

**AUTUMN 2022**

**COMMUNITY UPDATE**



# WELCOME

**Welcome to our autumn EdCity update. Read on for the latest news on construction, celebrations of community initiatives, and a spotlight on activities at our new primary school.**

EdCity is a £150m not-for-profit scheme that will create 132 affordable homes, a new primary school building, a nursery, adult learning spaces, a new youth zone, and an office building.

The development will create a new public space, with pedestrian routes linking White City estate to White City Place and Wood Lane. EdCity Development Ltd (ECDL), Hammersmith & Fulham Council and Ark, an education charity, are delivering the project, with Bowmer + Kirkland Ltd carrying out construction work.

*Together, we are building a place that will make a difference to local people. The opportunities for education, work and new homes will mark a new era for the whole White City community.*

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO..?

Since our last Community Update, a lot has changed on site. The service tunnel has been completed. The primary school and apartment building structures are complete, and B+K is installing the external walls.

The Youth Zone structure has been finished, and the concrete floors are installed. Since March, we have built the basement of the office building and are working on the concrete floors, columns and walls on Level 5.



THE SERVICE TUNNEL

# UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The next few months will see big changes on site. Roofing works will start on the external brickwork of the school, and the apartment building will go up. We will also begin the internal fit out works, including the dry lining, electric and plumbing.

The Youth Zone will be wrapped in brickwork and cladding, and we will complete the concrete structure of the office building before Christmas.

We will then attach brick slip cladding to the office building, working from mast climbers. In Spring 2023, we will start dismantling the tower cranes.



## CABINET MEMBER IMPRESSED BY YOUTH AND EDUCATION CENTRES PROGRESS

Cllr Alex Sanderson, H&F Cabinet Member for Children and Education recently visited the EdCity site to check on its progress. She said: “It’s an exciting project with something for everyone. From the new school buildings to the affordable homes, this scheme represents a big win for the local White City community. The improvements to local public areas and the job opportunities that come with the scheme will be a big benefit for local residents. I’m really excited to see the construction work coming along so well.”





## HOMECOMING FOR APPRENTICE HELPING TO BUILD HIS OLD SCHOOL

Conor McEvoy, 25, is an Apprentice Site Manager at the EdCity development. Conor grew up on the White City estate with his family and went to Canberra Primary School (now called Ark Swift Primary) when he was younger. He loved his time at this school and told us: “Working at my former primary school is amazing, as it holds fond memories for me.”

Conor attended the Bridge AP Academy for secondary school, which he left at 16 with very few qualifications. For the next few years, he worked as a labourer on railways and at building sites. Although Conor enjoyed labouring, he wanted to improve his skills and started an apprenticeship in carpentry.

Eighteen months in, Conor welcomed a baby son and realised he needed more financial stability to progress. He wanted to work in the construction industry and applied for an apprentice site manager role.

During the interview, he impressed the panel with his willingness and drive. He is now a pivotal team member of construction managers at EdCity.

Conor is halfway to achieving an NVQ Level 4 in Construction Site Supervising and will add a First Aid course to his skillset.

Conor said: “I am fortunate to work with such a great bunch of people who have taken me under their wing and are helping me progress to achieving my chosen career.



**CONOR MCEVOY**

# ARK WHITE CITY PRIMARY TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER 2023

Ark White City Primary brings together two existing schools – Ark Burlington Danes Primary Academy and Ark Swift Primary Academy.

As construction continues, we're excited that pupils will learn in a modern building with brilliant state-of-the-art facilities to inspire their learning. The school will have a roof terrace with growing gardens for each year group, a space for outside lessons, and a high-quality playground.

Pupils will have multi-purpose cooking, DT, science, art and sensory rooms. Corridors will be extra-wide, giving pupils a flexible breakout space from the classroom.

Think you or someone you know might want to join the school? Why not come along to an upcoming open event (to be held at Ark Swift Primary Academy):

- **Open morning**  
Wednesday 9 November, 9am
- **Open afternoon**  
Monday 28 November, 2pm

Register on the website or by scanning this QR code:



Applications for a 2023 reception place are open now at [www.lbhf.gov.uk](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk)

To join Ark Swift Primary Academy or Ark Burlington Danes Primary Academy ahead of Ark White City Primary Academy opening in September 2023, please contact either:

[info@arkswiftprimary.org](mailto:info@arkswiftprimary.org) or

[primaryoffice@burlingtondanes.org](mailto:primaryoffice@burlingtondanes.org)



Ark White City  
Primary Academy



## GARDEN PERGOLA



# B+K LTD HELPS PARTNERS AT HAMMERSMITH ACADEMY

As part of B+K's ongoing community outreach, they have been working with Hammersmith Academy. The school received the Mayor of London's Climate Kick-Start Prize worth £10,000 to help them create their Healthy Food Outdoor Kitchen, which encourages students to eat healthily using vegetables grown in their garden.

The school has been working with Hammersmith Community Gardens Association (HCGA) this year, and B+K was keen to lend a hand. Paul Smith, B+K's Associate Director, said: "After watching an episode of Gardeners World, I was inspired and got in touch with HCGA. They invited us to the site, and I was pleased we could help the school by offering our specialist skills.

"We built an outdoor kitchen space, installed a water supply to the new kitchen, a concrete base for the new pergola, made steps from sleepers and put up a four-metre-high fence."



# YOUNG VOICES ENCOURAGED TO JOIN PLANNING

WEST, the OnSide Youth Zone within EdCity, is calling for local young people to get involved with its Development Group.

Young people across the borough have already played an essential role in several elements of the Youth Zone, including naming it WEST, which stands for Where Everyone Sticks Together.

The group will meet weekly, and critical jobs coming up include interviewing potential staff members, interior design and local promotion.

Anyone wishing to either be involved or to find out more information should email [shineade.burton@onsideyouthzones.org](mailto:shineade.burton@onsideyouthzones.org)

Once open, the Youth Zone will give young people aged 8-19 (or up to 25 for those with additional needs – more than 20 activities each evening for just 50p. It will have a rooftop football pitch, music room with a recording studio, sports hall, performing arts studio, arts and crafts space, a fully equipped gym and much more.

There'll also be a café serving hot, nutritious meals for £1. More information is on the WEST website: [www.westyouthzone.org](http://www.westyouthzone.org) There'll also be a café serving hot, nutritious meals for £1. More information is on the WEST website: [www.westyouthzone.org](http://www.westyouthzone.org)

# WEST

An **OnSide** Youth Zone

VIEW FROM LEVEL FOUR



# TRANSFORMATION TIMELINE

## 2021

Initial works started in July with demolition works throughout the summer and autumn.

## 2022

Ongoing construction of phase one: the new primary school, residential, Youth zone and office building.

## 2023

Ark White City Primary will open. Pupils will move from the existing buildings into their brand-new classrooms in September. Completion of 24 affordable homes. The Youth Zone and office will be ready towards the end of the year. Start of phase two.

## 2024

Construction of phase two: the nursery, adult education space and the remaining homes.

## 2025

**EdCity is complete.**



## FIND OUT MORE

For more information about the development, please visit [www.edcity.org.uk](http://www.edcity.org.uk) where you can find an FAQs section.

Or, you can get in touch with us at [edcity@arkonline.org.uk](mailto:edcity@arkonline.org.uk)

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