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Dear Parent/ Carer

Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

I am writing to you in relation to the building works at St Kentigern's Academy. Here is an update on all matters relating to these works to upgrade the school:

- **BUILDING WORKS** – very good progress is being made and we remain on track for the new wing to open in Summer 2026. The next phase of works is due to commence towards the end of October when work will begin on the foundations for the new wing. A drone captured the following image of the current school site which shows the main building (which will be retained), the temporary learning village, the new car park and the cleared site for the new wing.



- **DROP OFF/CAR PARK** - please ensure that pupils are dropped off at the Drop Off Zone and not at the foot of the stairs to the bus park. A number of parents have been dropping pupils here and this is causing traffic to queue onto the main road. We have opened the wooden door to the yard in the mornings meaning pupils can quickly and safely enter the school from there.
- **PUPIL VOICE** - members of the Pupil Voice group visited West Calder High School recently to observe how spaces such as the open plan learning plaza, dining area and toilets operate in a busy secondary school. WCHS is currently having an extension built so we visited the construction site which was helpful to see how other schools are operating during ongoing building works. Pupils are sharing their observations across the school community as part of the ongoing stakeholder engagement process, and attended the recent Parent Council to provide feedback of their visit.

- **UPDGRADING THE MAIN BUILDING** - painting of the corridors, stairwells and the social space in the main building is well underway. We have chosen a minimal, clean and modern look in keeping with other school buildings. We are continuing to engage with all stakeholders about the design of the new wing and once we are clearer on the colours to be used, we can explore adding some pops of colour and murals to the walls in the main building to help connect the two spaces.

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

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

Sally Cameron
Quality Improvement Officer