bolton Community College.

**Photos:**

**Farnworth Campus: AA Projects have project managed the 13 month new build**

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Bardsley is well known as a general contractor and has become the North West's leading construction company for the educational sector. Generating an annual turnover of £54m, the company was established over 40 years ago and employs more than 250 staff at its Tameside base in Greater Manchester. Previously Manchester Evening News Business of the Year, Bardsley has seen rapid growth in both their public sector and residential projects enabling them to win RIBA, RICS and Daily Mail Property awards for their work which is predominantly focused in the North West. [www.bardsleyconstruction.com](http://www.bardsleyconstruction.com)

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