



# St Kentigern's Academy

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

## Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

Please see below the last building update for 2024.

- **BUILDING WORKS** – The building programme is on track and good progress is being made with the digging and filling of the foundations. This work will continue until the end of January. The first slab pour will take place in the new PE games hall before Christmas (weather depending). Work will then progress to the building of the steel frame. Please see below some recent images of the works:



- **NEW WING WALKTHROUGHS** - Please click the links below to view two basic architect produced walkthroughs of the new wing for St Kent's showing the layout and size of spaces. Pupils and staff have viewed these images and are looking forward to occupying these new spaces.

 [L01 Walkthrough.mp4](#)

 [L00 Walkthrough.mp4](#)

- **CAR PARK** - all parents/carers are reminded to drive at an appropriate speed and with due care for other road users at all times in the new car park. For safety reasons, please ensure that pupils are dropped off/picked up in the **drop off zone only**.
- **DESIGN WORKSHOPS** – three design workshops for the new Wing have been held with the wider project team to discuss various aspects of the building including heating, lighting and landscaping. There will be further planned opportunities to engage with stakeholders to gather input in the new year.
- **S5/6 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** - Heron Bros recently ran an information session for a small group of S5/6 pupils interested in pursuing careers in Civil Engineering, Architecture and Quantity Surveying. This was well received with guidance provided on graduate programmes, apprenticeships, university and college programmes. As Heron Bros will be on site for the next 18 months, we are exploring work experience opportunities for a range of pupils including those interested in architecture, engineering, Quantity Surveying, project management and the trades.
- **PRELIMS** - prelims began on 2nd December. Care has been taken to ensure these are taking place in rooms furthest away from the construction area to mitigate the impact of any ongoing noise. All S4 pupils will be completing their English prelim on 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Blackburn Partnership Centre so that they have experienced sitting an assessment at this venue prior to their final SQA exams in April/May 2025.

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)

I hope that you and your families enjoy a peaceful holiday when it arrives.

Yours Sincerely



Sally Cameron  
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