



HARROW
SCHOOL

Sports Centre

UPDATE

PREPARATION WORK BEGINS

We are delighted to report that preparation work has now started for the construction of Harrow School's exciting new Sports Centre.

The new centre will provide improved and updated facilities for the whole Harrow community, with two multi-use sports halls, swimming and training pools, a judo dojo, a climbing wall, and strength and conditioning spaces. Facilities will also include more changing rooms and areas for teaching, treatment and physiotherapy. The new Sports Centre will be available for community groups to use for 1,300 hours every year – an increase of 500 hours.

The ambitious scale of this exciting project means that some temporary changes to access and parking around the construction site will be necessary to ensure the safety of Harrow boys, staff and our visitors, but we will work hard to ensure that Harrow School Fitness Club users, and members of the angling, golf and tennis clubs, can continue to use the current sports facilities with as little disruption as necessary.

INITIAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

The first phases of work will take place during the Harrow School summer holiday period.

- establishment of traffic management and security systems
- erection of safety hoardings around the site
- installation of temporary buildings for use by contractors
- arrival of groundwork plant and equipment
- establishment of the permanent site compound
- start of drainage works in the tennis court car park area
- demolition of the Boyer Webb Pavilion
- drainage works across the rest of the site
- temporary power and water connections
- excavation work within the main site boundary
- ground preparation for heavy machinery



LOOKING AHEAD

Once the preparation work has been completed, there is a three-month plan for the first phases of construction, which will include further major excavations and drainage, work on the foundations for the building, and the creation of a temporary car park.



BOYER WEBB PAVILION

The development of the new Sports Centre requires the demolition of the Boyer Webb Pavilion, which is situated at the centre of where the new building will stand.

The pavilion, which was constructed in the 1920s, was a memorial to Lieutenant John Boyer Webb. Born in 1894, Boyer Webb received a scholarship to Harrow School and went on to study at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Following the outbreak of the First World War, he was sent to the Front in March 1915 and was killed aged just 20 on the night of 20–21 April 1915. His commanding officer noted Boyer Webb's courage and enthusiasm in the face of overwhelming odds, while others remembered him for his cheerful disposition, strength of character and sense of duty.

To retain Boyer Webb's memory, and as a reminder of the much-loved building that formerly stood on the site, timbers from the Boyer Webb Pavilion will be retained and embedded in the walls of the new Sports Centre, where a portrait of Boyer Webb will also hang.

OPEN INFORMATION SESSIONS

We will be holding information sessions to provide updates on the progress of the construction work, where you will also have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

CONTACT US

For construction related matters, please contact our **Estates Department** on **020 8872 8328** (office hours 8am to 4.30pm) or email estates@harrowsschool.org.uk.