

New library set to cost £50,000

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AFTER many years of plans and requests to the education authority the Downs School at Compton looks set to have a new, well-equipped library before the start of the next academic year.

Headmaster, Mr Graham Taylor, said he had heard officially this week that plans to convert the main corridor into a library had been passed and that the work, which is estimated to cost around £50,000, will be carried out during the summer holidays.

The school has been lacking a main library for some

years though each department has its own separate subject library available to pupils. The provision of a central library will mean pupils will be able to make use of a central resource area and, with a computer database available to facilitate the retrieval of information, the new area should ensure that the needs of pupils undertaking project work for the new GCSE examinations will be adequately catered for.

The plans include an office space for librarian, Mrs Jan Lawrence,