

Dear All,

We are very excited to say that the first stage of the transformation has now been completed and we are now looking to furnish and equip the space for a grand opening later this term. If you'd like to come along and see how **Q** is progressing and talk about our plans, we will be having a glass of wine in the room from 5 - 6pm on Friday 25th September.

The idea behind **Q** is for it to be a hub of curiosity and discovery, where questions are asked and answered and the children get to explore and experiment in a purpose built space.

One of the key features of the room is a 'cabinet of curiosities' (see picture below), which is designed to spark the children's curiosity in lots of different directions. We ideally want to fill it with a broad range of items covering all the obvious areas such as geology, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, technology and engineering - from fossils, to skulls, geological samples to classic pieces of technology.

We already have a rare model of Einstein's brain, a piece of brickwork from a 3000 year old Babylonian temple and a collection of samples of rare elements such as Selenium, Yttrium and Rhodium.

If you think you might own or know of any source of potential items that could be loaned or donated to the cabinet of curiosities we'd love to hear from you. They don't have to be valuable, just things that will spark curiosity in young minds. We will take very good care of them and we can guarantee they will be put to very good use in sparking the scientific minds of future generations.

We are enormously excited by what has already been achieved; the next stage is now all about filling it with the equipment and artifacts it needs to bring it to life.

We hope to see you on Friday!

