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The Bournemouth & Poole College has submitted a planning application for the next stages of the redevelopment of The College's landmark Lansdowne campus.

This project will see an investment of more than £10million to ensure the buildings are suitable for future students, and has been designed to support the Dorset Skills Plan and Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership's (Dorset LEP) strategic priorities. Work is expected to commence in 2018 subject to planning consent being approved by Bournemouth Borough Council.

Ken Roberts, executive director of resources at The College, said: "This significant investment in our Lansdowne campus once again demonstrates our commitment to improving the learning experience for all our students. This project also enables The College to continue to support local business skills needs, while assisting the Dorset LEP in delivering its strategic priorities and the Dorset Skills Plan."

Efficient sustainable new buildings are set to replace inefficient wooden huts and portable buildings. This will result in the modernising of student facilities, a reduction in The College's overall carbon footprint, reduced annual running costs and will deliver additional efficiency savings.

An employability and advanced apprenticeship centre, with a business support hub and facilities to support the expanding digital economy in Bournemouth is all included in the proposal. Hospitality and catering students will also have access to new catering facilities with the Escoffier restaurant relocating into a glass fronted new building on Christchurch Road.

The opportunity to segregate road traffic, providing additional soft landscaping, green features and external breakout areas between the buildings will benefit students, staff and local residents.

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