

Addition makes sense for college maths block



Elizabeth College principal George Hartley and the extension work that has started on the new maths block. The improvements will cost in the region of £450,000. (Picture by Tom Tardif, 1379385)

WORK to expand Elizabeth College's maths block has started.

The maths faculty is now located in the building which sits behind the main college and faces the Grange.

It was formerly home to the music department and was originally built as a boarders' dormitory.

Scaffolding has already gone up around the unit and work by JW Rihoy & Son will begin during the Easter holidays.

The schedule is being carefully managed to minimise disruption to the college's normal operations.

Principal George Hartley hoped the construction would be finished in August so that it could be used in full the following month.

'Obviously, maths is very important and we want to be able to provide the best possible facilities as we can.

'The new facilities will precipi-

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tate a number of other highly beneficial departmental moves as the modern foreign languages faculty will relocate into the Ozanne building and the social sciences faculty will move from its temporary location in the old Cable & Wireless building into the vacated Upland Road building.'

The maths block extension will be invisible from the Grange, where the existing facade will remain, but will 'square off' the block at the first floor level.

A complete internal reconfiguration will provide six maths classrooms, as well as associated storage and office facilities.

Mr Hartley said the classrooms would allow the most effective delivery of the subject which, with growing pupil numbers, is now being taught in five sets in

Years 7 to 11.

Maths has also become an increasingly popular choice at AS and A-level.

The extension, which is costing about £450,000, is the fourth project to be funded by the Elizabeth College Foundation 450th Anniversary Development Appeal.

Launched in 2012, it raises funds for the much-needed development of the college's buildings and facilities to meet the increasingly complex requirements of modern education.

Thanks to parents' donations, Old Elizabethans and other supporters, the foundation has already paid for the FG Manchester refectory, the performing arts studio and the new reception classroom at Acorn House.

It is hoped the final project to be completed as part of the appeal will be redevelopment of the tennis court area.