

Bishop of London Blesses new Greenford School

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Blessing of the foundations laid at the new William Perkin School in Greenford.

From left, Headteacher Alice Hudson, Bishop Richard Chartres and Associate Headteacher Keir Smith.

CHILDREN from Edward Betham CE primary and the local clergy watched in the snow as the Bishop of London blessed the timber frame of a new school.

William Perkin Church of England High School is due to open in September 2013 and the building in Oldfield Lane North, Greenford, is already at first floor level.

Last Friday's (18) ceremony focused on firm foundations and used texts provided by members of nearby parishes to support the growing structure.

Pupils from Edward Betham led prayers and assisted the Bishop in the unveiling of a foundation stone to mark the occasion.

The Rt. Reverend and Rt Hon Richard Chartres, who was presented with a wooden cross as a gift, said: "This day is open to everyone in the community. I will be supporting the school and I know the head is interested in early language and science specialism."

William Perkin will have an innovative curriculum model giving additional time to Applied Science and Computer Technology as well as sharing Twyford's focus on music and languages.

Executive Head teacher Alice Hudson commented: "We are delighted in the rapid progress of the building and the support we have received from local parishes and schools."

The Associate Head, Kier Smith, further praised the design work saying it was just fantastic.

Another guest visiting the site to see the progress was The Times Political editor Michael Binyon.

As former master of the Charity Committee of the Leathersellers Company, a role previously held by William Perkin himself, Mr Binyon was invited by the bishop, also a member of Leathersellers.

Mr Binyon said: "We hope our involvement will be long term. We are offering our help to William Perkin, particularly with extra-curricular activities."