

## **ANGLO EUROPEAN SCHOOL ACCEPTED INTO THE SCHOOLS REBUILDING PROGRAMME**

We are delighted to announce that Anglo European School was named as one of 119 schools nationally to have been deemed eligible for the Schools Rebuilding Programme as part of the government's commitment to fund longer-term refurbishment or rebuilding projects, prompted by the discovery of RAAC in schools.

As you know, we have been working closely with a DfE project delivery team since February 2023, initially, to mitigate against the immediate risks posed by RAAC in our Sixth Form Building, but also to determine the most appropriate long-term solution for the school. We have worked hard with the engineers, surveyors, technical advisors, and project managers to convince them that much more of our school needs refurbishment than just the Sixth Form Building to address what one parent, rather charmingly referred to as "The Shabby Corridors of Excellence". Who was it that said, "The road to success is always under construction"!

This week, however, I'm delighted to announce that the DfE publicly agreed that our school rebuilding project warranted entry into the Schools Rebuilding Programme. The initial scope of work plans, which we have been shown recently, indicate that all buildings except M, C and S Block (our newest blocks) will be replaced. This is amazing news for our school and will transform the learning environment, infrastructure, social space and resources for our students radically in the next few years.

We like to thank our amazing Leadership Team, Governors, the DfE project team, Baroness Baron, Alex Burghart MP and Brentwood Borough and Ingatestone Parish Councils for all their support with the project so far. We will continue to work with them to progress plans for the school, involving our students and staff in the design and innovation of the new buildings. This process, in itself, is a lovely learning opportunity for our budding engineers, architects and landscape designers.

We are also hoping that the redesign of the main hall/ theatre, arts spaces, language learning facilities and sports and social spaces will also become enhanced provision for the Ingatestone Community and we're really excited to see what will emerge from the first architect's plans for our new school.

The Chair of Governors, Nicola Maher, said, "This is wonderful news, and I would like to thank the staff at Anglo and at the DfE who have worked with such dedication to get to this point, and moving forwards. With its values-based education and unique international ethos, Anglo has always represented an inspiring vision of what the future of education could look like. Being part of the Schools Rebuilding Programme will ensure that the school has the buildings to develop this vision, meaning that Anglo students have every opportunity to become resilient, ambitious, principled citizens of the future."