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£10m REVAMP FOR ACADEMY

By DONNA SEMMENS

The new look for King's Lynn Academy was unveiled yesterday with details of the £10.4m project revealed for the first time.

With work expected to start in March next year, the transformation of the academy should be completed by September 2013, when it will have capacity for 1,100 students at the Queen Mary Road site, in Gaywood.

The plans went on display at the offices of West Norfolk Council yesterday and the full extent of the redevelopment became clear as part of the consultation process.

A three-storey block at the centre of the school will be demolished and replaced by a new structure with classrooms and a large open space which can be used for a variety of purposes - from exhibitions to relaxation area.

The new central area will link the two "wings" of the existing

New look is a once in a lifetime opportunity



BIG PLANS: King's Lynn Academy is set to be transformed.

yellow branding will ensure it won't be missed.

Mark Phillips, of London-based designers Studio E, said the idea was to create a bright, open

booth at the newly-designed entrance where entrepreneurial students have the chance to market things they have created or grown at the academy.

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Plans revealed for academy's redevelopment

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... said Mr Phillips. Existing fittings which are in good order will be retained in order to allow a percentage of the furniture to be retained in order to allow a majority of the budget to be used where it is most needed, he said.

New windows, insulation and acoustic panels will also be used to help reduce the running costs of the academy.

The funding for the project has not come from the government under the Partnership for Schools scheme, which has been accelerated by 18 months as the foundations had already been laid for the Lynn project.

Exam results at the academy, which opened in September 2010, have seen a number of students achieving five or more GCSEs, including English and maths, double to 40pc. Project manager Brian Siler said the academy would be building on



MAJOR REVAMP: Designs showing how King's Lynn Academy will look after its £10m redevelopment. Work could start on the site in March next year.

the improvements made so far and the capital investment about to be made in the fabric was an intrinsic part of the aspiration to keep standards rising.

Mr Siler, who works for academy partner Morston Assets, said there should be minimal disruption during the three phases of construction and students were not expected to be relocated to portable buildings.

"There is some capacity within the buildings and the work has been programmed very carefully," he said.

Community use of some academy facilities, including the sports fields, will also be retained once work is completed and it is hoped more use will be made of the academy by other organisations.

The construction work will be carried out by Balfour Beatty which

will be employing 40pc local people during the build project.

The company will also be taking on four apprentices who are likely to also study at the College of West Anglia - another partner in the academy's development.

A detailed planning application is likely to be submitted in the next few weeks and, if approved, work should start in March.

It had been hoped the academy would be re-built entirely on a new site within the South Lynn regeneration area.

A new principal, Craig Morrison, took up his role at the academy in June of this year.

The details of the scheme will be put on the academy website - www.kingslynnacademy.co.uk
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