



Luton Sixth Form College
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Luton Sixth Form College Official Opening Ceremony

Luton Sixth Form College's brand new Bradgers Hill Road campus was officially opened on 9th March 2011 by Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys, former student and inventor of DNA finger printing. The £56m building was completed on schedule and within budget and opened in September 2010 following a 20 month construction programme. The day's ceremony was an opportunity for a number of distinguished guests to see the new campus at work and tour the state-of-the-art facilities, as well as meeting students and teachers, who were busily engaged in a range of exciting showcase activities.

Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys said: "I'm honoured to be asked to perform this ceremony and to commemorate the opening of this impressive new campus, which is the single most important development since the creation of Luton Sixth Form College in 1966. I would like to congratulate everyone who was involved in the planning and construction of this wonderful learning environment."

Principal Simon Kitchener said: "This is a historic day for Luton Sixth Form College and for Luton. We are the long established specialist sixth form for the town and we are delighted that so many of our professional colleagues and friends were able to look around our new campus. We attract over 50% of 16 years old students in the area with a record breaking 2250 young people choosing to come to the College this year." He added: "The project has delivered our dream of a stunning new campus and first class facilities for the young people of Luton in the 21st Century. We are confident that it will inspire students to come here, to develop a love of learning and to have the confidence to pursue their dreams."

Kelvin Hopkins MP said: This is an exciting time for Luton Sixth Form College, and the new campus will pave the way to further improve the life opportunities that young people simply do not have elsewhere. The College is a great force for community cohesion in Luton and the sheer quality of education it provides is just superb. Transforming the lives of its students is what this College is all about. The magnificent new building is already becoming an icon for Luton."

The new campus sits within a predominantly leafy residential area. A key design brief for the project was to provide a dramatic and stimulating learning environment in which the College could continue to deliver the best education for students and a platform to build upon its Ofsted 'Beacon College' status.

For more information on Luton Sixth Form College courses, visit www.lutonsfc.ac.uk, where it is possible to download a course guide and watch the promotional DVD, or call 01582 877500.

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Picture 1386 attached shows:

Tom Danaher, Vice Chair, Student Council
Emma Waterhouse, Student Governor
Kelvin Hopkins, MP
Deputy Mayor, Cllr Farooq
Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys
Gavin Shuker, MP
Graham Ryan, Chair of Governors
Trevor Holden, CEO, Luton Borough Council,
Simon Kitchener, Principal
Cllr Tahir Khan
Aiden Waite, Student Governor

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Notes to Editor:

- 'Outstanding' Ofsted inspection 2008
- One of the leading providers of post-16 education in the country
- Examination results continue to be well above the national average
- Each year over 600 students go on to study at universities across the country, including Cambridge and Oxford.
- Learning & Skills Beacon Status
- 'Investor in People' and 'Investor in Careers' accreditation
- First sixth form college in the UK