

We pride ourselves on being thought leaders in education by inspiring pupils, teachers and governments across the globe with our vision for an education fit for today's ever-changing world. As part of this vision, our mission is to create an outstanding virtual and physical educational environment for our students, and for the wider local and global communities. We are continually investing in our facilities to meet the needs of our educational ethos, and to enhance the learning opportunities we offer.

From creating the 6th Form College, through to development of the inspiring Visual Arts Centre, Hall and Dining Room in the Senior School and the award-winning learning spaces of Dame Bradbury's, the Junior School and the Pre-preps - we have continued to contribute to the delivery of the exceptional education your children receive here at the Foundation, through innovative building projects.



Dame B's library



Visual Arts Centre



Junior School library



6th Form building

### *Union Road – update*

We are delighted to update you on progress of this exciting project creating a new building housing a sports hall, rooftop multi-use games area (MUGA), inspirational classrooms and hubs on the Senior School site. These exciting new facilities will be enjoyed by the whole Foundation and the local community. [Click here for more information.](#)



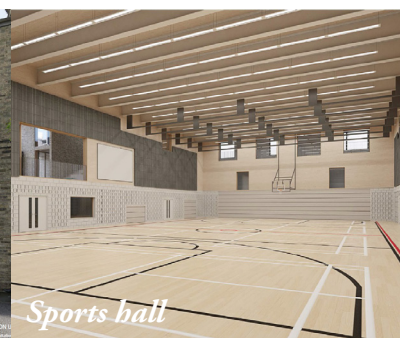
MUGA



Hub



New entrance



Sports hall

The **refurbishment of the STEM building** is partially complete, with 2 new labs created and 2 further labs refurbished. Students are already enjoying science in these bright inspiring spaces. The **Design technology lab** will be re-created over the summer holiday to provide an innovative design and engineering space and the STEM refurbishment will be completed once the new building is finished with a new “superlab”.



Work to **enable the building of the new sports and teaching block** has already started following the appointment of Kier as main contractor for the site preparation works. They will now work with the Foundation on the completion of the detailed design and the discharge of the Planning Conditions to enable the main works to commence once the exams have finished in the summer. Kier will be present on site from 7 March.

The **Archaeological dig** was completed at the start of the spring term, with teachers arriving back to contemplate large holes where the outdoor spaces had been. The dig resulted in the discovery of one roman coin – an amazing find, but fortunately not enough to hold up the project.



### *Pupil access to Senior School*

To ensure the safety of students around the site, the pupil entrance on Union Road will be closed to students from **7 March 2016**. Students should use the pupil entrances on Coronation and Panton Streets and can use the main reception entrance.

### *Union Road closure*

To minimize the space on site that the Builders will occupy, Union Road will be closed to all traffic between 9am and 2.30pm from **23 March 2016** and this is likely to continue until the end of the building work in 2017.

Parents will still be able to drop students at the school and pick up at the end of the day, however we would request that you use alternative drop off and pick up points where possible. Please also note that we run buses to and from the majority of the park and ride sites, Cambourne and Saffron Walden and avoiding the area around the school may be altogether more convenient for you during the building works.

*Eco-classrooms at Latham Road*

Planning permission has been received for two eco-classrooms to be based at Latham Road. These classrooms will be available for the whole Foundation, but will principally be used by the Junior and Pre-prep Schools as part of their 'Forest School' curriculum.



We are very fortunate to have a dedicated nature reserve on the Latham Road site with access to the River Cam. All of the Foundation schools make extensive use of this area as an outdoor classroom. As part of their Forest School activities the Junior and Pre-prep schools use the site for creative outdoor play, assignments involving the study of different habitats, art and craft sessions, creative design competitions, survival games and bush craft, map reading, orienteering and following adventure trails/treasure hunts.

The creation of the eco-classrooms will enable us to fully exploit the benefits of the outdoor learning promoted through the Forest School ethos as they will provide a purpose built 'base camp' on the site, with toilets suitable for young pupils, classrooms where discoveries can be explored and warm shelter from the elements when required. These facilities will be similar to those that already exist at many RSPB and other nature reserves and are a vital part of being able to support outdoor recreation throughout the year.

The building designs are currently being finalised and we plan to create these over the summer holidays in 2016.

*As you can see there are lots of exciting developments happening at the Foundation and we will keep you informed of all the latest news on them as they happen.*

stephen perse

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# inSPiring SPaces

Friday 4 March 2016

## Upcoming Events

### *PFA Year 7 Coffee Morning*

Please join the parents and guardians of Year 7 girls for tea/coffee and chat in the Waitrose Café, Trumpington on **Tuesday 8 March 2016** at 9:00am.

Mark your calendars, drop in and catch up with the school happenings and latest news. Any questions please contact Jane Biddle - [callajane@comcast.net](mailto:callajane@comcast.net)

We hope to see you there!



*The Stephen Perse Foundation presents...*

## THE MAN WHO COULD WALK THROUGH WALLS



*Adapted by Craig Baxter and Helene Barrell  
from a short story by Marcel Aymé*

THURSDAY 17TH &  
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH  
7.30PM

*Tickets available from SS Reception  
£5 adults, £2.50 students*



*The PFA invite all parents to...*



## Masquerade Ball *a night of hidden surprises*

Help us set the scene for a theatrical extravaganza

This evening will help us build an open air stage like no other. Allowing our children to tell their story, direct their passion & act on inspiration.

Please reserve tickets via SchoolPost or contact [eds@stephenperse.com](mailto:eds@stephenperse.com) for more details.

Saturday 2nd July 2016  
**7:30-12AM**

Tickets £80

Dress Code

Raffle Auction  
Live Music

Black Tie  
Masks Essential



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