



Press release

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Bouygues Construction is chosen to build St John's CE Academy secondary school in Oxfordshire, UK

Bouygues UK, Bouygues Construction's British-based subsidiary, has been selected by the Department for Education to build the new St John's CE Academy secondary school in Grove, Oxfordshire. The £28.2 million (€33 million) project will be carried out on behalf of the Vale Academy Trust.



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The future St John's CE Academy secondary school will be located next to the existing primary school in the village of Grove. It will be the first school in the region to cater for all levels from nursery to secondary school and will have 600 pupils.

The two-storey building, designed by Stride Treglown, will be constructed using sustainable materials, in particular a cross-laminated timber frame, and will incorporate a green roof equipped with photovoltaic panels. The external infrastructure, such as the playing fields and play areas, will incorporate sustainable drainage systems for optimum rainwater management. In addition, the school will be clad in brick and wood panels, with aluminium entrances, combining aesthetics and functionality.

Rick Holroyd, Executive Headteacher of St John's Academy, said: "Our vision is for the new academy to become an educational centre at the heart of the Wellington Gate community, not only offering quality education, but also providing opportunities and services for the whole family. We are confident that Bouygues UK will deliver a modern building that will meet the needs of the community for many years to come."

Bouygues UK has built a large number of educational establishments in the United Kingdom (primary schools, secondary schools, universities, research centres, etc.), including Pencoedtre High School, West Twyford Primary School, Westminster City School, Cardiff Innovation Campus and Bath School of Management. This project is a further demonstration of the company's commitment to education and allows it to make a positive contribution to the Wellington Gate area.

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