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'TOPPING OUT' MARKS CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE AT TRING PARK SCHOOL

The construction of Tring Park School's smart new £5.9 million boarding house and teaching facilities in Tring, has reached an important milestone that was celebrated with a traditional 'topping out' ceremony which is held when the full height of a new building is reached, and the framework is completed. Regional construction firm Stepnell was joined by the school's staff and head boy and head girl to celebrate the event.

Designed by Burrell Foley Fischer architects, the new four-storey student accommodation and study facility will provide 70 bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and private study spaces. It will also include five academic and vocational teaching spaces, four new common room areas, two staff apartments, communal kitchen facilities and a theatre workshop.

Stepnell is using off-site construction techniques to speed up the delivery of the building, optimise quality and create efficiency savings through initiatives such as modular bathroom pods. These will be built in a factory and delivered on site where they will be lifted and installed straight into the building.

"We're delighted to have reached this significant milestone in the construction of this fantastic new accommodation which will be a great addition to the school," says Jamie White, contracts manager at Stepnell. "Reaching the topping out is a proud moment for everyone involved in the project as the building really starts to take shape. Work is progressing well, and our team will be making a start on fitting the brass copper sheeting and timber cladding around the outside of the building, which will give the new facility its modern, natural look."

The new accommodation is due for completion in spring next year.

Anselm Barker, deputy principal, says: "The pupils and staff at Tring Park School have been thrilled to watch the new building grow so quickly and we are delighted to have reached the end of this significant stage of construction. We eagerly look forward to moving into the new building and making the most of this new facility which will significantly enhance our community."

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Image 1: 'Topping out' marks construction milestone at Tring Park School (on the ladder:) Steve Boddy, Stepnell senior site manager; (then, left to right:) Jamie White, Stepnell contracts manager; Anselm Barker, deputy principal; Jim Twitchin, head of estates; Jessica Pritchard, head girl; Miriam Juviler, marketing director; Liam Bird, Stepnell assistant site manager; Jack Stewart, head boy; Chris Faulkner, Stepnell regional director; Kate Wynne-Eaton, management accountant and Stefan Anderson, principal.

Image 2: The construction of Tring Park School's £5.9 million boarding house and teaching facilities has reached an important milestone that was celebrated with a traditional 'topping out' ceremony (left to right:) Jamie White, Stepnell contracts manager; Jim Twitchin, head of estates; Anselm Barker, deputy principal; Jessica Pritchard, head girl; Liam Bird, Stepnell assistant site manager; Miriam Juviler, marketing director; Stefan Anderson, principal; Jack Stewart, head boy; Kate Wynne-Eaton, management accountant; Chris Faulkner, Stepnell regional director and Steve Boddy, Stepnell senior site manager.

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