Work is progressing well on the new Piazza Learning Centre and work is now beginning on the frame of the building. Site will start to get busier over the next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas.

What’s happening behind the hoardings?

- The piling works for the ground stabilisation process have been completed and the foundations for the new building are now installed, complete with all the bolts cast in ready for the new steelwork to be fixed to.
- The graphics around the site hoarding have been installed and we are operating all gates for deliveries. We have a gate man at the gatehouse near the energy centre that is sending smaller deliveries down around the basketball court between Constantine and Langwith College, and larger deliveries towards the Sports Village and down the bus lane. Over the next month we will have some large deliveries coming in as we start erecting the steelwork to the new building and all of the precast concrete floor planks.
- Two cranes have arrived on site to start erecting the steelwork and these works will be ongoing up until Christmas.
Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Tuesday 11 October 2016 Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Saul Tendler, University of York project managers Phil Shaw and Helen Stephenson, Director of International Pathways College Matthew Perry, Head of Space Management Matthew Burton and Senior Facilities Manager Liz Lloyd all visited site for a ceremony to mark the official start of the project. They were joined by senior members of the Interserve and project design team.

Work Experience

We’ve had our first work experience student visit the site, Matthew Withers, who helped out with some site engineering and in a design team meeting. If you’re interested in visiting the site or know anyone who would benefit from some hands on experience then please contact Lianne Lawson (lianne.lawson@interserve.com) or call in to the site office.

The steel frame of the building is a ‘skeleton frame’ of vertical steel columns and horizontal beams that are constructed in a rectangular grid to support the floors, roof and walls of a building which are all attached to the frame. Steel is one of the most sustainable construction materials. Its strength and durability, coupled to its ability to be recycled again and again without ever losing quality, make it truly compatible with long term sustainable development. Steel is fabricated off-site and can be rapidly assembled on-site by skilled personnel, which as well as having time and cost benefits also means that it is an inherently safe construction material.

There has been a total of 700m² of concrete poured on site so far for the foundations