

GRESHAM'S GETS THE GO AHEAD FOR SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT PLANS



Gresham's School is delighted to announce that Planning Permission has been granted for the development of a new Sixth Form and Music Building and for significant improvements to four boarding houses at its Cromer Road site in Holt.


The ambitious scheme, developed by Norfolk-based firm, LSI Architects will provide a range of fantastic new facilities for Gresham's pupils and staff including a new music building to replace the existing music teaching areas. The two-storey music building development, costing £5m, includes classrooms, music practice rooms, a recording studio, a 140 seat auditorium that will be used as a Sixth Form lecture theatre as well as performing space, cafeteria and social spaces for pupils.

Four boarding houses will be the subject of much improvement with permanent extensions planned for Crossways, Kenwyn, Edinburgh and Britten. The extensions will enable Gresham's to provide first class facilities for its boarders within a comfortable and enjoyable home from home environment. The extensions will also create better space and accommodation provision for boarding staff.

Douglas Robb, Gresham's Headmaster, said: "I, together with the pupils, staff and Governors are very excited about the forthcoming developments here at Gresham's School. Music plays a significant role in the daily life of the pupils so it's vital that we can provide them with first class equipment and facilities and I am confident that, by building this wonderful focal point for the school, we'll be able to do just that. Equally, it's important that we offer our boarders a place that they can call home while they are at Gresham's. The extensions and planned improvements to four of our boarding houses will ensure that the houses continue to be welcoming, homely and comfortable for existing pupils and those looking to join Gresham's in the future".


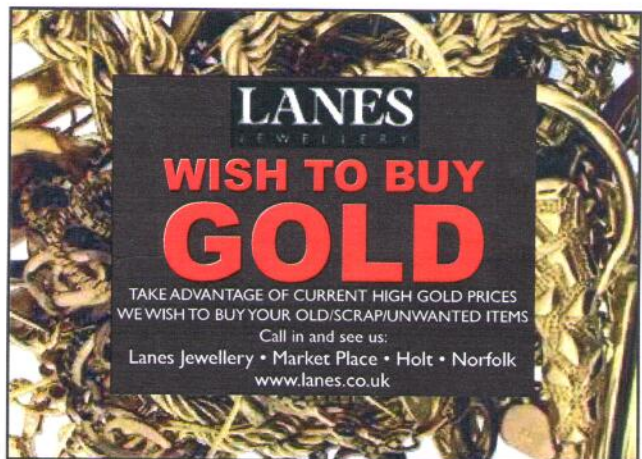
Improvement works are expected to start in March 2016 and the design ensures that the extensions to the boarding houses and the new building integrate well with the existing buildings in terms of appearance with the use of the same materials throughout.

The building contract has been awarded to Kier Construction. A model of the Sixth Form and Music Building is on display in Gresham's Senior School reception area and can be viewed between 9.00am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.



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FATHER CHRISTMAS WOODLAND TRAIL



Children can get into the festive spirit with a special festive Father Christmas woodland trail which will be running at Holt Country Park.

The festive fun trail, with a Christmas theme, has been organised by North Norfolk District Council's Countryside Rangers to show that Christmas time can mean stacks of festive fun outside.

This weekend, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th December, from 10.00am to 1.00pm children will have the opportunity to meet Father Christmas and two of his sleigh pulling reindeer crew, namely: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen and Rudolph too, then take a winter wander through the woods.

The trail will be themed and children will receive a gift. No booking is required for the Father Christmas Trail and the price is £3.00 per child.

Please meet at Holt Country Park visitor centre car park.



**PLEASE NOTE: There will now be a four
week break until the next issue of
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which will be out on Friday 15th January.**