

## ...GO ON, BE A BRICK FOR CARWARDEN!

12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 – Solicitors firm Herrington & Carmichael LLP and local celebrity Tom O'Connor teamed up on Monday morning to officially launch the 'Be a Brick' Campaign for Carwarden House Community School, Camberley.

The campaign's aim is to raise £25,000 to convert a disused garage in the school grounds into a much needed vocational classroom, which will contain a beauty centre and hairdressing salon providing training in health and beauty for the school's students and those students with special needs attending other local schools.

How you can get involved in the 'Be a Brick' campaign is very straightforward:

"We're asking everyone to make a lasting contribution to ensuring this wonderful school achieves its goal and builds a better future for its students." explains Adrian Job, Senior Partner, Herrington & Carmichael

"This means that for a minimum donation you or your business can 'buy' a brick which includes your name or your business' name and a message. The brick will then form part of a new permanent wall in front of the newly constructed classroom as a lasting testament to your support."

Carwarden is one of the UK's top schools for students' aged 11-16 with special educational needs. Students who are admitted to Carwarden will have learning difficulties and associated language and/or communication problems. Students often experience problems due to failure in a mainstream setting, both academically and socially, and will normally enter Carwarden with low self-esteem or a lack of confidence. The school's aim is to equip its students with the educational and practical skills needed to progress and succeed in adult life. The current project will enable them to fulfil this aim to an even greater extent.

The Partners and staff at Herrington & Carmichael have for many years supported the well-known local charity, Children with Special Needs Foundation, and it's through this connection that both have joined together to support Carwarden School on the present appeal. The 'Be a Brick' Campaign is just one of many fundraising initiatives being organised by the solicitors and the Foundation during the next year.

John Cope, Head Teacher at Carwarden School, is absolutely delighted to have such strong support in launching the campaign:

"We could not have got our campaign off to a better start. We are extremely pleased that Tom has been able to join us all today to lend his support to the launch." says John

"I really do hope that by the end of 2008 we will be in a position to be able to carry out the conversion. The new facilities will help to open up career opportunities for the students by enabling them to learn practical skills and abilities so useful to employers."

These very special bricks can be bought for a minimum donation of £30 for individuals and £100 for businesses. If you would like to help Carwarden School build a better future for its students by buying a brick then please contact Joanna McKenzie on 01276 686222 or email [jmc@herrington-carmichael.com](mailto:jmc@herrington-carmichael.com). For further information on the school please visit [www.carwardenhouse.com](http://www.carwardenhouse.com)

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