THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

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(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) Mr Jack Mawdsley Chairman of the Board of Governors pictured with Mr Adrian Watney Master of The Mercers' Company and Sir Eric Pountain Chief Executive of Tarmac Plc.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS FOR THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL

More than 200 Parents, Governors, Teachers, Staff and Industrialists witnessed the Foundation Stone Ceremony on the 17th of May. The Master of The Mercers' Company, Adrian Watney and Tarmac Chairman, Sir Eric Pountain, unveiled a 20 tonne foundation stone at the School, which is nearing completion. The guests were able to walk around one of the learning areas which will be the base for some seventy students in September. The Chairman of Governors, Mr Jack Mawdsley, spoke of the solid commitment of the sponsors to the School and of the unique partnership with industry, which will provide special learning opportunities for the 270 students.

Derbyshire stone was chosen as the most suitable link between the sponsors because many of the buildings in the City of London where Mercers' Company is based are made of Limestone which is quarried by Tarmac in Derbyshire.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents

I was delighted to have had the opportunity to meet with all our students and parents at the Information Evenings recently.

The fact that we had a 100% attendance is indicative of the sound partnership that clearly exists between parents and the school.

The building programme is progressing well and all furniture and equipment for the school has now been ordered.

The school curriculum plans are developing and it is with considerable confidence that I can inform parents that the staff are preparing some excellent courses for the students.

Many parents have been asking me about admissions for September 1992. May I advise you to telephone the school Project Office and ask for Mrs Pickford who will deal with your request.

Finally, it is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I look forward to meeting the students again on September 2nd 1991.

Yours sincerely

K J Satchwell Headmaster

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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

We have received enquiries about school health care from parents. The School has a fully equipped medical suite with facilities for routine screening sessions and first aid. All staff have received training from St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Health checks and immunisations will be offered to students by visiting doctors and nursing staff. A full time nurse will be employed next year when there are more students on roll.

SCHOOL SHOP OPENING TIMES

The school shop at Darby House, Lawn Central will be open for the collection of school uniform and PE kit on the following days:

> Mon 19th August 2-6pm Tue 20th August 2-6pm Wed 21st August 2-6pm Thu 22nd August 2-6pm Fri 23rd August 2-6pm Sat 24th August 10-1pm

If you have any difficulty visiting the shop at these times please contact Miss V Evans, who will be pleased to make alternative arrangements.

TEL: 0952 292707

TRANSPORT NEWS

There has been an overwhelming response from parents who wish to arrange travel to and from school for their children in the Telford area. The school is keen to support this venture and is currently preparing a directory for those parents who are interested in helping in this way. The directory will be finalised soon and circulated to the volunteers. If you wish to be included in the directory please contact Ms Wendy Bajic, the Student Support and Welfare Officer before June 30th.

TEL 0952-292707

FREE TRAVEL

Thomas Telford School will provide assistance to all students who live outside of a three mile radius around the school, if they wish to travel by public transport. This will take the form of a Bus Pass or Vouchers. These will be posted to you in August.

Wolverhampton students have now received full details of the school bus routes. Parents are asked to contact the Project Office if there are any queries about the proposed pick-up points or times.

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you interested in sport? Can you play a musical instrument? Would you like to join the students on any of the many visits planned for the next school year?

We want to involve parents in the full life of the school. We are particularly keen to hear from parents who are willing to referee or umpire matches, or who may have a skill or interest they can share with the students. You may even have some time to offer the school but are not sure how you can help.

The school is compiling a database or directory of parents who are prepared to support the school in one of a variety of ways.

If you can assist us in any way please complete the form enclosed and return it to the Project Office in the reply paid envelope provided.

REMINDER

6TH FORM GUIDANCE DAYS FRIDAY AUGUST 23RD 9-3PM TUESDAY AUGUST 27TH " "



Science laboratories designed to meet tomorrow's needs today

SCIENCE 2000

Science education has a vital role to play in this technological world. Dramatically different to rows of dark wooden benches traditionally used to teach the Sciences, the nine laboratories at Thomas Telford School will be of 21st Century design.

Free-standing octagonal benches, joined by bridging units, with work surfaces of Corian, will provide large areas of accessible space.

Each laboratory will be fully equipped to allow all students excellent opportunities for practical experiences in Year 7 and the Sixth Form.

Such facilities will provide a purposeful, welcoming and stimulating environment for every student in their Science studies.

HOTEL & CATERING (NEW COURSE FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS)

The Hotel and Catering Industry has expanded rapidly in the last ten years and the number of jobs has increased considerably with 2.4 million now employed in UK hotels and catering organisations.

We are now able to offer B.Tec and City and Guilds courses to our Sixth Form students at Thomas Telford School. The courses are

designed to equip students with a range of catering skills which will enable them to be employed within the industry or can form a basis for further education at University or Polytechnic.

In addition to the excellent facilities throughout the School there is a specially designed training kitchen with modern industrial equipment adjacent to the main kitchen.

There is a Silver Service section in the restaurant so that students can provide meals in a formal setting for fellow students, staff and visitors.

If you are interested in this course please contact Mrs E Brearley, for further information.

TEL: 0952 292707

COMPUTERS FOR ALL



Headmaster Mr Kevin Satchwell demonstrates one of the lap-top computers at a press conference held at the Moat House Hotel. He is watched by Chairman Of The Governors, Mr Jack Mawdsley and Project Director, Professor Alan Brimer.

All new students will receive an intensive training course in keyboard applications as part of their induction course when school opens in September.

INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANTS JOIN STAFF

The school is delighted to welcome three industrial consultants who have accepted part-time contracts to advise and work with teachers to secure links with industry.

Mr J Cook, Mr D Leeson, and Mr A Phillips have extensive senior management experience in the engineering and construction industries.

What distinguishes Thomas Telford School from other schools is the quality of the partnership we seek to develop with industry.

Our three consultants will be researching the needs of local industry and help the staff to provide productive work placements for Sixth Form students.