



# St Kentigern's Academy

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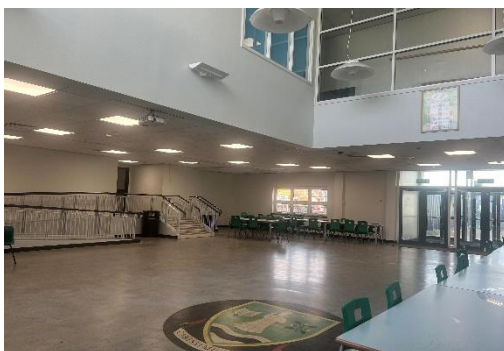
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Dear Parent/ Carer

## Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Please see the latest update regarding the ongoing works to upgrade our school.

- **BUILDING WORKS** – contractors are continuing to work on the foundations for the new wing of our school. Metal hoarding has been put up in front of the old car park securing the entire area where the new wing will be built.
- **PRELIM ASSESSMENTS** – all large cohort SQA exams will be completed at the Blackburn Partnership Centre next summer, as we did this year. We have arranged for all S4 pupils to sit their English prelim at Blackburn Partnership Centre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This will ensure that all pupils have experienced sitting an assessment at this venue prior to their SQA exams in April/May 2025.
- **WALL GRAPHICS** – consultation with pupils about the first wall graphics for the main building has been carried out and pupils have advised that they would like these to reflect the school badge, values and ethos as well as providing colour and inspiration. We have discussed our requirements with contractors and pupils and staff in the Art Department are working on making these ideas come to life. If you have any suggestions about the content of the wall graphics, please let me know.
- **NEW USE OF THE SOCIAL SPACE** - we have worked hard to tidy and decorate the social space as you can see from the images below. We are hoping to get some new furniture in this space so that it offers a modern and vibrant place for learning as well as providing a social space during break and lunch time. This is an excellent opportunity to begin to build skills as we prepare for the new collaboration and innovation spaces in the new wing.



- **PUPIL AND PARENT/CARER FOCUS GROUPS** – we held a number of pupil focus groups recently together with a Parent/Carer Focus Group in school on 12<sup>th</sup> November. This was very helpful in gathering views about a range of topics including learning and teaching and the curriculum. Thank you to all those who took part. This information will be used to inform improvements and next steps.
- **MAIN ENTRANCE** – a reminder that the main entrance to the school is in the main building behind the construction site. Please park in the car park and make your way round to the main entrance following the signs and safe walkway. To gain entry please ring the main office and follow the signs.

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](mailto:sally.cameron@westlothian.org.uk)

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Cameron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sally Cameron  
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