**Premises Report 11/10/16**

**Humanities curtain walling project conclusion**

Agreement was reached that the panels that had been fitted were of good quality and definitely up to the job and we are happy to accept them and conclude the project.

We were not happy with the way the building company treated us in respect of attempting to overcharge for the project in several areas which were contested by PCH and ourselves.

After drawn out negotiations the company accepted that their revised (inflated) charges were not in-line with what was agreed and we have accepted an agreeable settlement.

They did the extra cladding on the crossover between Humanities and English (completed August 2016), and agreed to drop the £20,000 contribution we were going to be putting in from Devolved Formula Capital for the cladding on the kitchen area.

**Final phase of heating pipework update**

Eyre did an excellent job of getting the work completed on a very tight time frame. Some minor control works are being finalised at the weekends and making good and minor repairs on areas affected by the work were done evenings and weekends through September and are now complete.

The system is filled and treated and will be fully tested and ready to turn the heating on by half term as planned.

We have also taken out a maintenance contract with Eyre on the whole system and plant room which will be reviewed after one year.

**Solar panels benefit review**

We recently received our first bill (for Jan 2016 – June 2016) for the electricity used from the solar panels. I have analysed the whole school invoiced figures against the same period last year to see what impact the panels have had on our costs. Last year we had two meters (main building and XBlock), from Jan 2016 we have had a third for the electricity used from the solar panels. The table below shows the comparison giving us a saving of £3,189.44 so far this year. I will continue to monitor the costs to ensure we seeing a benefit.

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| **Solar Panel Impact Jan 2016 - June 2016** |
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| **Month** | **Meter** | **2014-15 Cost** | **2015-16 Cost** |
|   |   |   |   |
| January | Main Building | £8,225.79 | £7,545.45 |
|   | Xblock | £651.22 | £819.26 |
|   | Solar Panels | £0.00 | £2.56 |
| February | Main Building | £7,068.04 | £6,589.04 |
|   | Xblock | £770.90 | £662.98 |
|   | Solar Panels | £0.00 | £276.64 |
| March | Main Building | £7,790.96 | £6,526.58 |
|   | Xblock | £640.56 | £721.65 |
|   | Solar Panels | £0.00 | £407.08 |
| April | Main Building | £6,421.92 | £5,248.84 |
|   | Xblock | £562.98 | £588.40 |
|   | Solar Panels | £0.00 | £589.96 |
| May | Main Building | £6,387.77 | £5,313.44 |
|   | Xblock | £663.51 | £654.86 |
|   | Solar Panels | £0.00 | £704.20 |
| June | Main Building | £6,486.90 | £5,229.37 |
|   | Xblock | £568.91 | £583.32 |
|   | Solar Panels | £0.00 | £586.39 |
|  | **Total** | **£46,239.46** | **£43,050.02** |
|  |  | **Saving** | **£3,189.44** |

**Pabulum summer projects**

**Year 7 Shelter**

 We now have the shelter complete and being used daily by our Year 7 students. The facility is incredibly beneficial and has been completed to a good standard.

Although the end product is very good we did have a lot of problems with Pabulums’ project management which caused a lot of delays, and resulted in the shelter being completed late despite their constant promises that it would be ready for the first day of school in September.

**Sixth Form Cafe**

 The sixth form Café is still not totally finished but the main work and additions were completed within the agreed timescales. The offering and facilities have been greatly enhanced and once the last bits of work are complete the area will look fantastic too. There is a decent amount left in the project pot that Pabulum have committed to invest in the facility. We have agreed that it will be spent in the sixth form café upgrading the lighting, replacing the ceiling tiles that are damaged, painting and decorating, and upgrading the furniture as much as possible.

In light of all the problems that pabulum have had delivering these projects so far, we have agreed that we will organise the work and they will pay the bills and any contractors. I am hoping to get most of the major decorating works completed over half term to minimise disruption to the service.

**CIF Bids 2016-17**

The CIF bids this year will for:

* Curtain wall replacement on the English block – We very narrowly missed out on this one on appeal last year so are hopeful we should be successful this year. This would allow us to finish the block with the same look as Humanities and make a big difference both visually and with energy efficiency.
* Roofing to parts of Humanities, C Block, Science and Technology – Some areas of roofing have been replaced previously and we are looking to complete the rest of the school with this round of bids.

Although the CIF bid information has not yet been released for 2016/17 yet, we are putting all of the information together with PCH now so that we are ready to go as soon as the timescales are announced.