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## Futuristic site will take School of Management into a new era

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BRADFORD University School of Management has begun a multi-million pound development as it gears up for rapid expansion.

Quarmby Construction, based in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, has been appointed to build a teaching, learning and networking facility which is expected to be occupied and fully functioning by January 2010.

The new site includes a high tech MBA lecture theatre, modelled on the Harvard Business School model, full Wi-Fi connection and a library and learning resource centre.

Yorkshire architects Farrell and Clark's design includes an atrium space linking the new building with the original Victorian



FUTURE LOOK: An artist's impression of the new building.

architecture which will provide space for teaching, learning and networking.

The building in Emm Lane, Bradford, will include solar water heating and a biomass boiler. Project partner Paul Jag-

ger, of Farrell and Clark, said: "The challenge was to create a high quality building which was contemporary, achieved the highest sustainability standards while successfully linking to a fine listed building within a conservation

area, surrounded by mature protected trees on a steeply sloping site."

Bradford University School of Management has doubled in size over the past 10 years, and now has around 1,000 undergraduate students.

Its postgraduate programmes are ranked by the *Financial Times* in the UK's top 10, the top 20 in Europe and top 55 globally. The Economist Intelligence Unit ranks its distance learning MBA in the top 10 worldwide.

Arthur Francis, Dean of the School of Management, said: "Having a first class business school in Bradford is important for the city and for us.

"This innovative new building will ensure we continue to be one of Europe's leading business schools in the future."

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