

## Press release

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### Ealing Hammersmith and West London College confirm the sale of Acton Site

For the past two years, the strategic direction of the college has taken account of the changes in government priorities for education including funding for apprenticeship moving to employers. The strategy also ensures that the college can anticipate and meet the needs of the local residents and businesses. Working closely with the Department for Education and Ealing Borough Council, the college has been able to ensure that provision remains local and accessible by the community and employers within the immediate catchment area, whilst maintaining provision on site.

The College's Acton Construction and STEM Centre on Gunnersbury Lane has been sold recently to the Department for Education in order to provide a new free school to meet the needs of the increasing local population. The college will continue to teach construction engineering and STEM subjects on site for the next 18 months. The proceeds of the sale will fund the college's developing accommodation strategy.

Chief Executive, Garry Phillips says: "We can confirm that we have completed the sale of our Gunnersbury Lane, Acton Site. The College is committed to retaining education provision within the Ealing area, and will ensure that our current students will continue to be supported and are not adversely affected by the changes."

Talking about the strategic direction, Garry Phillips says: "We are completely committed to providing outstanding opportunities for local people to learn skills that will give them the edge when competing for jobs within their own communities. We have an enviable list of employers, entrepreneurs and global businesses operating from a West London base who rely on us to provide their future employees".

The College works strategically with key employers to ensure it enables students to not only gain relevant qualifications but more importantly are able to access employment or HE.

Tom Scaife, Partner at Knight Frank, who acted for the college, comments: "This is a great example of maximising the potential of an educational asset – releasing funds to be re-invested back into education by the college on their wider estate, and delivering a new modern educational facility for the local community."

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We are dedicated to ensuring that we get students on the right course with the right support. We continue to support them whilst they transition onto further study or into the workplace with an apprenticeship. The college can provide careers advice, qualifications, personal mentoring or access to professional training — we offer the skills, support and guidance needed to achieve ambitions. Visit our website for more information: [www.wlc.ac.uk](http://www.wlc.ac.uk)

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