

Kent College Pembury's success heralds a new build for its 125th Birthday

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Kent College Pembury's continued success has seen the need for development on the school site and this week the thriving independent girls school was delighted to receive planning permission for a new 4 million pound Library & Art Centre in time for the School's 125th Anniversary.

Due for completion in 2012, the state of the art Library and Art Centre will provide bespoke facilities for the girls in the Senior and Prep school on Kent College's pupil roll, both of which now carry waiting lists in many year groups. This arrives in a year when the school has its' highest pupil figures of all time and is gearing up to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on 22nd September 2011 and throughout 2012. Events planned include a time capsule, Birthday Lecture with Historian Dan Snow and a Grand Summer Ball.

The new building, situated at the heart of the school, designed by HazleMcCormackYoung LLP, will provide a large lower floor open plan Library space with further ICT areas and a coffee shop for parents and visitors to use. On the higher levels, 2D and 3D Art classrooms and offices will be accompanied by a top floor gallery space.

Headmistress Sally-Anne Huang commented:

"We are all extremely thrilled to know that this project will be happening and grateful for the support we have had from our friends and neighbours in Pembury and from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council in the planning stages. Kent College goes from strength to strength. We aim to give our girls the best experience of school we can and our special year will be about pride in our heritage but also the exciting times ahead."