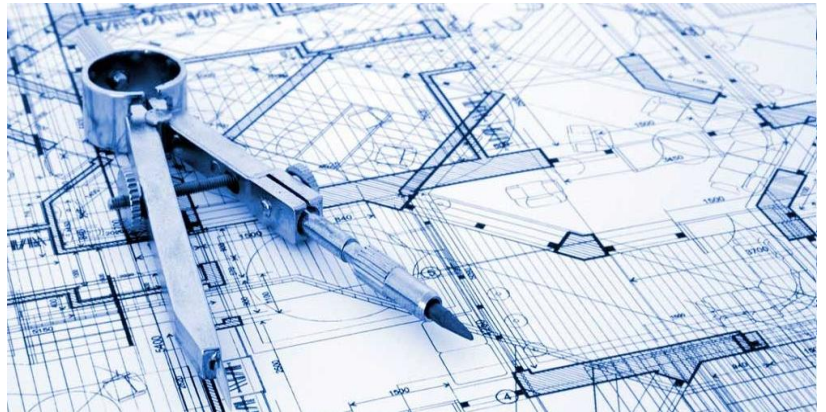


THERE ARE PLANS AFOOT AT CASTLE SCHOOL

Queries raised in a recent planning application concerning the suitability of their existing wood clad classrooms have sent Castle School, quite literally, back to the drawing board. They are working closely with Hayston Developments and Planning to design a bespoke two or three storey building which will house new classrooms, dining area and hall along with further offices etc.



This is no simple task as the school operates from a grade II listed building so any structure has to satisfy the listing officer and planning (as well as pupils, parents and staff). It is hoped the whole school community will jump on board with the project. Not stopping at parent consultations, the prep school pupils will design bat boxes that will keep conservationists happy and the senior school pupils are busy

coming up with their own wish list - this truly is a community project as the new buildings will hopefully incorporate a cookery school and IT suite for use by local people for subsidised evening classes.



In addition, the school is hoping to upgrade a disused agricultural building for use as a sports canopy to enhance its sports facilities. This is on hold until further bat surveys can be undertaken but everyone is hoping to have happy bats living alongside happy, sporty children.