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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

I hope this bulletin finds you and your family well. Please see below the latest update regarding the ongoing improvement works at our school:

- **Construction Progress:** We're pleased to report significant progress on the new wing. The building is now wind and watertight, with roof works completed and external cladding installation well underway. Internally, all partitions are in place and mechanical and electrical fit-out is progressing steadily. The project remains on schedule for completion in **Spring 2026**.



- **October works:** During the October break, a partition was installed to close off the far side of the Social Area, enabling connection works between the main building and the new wing. Electric Vehicle charging point installation also began in the car park, and several stored school items were returned to site.
- **Internal Moves:** Graphics Communication classrooms have now moved into their permanent new location within the main building. This means that both Music and Graphic Communications are no longer being taught in the Portakabins. Completing these moves early in the session helps ensure minimal disruption during the upcoming prelim and final exam periods.
- **Transition planning:** We are currently planning for a phased transition into the new wing. This will take place over several weeks to ensure a smooth move and allow SQA exams to be held in the new space without impacting learning and teaching.

- **Pupil voice site visit:** Our newly elected Pupil Parliament representatives enjoyed a visit to the new wing in October.

Pupils visited the impressive four-court Games Hall, Changing Village and performance space. They also toured the new learning and teaching spaces as well as the large open plan dining area.

Pupils were very impressed with the progress that is being made and they were pleased to hear that work was on track for the building to open in the Spring of next year.

The pupils will ensure that feedback from their visit is shared with all pupils during Key Adult time and via the Daily Pupil Bulletin



- **Parking:** Due to increased contractor presence, parking spaces are limited. If visiting the school, please park safely and only in designated bays.
- **SQA Examinations:** planning is underway for the SQA exams to return to the school and be held in the new wing during April/May. This marks a welcome return to in-school exams after using the Blackburn Partnership Centre in recent years.

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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