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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Please see below the latest building update about the ongoing works to upgrade our school:

- **BUILDING WORKS** - the development of the new wing is on track with the new facilities due to open in the summer of 2026. Please see below a link to the latest drone footage of the new wing development together with images of the newly opened Almond Suite for practical Craft, Design and Technology lessons, the freshly decorated communal areas in the main building and the temporary facilities including classrooms, canteen and assembly space in the state of the art learning village. I'm sure you will agree that we are making very good progress and that the school remains a great place to learn!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtKu0usCrjo>



- **NEW WING INTERIOR** – members of the school's Senior Leadership Team have been working closely with the wider project team to develop the plans for the interior requirements and furniture for the new wing. This has included discussions about the use of, and specific equipment and furniture required for, the Pupil Support areas, the dining facilities and the collaborative learning spaces.

- **MAIN BUILDING** - work to upgrade the main building is ongoing. This includes the creation of a new Music Department which will include learning spaces, practise rooms and a recording studio.
- **GATE AND CCTV** - a new metal gate, with pincode access for staff, will be fitted from the car park to the yard. This will be open first thing in the morning and at the end of the day to allow pupils to enter and exit. At all other times pupils and visitors must enter and exit via the main entrance. Additional CCTV cameras have been installed overlooking the car park.
- **PARENT COUNCIL** - the Parent Council met on Thursday 30th January. Greg Welsh attended to provide an update regarding the ongoing works. Feedback was very positive.
- **PUPIL VOICE GROUP** - a group of pupils from the Pupil Voice Group are attending a site visit on Tuesday 25th February. We are hoping that these visits become a monthly occurrence as we move towards the construction phase. We are also engaging with our S6 pupils to gather their input and thoughts about the creation of spaces suitable for senior pupils in the new wing.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the building work or its impact on the school, please feel free to email Sally Cameron at sally.cameron@westlothian.org.uk

Yours Sincerely



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