



Parent Update - Things are moving quickly!

This year will certainly be the busiest year in the history of ABIS with so much happening it is difficult to keep up! Because of this, we decided to share this update with you help you understand our plans and progress.

Over the last months the school has achieved much. First and foremost, the accreditation of ABIS by CIS was a huge achievement and the proof that your loyalty and trust is deserved!

Added to this we have formalised the joint ownership of the school with 50% being owned by Sohar Aluminium and 50% Orpic. An important step in securing the very best future for the school.

We opened the LC1 and launched the Global Section just a few

months ago and we are incredibly proud to have made these changes smoothly and seamlessly.

Going forwards, the next few months will see more construction and development that will lead to us opening a wonderful campus in August.

The development creates wonderful opportunities for all of our children but it is not without sadness. We will be demolishing the old SLS and closing the swimming pool in a couple of weeks (the reason why we have moved the Swim Gala) to continue the building work.

Overleaf, you will find details of all of the construction work going on and what will result from all these activities! As always, thank you for your support and if you have questions, just ask!

QUICK OVERVIEW

- ABIS first school in region to be CIS Accredited
- Co-ownership of the school completed
- Pool to be closed for renovation and improvement
- New parking area soon to be completed
- Sports facility development to start at the back of the school
- August to see new facilities coming online
- Admin, science, arts, and music to get new facilities.



Overview of the whole project

	Timing	Description
Demolition of SLS	Start: 22/2/017	Say goodbye to our much loved 'SLS'. All good things must come to an end and the SLS will be finally demolished (Bleachers in Sports Hall are being used to store furniture and are closed).
Demolition of pool	Start: 22/2/17	Our wonderful pool is looking very tired and needs to be improved & expanded. This will mean that the pool will be closed for the rest of the school year.
Opening of new parking	March	The first of two new parking areas will be opening. This will be located at the back / left of the school and there will be access past this side of the Sports Hall.
Construction of running track	March - August	A 400m running track will be an important part of our sports facility. It will be a high spec. track and no one will have an excuse not to be fit anymore!
Construction of sports field	March - August	In the middle of the track a grass sports field will be laid. It will be big enough for a full sized football / rugby pitch. Wow!
Construction of new aquatics centre	March - August	Say, "Goodbye" to our pool and, "Hello" to the all new ABIS Aquatics Centre! It will consist of new changing facilities, a full width, high spec. 25m pool, a learner pool and a water play / paddling area for our little ones!
Construction of beach volleyball court	March - August	Over by the new parking area there will be an all new Beach Volleyball court.
Construction of cricket nets	March - August	If anyone wants to see Mr Ramesh practice his famous googly, then they will need to pop by to the new cricket nets
Construction of outdoor tennis / basketball courts	March - August	Outdoor hard courts, located behind the existing playground will be big enough for 3 volleyball / basketball matches. They will be great for the children to play soccer at break times as well.
Construction of landscaping	March - Sept.	The landscaping of our campus will create a really wonderful space for children to learn and play.
Construction of the ABIS Farm	March - Sept.	Yes! The landscaping plans include the creation of a farm area to be located approximately where the old parking lot is currently. Dates, bananas, chickens and, of course, goats! Recycling and composting will be here.
Opening of LC 2	August	LC 2 (the building next to LC1!) will next year be the home of the Grade 6 and Secondary students. The building shape is the same as LC1 but has different colours!
Opening of LC 3	August	LC3, at the front of campus, will become our Admin / Da Vinci Building. It will house our science areas, visual arts studios and music rooms. It will also be the admin's new home...no more Portacabin for me!
Opening of Theatre / Gym	August - September	Just opposite the LC1 is our new Theatre / Gym. As you can see already it will have a great stage. Added to this, collapsable seating and great acoustics / lighting will make it a great performance space. Operating as a gym it will be wonderful for our younger students.
Opening of all sports facilities	August - November	Most of the sports facilities will be ready to go at the beginning of the school year. The pitch may need some time before we start using it to allow the grass to grow properly.



*The final picture...
a long way off!*