# Liaison Group Forum Woodsmith Project update

January 2025



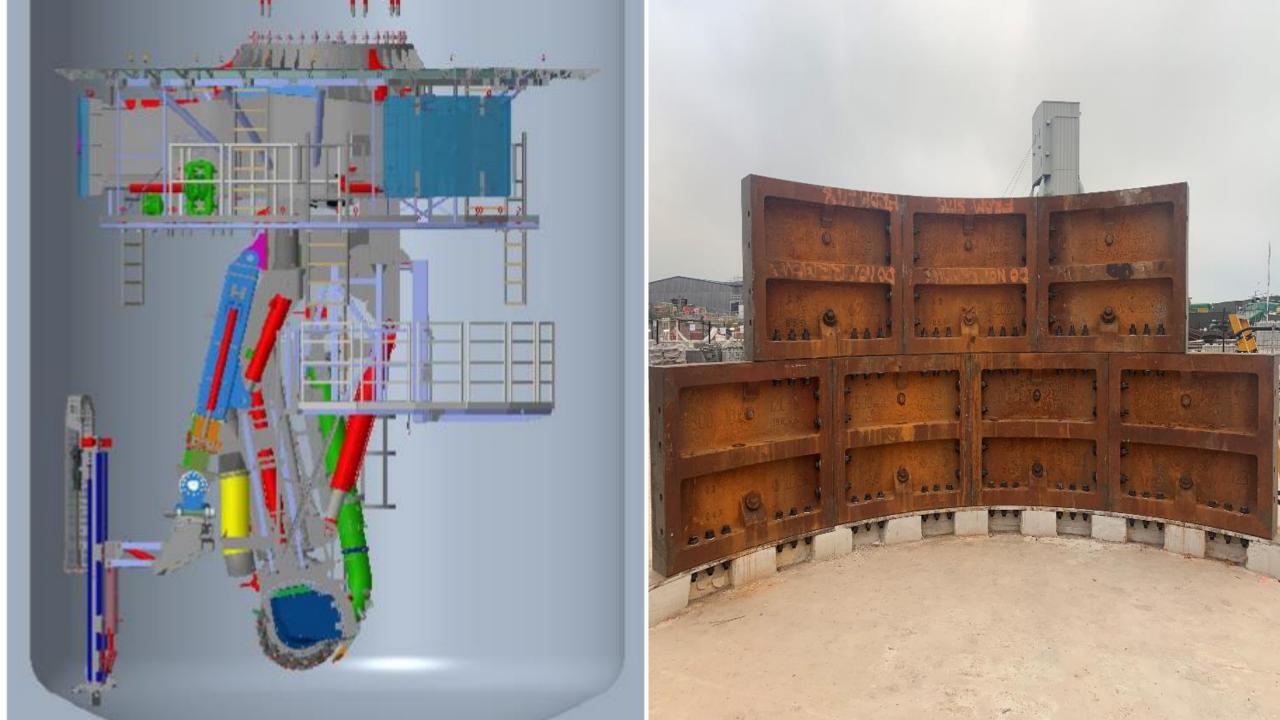
### Construction progress

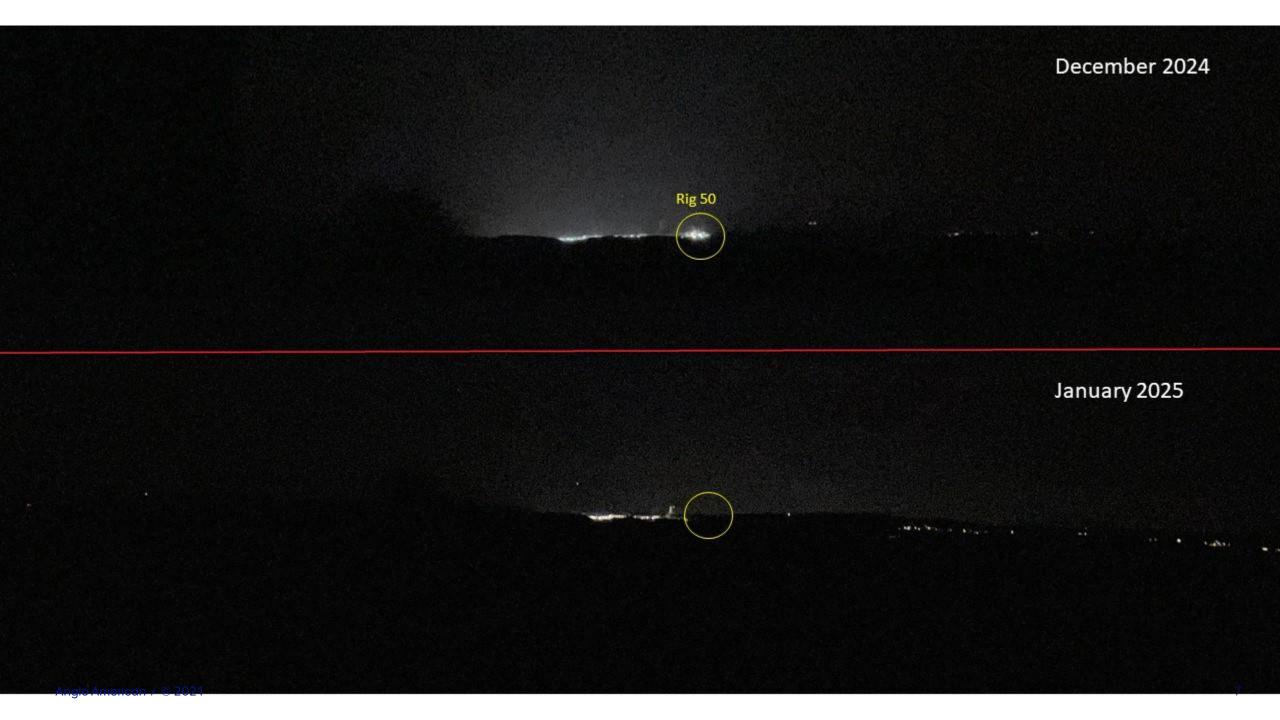


















## Any questions?





# Achieve

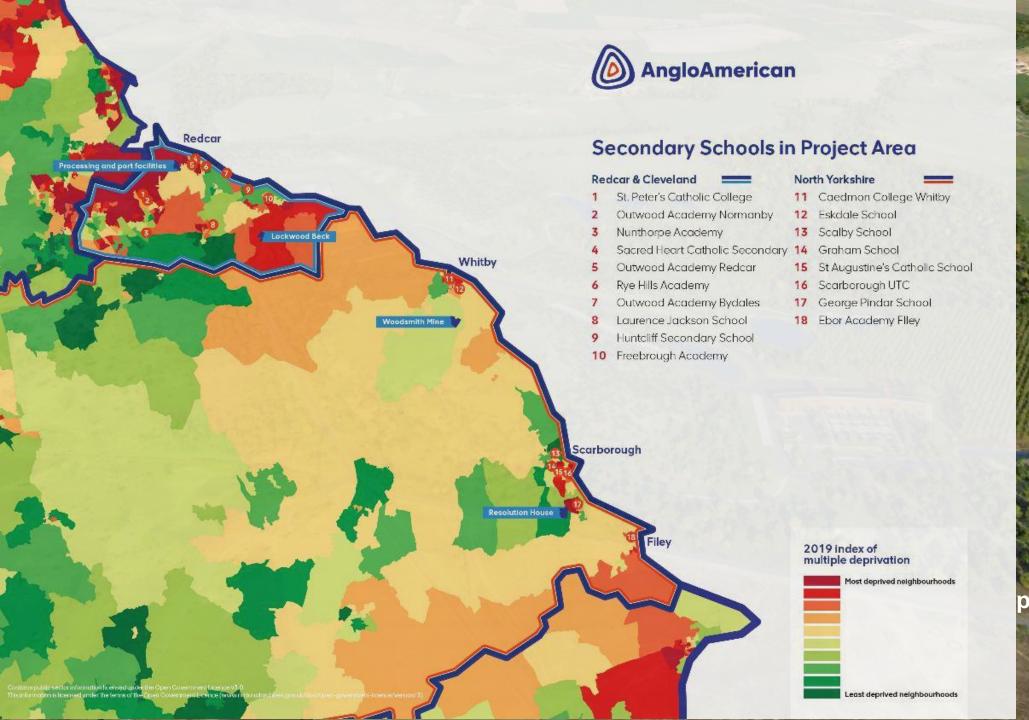
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- Research informed ✓
  - Collaborative ✓
- Direct support for young people ✓
- Support for schools and system change ✓
- Support for STEM careers and curriculum ✓



~14,000 students in 18 secondary schools.

40-45% of students are disadvantaged.

Disadvantaged young people have outcomes below their more advantaged peers and the gap is widening.

Achieve is a programme that aims to address this gap.

# Achieve

3-year programme for a targeted group of disadvantaged young people.

Higher or middle attainers on leaving primary education.

Personal, social, emotional and essential skills development

- Mentoring
- Extra-curricular activities
- Outdoor residential experience
- Emotional wellbeing workshops (Emotion Switch)
- ETC Programme

2025-26 (yr 10) - enhance support for curriculum enrichment, study skills, and workplace experiences



## Achieve Connect

Our offer to all 18 schools in the project area

SHEU whole year-group surveys – 2000+ participants – vital information about the lives of our young people

**STEM Enthuse Partnership** – support teachers to bring STEM curriculum to life. 150+ teachers have received CPD.

**EEF Behaviours for Learning** – School develop. prog. for school leaders

HeadStarters - Academic Resilience - SEMH - active in 11 schools in R & C

STEM Careers – 10,000 engagements in 2024 at over 180 events

