



## Media Release

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### ESC publishes 'flythrough' video to show future post-16 campus plans

The Committee for Education, Sport & Culture has published a 'flythrough' video of what the new post-16 campus at Les Ozouets will look like.

As part of its plans to transform the site into a modern, fit-for-purpose and specialist campus for all post-16 studies, the Committee says the video highlights the exciting opportunity the development presents for future generations of students, staff who have been promised certainty for decades, and the whole community.

Construction of the post-16 campus is expected to cost up to £100m and progression of this work depends on the States agreeing to release funding at next month's debate on the Funding & Investment Plan.

The vast majority of the cost will go towards building the specialist facilities needed for the wide range of professional, vocational and technical courses run by The Guernsey Institute. A smaller proportion of the total construction cost (approximately 1/5<sup>th</sup>) will be spent on the new Sixth Form Centre.

The flythrough video can be viewed at [www.ourfuture.gg/education](http://www.ourfuture.gg/education), which contains a raft of information about the re-organisation of secondary post-16 education. The video can also be viewed via the States of Guernsey's social media pages or at [Les Ozouets Post 16 Campus Fly Through - YouTube](#).

Deputy Andrea Dudley-Owen, President of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture, said:

'The video shows our ambitious vision for post-16 education. It is the long-awaited campus which will improve on-island further and higher education. The campus will herald a change in the way the community views and values both academic and technical, vocational and professional pathways. Dispensing with some elitism that has surrounded post-16 education pathways, allows all learners to integrate via shared spaces such as a library and learning centre, refectory and outdoor seating spaces, regardless of their chosen area of study or training on one shared campus, in either The Guernsey Institute or Sixth Form Centre. Learners from different study pathways will also benefit from sharing specialist areas like sports facilities, workshops, science labs and performing arts studios, encouraging collaboration.'

‘The sports facilities in particular, which are justified because of the combined number of students from both TGI and the Sixth Form Centre who will be accessing the campus, c. 900, will be exactly the type of facility so many were calling for after seeing the amazing atmosphere that transformed Beau Sejour’s sports hall for the Island Games. The new facilities will enable Guernsey to offer on-island sports degrees and a wider variety of professional sports fixtures.

‘More than a decade of uncertainty about the model of secondary and post-16 education, surrounding the removal of selection via the 11+, has been extremely damaging and caused instability across our whole Education system. During this time, the standard of facilities at some of our sites has fallen far below what students deserve and the community expects.

‘The Guernsey Institute’s sites are an example of this and are unacceptable in a modern community which values education and its young people. Viewers will see in the 3D flythrough the buildings for the delivery of the technical and vocational pathways.

‘They will also be able to see the plans for the co-located, stand-alone Sixth Form provision, at only about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the overall construction cost envelope, benefits all post-16 students with the same high quality facilities, but also makes room for the 11 – 16 year old students who are coming together from La Mare de Carteret High and the Grammar School to form the new Les Varendes High School, a process which is already well underway.

‘This also solves practical problems, because around 50% of current A Level and IB courses are actually delivered within the 11-16 part of the school, meaning that there would be capacity issues at Les Varendes if it had to deal with over 1,200 students and staff on that site. To provide additional teaching space at Les Varendes would come at a considerable extra cost but with none of the benefits that Les Ozouets Campus will bring for students as they mature towards adulthood.

‘It is true that high-quality education is not dependant on having state-of-the-art facilities, but it certainly helps to support the ambitions of our young people and our economy. The conversation has recently focussed on the construction project to a greater extent than it should and there needs to be an acceptance, notwithstanding the “how we got here” conversation, that we are simply running out of buildings that can reasonably continue to be used for teaching and learning. We need to get on with the long overdue investment in post-16 education.’

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