

Local students visit Southgates construction site in Leicester City centre

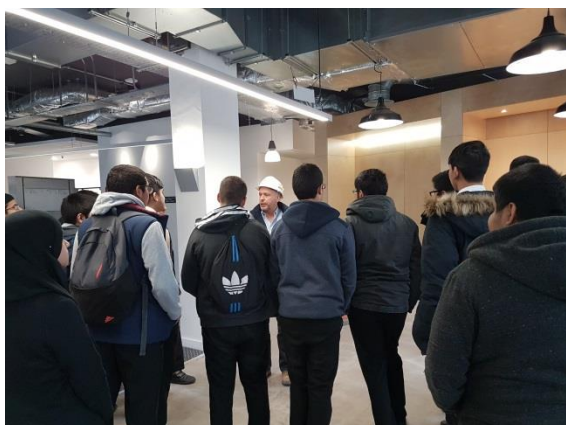
Leicester City Council organised a site visit for students from Moat Community College to learn about design and construction.

A group of 30 secondary school students and staff from the school were greeted by Winvic, the construction company overseeing the re-development of the former bus station site in the heart of historic Leicester.

The works on site comprise the construction of 4 multi-storey blocks to create 567 student apartments across 6 floors, as well as a cinema, a gym, communal meeting rooms, reception area, car parking and landscaping to include seating areas.

After a safety briefing, the students were given the chance to visit the site, which is nearing completion. The aim of the visit was to engage with a younger audience and to promote opportunities that exist within the construction industry.

Martin Overfield, Project Manager at Winvic, said: "We were delighted to be able to invite students from Moat Community College to Southgates to see a construction site in action. We hope that they took away an understanding of what is involved to build accommodation on a grand scale. Furthermore, it is really important to understand that design and health and safety go hand in hand."



Wallace Wenden, Head of Design & Technology at Moat Community College, said: "The students really enjoyed their trip to Southgates. It was a terrific opportunity for them to see how a real construction site works. It was great to have this opportunity and we look forward to developing further links."



Project Manager Sandra Rieger explained: "The City Council has been working with Winvic on Constructing Leicester, an initiative that seeks to ensure that local residents benefit from the opportunities generated from new development sites. Site visits are an important part of student learning and the opportunity to visit a real-time construction project allows them to gain knowledge about the building and the site."

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