**Making Attendance Everyone's Business** – collaborative project in R & C - now being shared with NYC

Tactical Awards – attendance, trips, wellbeing, student leadership



#### Key successes so far

- Encouraging early signs that the cohort already:
  - Feel more intrinsically motivated to try new things (86%)
  - Feel more positive about their future (84%)
  - Feel that something is changing for them (86%)
  - Feel more confident (majority subset of above)
  - Feel better able to manage their feelings (70%)
  - Report a positive change in their attitude to learning (75%)
  - Report a change in their behaviour at school (71%)
- Parents and teachers report positive changes attributable to Achieve
- Mentors report changes in communication skills, self-esteem and relationships
- Attendance Achieve cohorts outperforming whole school cohorts

"Our Achieve students have an average school attendance 4% above that of our whole school cohort" - Achieve Lead Teacher GPS

Evidence suggests that schools also feel more confident to support PP and SEMH



#### What next?

- Complete the pilot after academic year 2025-26
  - Cohort will be in year 10
  - Pivot towards more curriculum, homework, independent learning and careers support
  - Continued mentoring and wellbeing support.
- Produce 'proof of concept' body of evidence
- Stakeholder group
  - Our ambition is to use our investment and evidence, as leverage to encourage engagement and investment from public, governmental, and private sector bodies to sustainably extend the reach and scope of the Achieve approaches and embed and mainstream them within the school system.



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