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STEPS



At the heart of our College are people – pupils, teachers, parents and the support staff behind the scenes. That said, the quality of our buildings and facilities is also central to our success. They need to be of a standard expected at a first class 21st century British boarding school whose aim is to provide a safe, beautiful and inspirational environment for all who study here. Much has been achieved already, but the College has just embarked on its most ambitious development programme in recent years.

The objectives are:

- to provide a modern boarding house for the Upper Sixth Form, to be named Godwin Hall;
- to provide new teaching facilities for the Prep School by refurbishing areas within the Victorian building and moving the school reception to the front of the College;
- to create a dedicated play area for the Prep School.

As a result of the new buildings and the necessary relocating of various departments other parts of the school reap rewards too.

- Toynbee, the Lower Sixth Form house, moves to Woodard, the existing Upper Sixth Form building which will be an ideal space for the Lower Sixth girls.

The programme started in May 2011 and will be completed by 2014.

The contractors, Mansells, started work on the Upper Sixth Form house in September and are due to complete it in October 2012. Godwin Hall is named after Charles Godwin, who has very generously supported the College's bursary programme. It will provide accommodation for up to 130 students with 96 en-suite rooms for single occupancy by boarders or shared by two day students, as well as six day study rooms. As with the existing Upper Sixth house the students will share common room facilities but will have separate wings of the building for boys and girls. Along with a common room, Godwin Hall will have an IT room and all the other student facilities you would expect of a first class boarding house, along with staff accommodation.

## From the Governors

The Governors are delighted with the progress the College has made over the past few years. We are keen to match that progress with first class facilities that reflect the 21st Century and that set the College apart from others. Our estates plan is ambitious and this year we see the start of phase two which includes new Prep School facilities and, of course, the new Upper Sixth Form coeducational, boarding and day House. These are exciting times for the College and this development plan is a huge vote of confidence for what has been achieved and will be achieved in future years.

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## From the Head

Ardingly College is entering a new era, reflected not only in the record A Level and IB examination results in the last four years, but also in the structural changes. This *Next Steps* brochure is to update you on continued progress with our Campus Development Plan.

Ardingly is now heavily over-subscribed, but we are still hungry to improve even more: we have reached our optimum size and do not wish to increase our numbers further. We aim to continue to take the College forward in as dynamic and future-proof a manner as possible.

During our **first phase of redevelopment**, we have rebuilt our Pre-Prep, which is now housed in state-of-the-art facilities; we have a new Fitness Studio, kindly sponsored by the Friends of Ardingly; there is our new Business Studies Centre, made possible by our generous benefactor, Richard Thomas Beard; and a Modern Languages Department with up-to-the-minute equipment on the top floor of South School, in the former Hilton dormitories. We have refurbished all our boarding houses and built a new boarding space for our girls in the Prep School. We also refurbished the Dining Hall and redecorated many corridors throughout the College, reclaiming many of the beautiful archways. We have floodlit our Astro turf, resurfaced our netball and tennis courts and have new cricket wickets. Finally, we have re-commissioned our Observatory, which was opened by the Keeper of the Vatican's Meteorites.

In today's world, standing still is moving backwards and, with the support of our enormously committed governing body, we are determined to ensure that Ardingly continues to be the College of the future.

We are **entering our second phase of redevelopment** and this will be the most extensive phase witnessed on the Senior and Prep School campus since Ardingly's arrival at our current site in 1870. This brochure gives you an indication of our exciting plans to continue to move the College forward. In the next two years there will be a new, contemporary Upper Sixth boarding house, which will be known as Godwin Hall, housing Woodard boys and girls. Our Lower Sixth girls will move to the current Woodard site, and Crosse day house will move to Pearson, the current site for Toynbee Lower Sixth girls. We will have completed our new Drama studios, and all of the Prep School will be re-housed in new classrooms, with facilities which are fitting for a premier division school.

Plans are already under way to continue with **Phase Three of our campus-wide development**, where we hope to build a new theatre, a second Astro turf for boys' and girls' use, and the development of the College's Science faculty: more of this agenda at a later date.





# UPPER SIXTH FORM **BLOCK**

## From a student

I'm very excited about moving into Godwin Hall.

The new Upper Sixth Form House is being built in a commanding position overlooking the cricket pitches and offers another superb Ardingly focal point – adding to the many that we already enjoy. I can't wait to have a new common room where all Upper Sixth students can mix. I feel this will be a thriving atmosphere and will help to get the right balance between academic work and socializing – it is the perfect location for the whole year to bond. We will have a purpose-built boarding house with modern facilities and 'state of the art' technology. With all the rooms having en-suite facilities it will be much more our own personal space and will provide greater independence prior to university. Many of the universities that I have visited offer this type of accommodation and Woodard will bridge the gap between College and university life. The move away from dormitory living with shared facilities will set Ardingly apart from other colleges and schools, raising the bar and setting a standard that others can only aspire to. I am in no doubt that our founder, Nathaniel Woodard, would be very pleased with this additional jewel in the crown.



# NEW PREP CLASSROOMS

Our new Prep School classrooms have been created on the ground floor of School House and in the former Prep School Studio area. Further Prep School classrooms will be created in phase two of our redevelopment programme.





## New Drama Studio

The new Drama areas have provided a terrific space to explore and perform. The whiteboards, mirrors, lighting systems and ability to divide the studios using a screen allows us all to be more creative. Classes are now provided with the resources to take their dramatic ideas to a higher level.



## Maths Classroom

Good learning is best enabled in an attractively appointed, well-equipped environment, and this is such a room: modern in facilities yet traditional in layout, with its view over the South Quad. Like the College as a whole it represents a forward-looking approach that keeps sight of our heritage.

## Computer Suite

This is the ultimate ICT suite, with an interactive whiteboard that complements others around the college, and fully equipped with computers. It enables students to complete controlled assessment and independent research in a calm, attractive and light environment looking out towards the Music School.

## Toynbee going to Woodard

Our new accommodation will fulfil all the expectations of today's Sixth Form girls. We will be closer to the main school and have large single study bedrooms for everyone and a dedicated social area, big enough to meet the needs of all the girls.





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