

Memorial to former governor will survive

THE headteacher of St Guthlac School has vowed that a new technology block will continue to bear a plaque marking the memory of a long-time governor.

But Jo Fletcher admitted the future of the new IT/DT block after pupils make the move to the George Farmer Technology and Language College, remains unclear.

The building is in honour of David H Blunt, a long-time governor of the Crowland school and former parish council chairman who died in 2008.

It was officially opened by Mr Blunt's wife Pam and son Edward, alongside Federation headteacher Steve Baragwanath, chairman of governors Chris Penney and Mrs Fletcher.

And while the building may become part of a new primary school or be used by the community when St Guthlac closes, Mrs Fletcher said that Mr Blunt's memory will live on.

She said: "It is a fantastic room for a long term governor."

"Mr Blunt was a very nice person, who was respected by everybody, and the evening was a celebration of his life."

"It has been used for some time, but we wanted to wait until the weather was better for the official opening."

"I want to make it



Cutting the ribbon: David Blunt's widow Pam does the honours watched by (from left) Federation headteacher Steve Baragwanath, David's son Edward, chairman of school governors Chris Penney and St Guthlac School headteacher Jo Fletcher.

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clear that this memorial will last, no matter what happens to the building. "We have no intention of slowing down (before the academy opens), but eventually, there will be short-term changes."

The state-of-the art block features workshops and three bespoke ICT suites, each comprising 20

computers.

In September next year both St Guthlac School and the George Farmer will close temporarily, reopening as an academy.

But when the capacity of the Holbeach college grows the Crowland school will be closed.

Building work at George Farmer is due to start

in 2013 and should be completed in 2014.

Speaking about the new IT block, Mrs Fletcher said: "The design of the buildings and the brickwork may stay the same. But what happens with the buildings is not up to me so I can't hand on heart say they will remain what they are."