



# St Kentigern's Academy

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Dear Parent/ Carer

## Re: Building Works at St Kentigern's Academy

Please find below the latest update on matters relating to the ongoing works to upgrade our school.

- **SQA Exams** – The exams start today, and all students was issued with s personalised exam timetable on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. This contains a lot of information including the students address that the certificates will be sent to, time and location of exams, seat numbers and levels. All large cohort exams will be held at the Blackburn Partnership Centre. Small cohort exams will be completed either in the school or at the Partnership Centre. Students with additional exam arrangements will take place in the school. During the exam diet we are working closely with all contractors to ensure that there is minimum disruption. There are lots of electronic resources including links to SQA documents on our website at [SQA Information - St Kentigern's Academy](#)
- **Building Programme** - work is progressing well and is on track. The RAAC removal has been progressing well with the roof removal underway over the old PE/Technical/Music/Canteen spaces. The full roof removal should be completed by the end of April. Machine demolition will continue until the full building has been demolished. We are working closely with our contractors to ensure that we are up to date with progress and that steps are taken to ensure that learning and teaching continues with minimal interruption.
- **Car Park** - the water main and fire main have been installed around the perimeter of the car park. The scaffolding against the building will be removed this weekend. As parking is restricted at present, ***please ensure you park safely and legally and, to ensure student safety, we ask that you do not park in any of the bus bays/minibus drop off area when visiting the school.***
- **Student Voice** - the student voice group met last week and are working on plans to ensure that all students are fully informed about, and can be engaged in, conversations about the ongoing works.



- **Additional Kitchen Unit** – a further kitchen unit was added to our catering provision over the Easter holidays to provide more kitchen space. Although this slightly reduced the outdoor social space for students in the playground, the newly re-opened Courtyard provides plenty of outdoor space for students during interval/lunchtime.
- **Skills Development** – as part of our skills development programme, a group of students have been gaining skills in painting and decorating. They have put these skills to effective use by upgrading part of the main school building and we hope you agree that it looks very smart!



If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the building work or its impact on the school, please feel free to email myself at [sally.cameron@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:sally.cameron@westlothian.org.uk).

Yours Sincerely

*Sally Cameron.*

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