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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

Please find below the last building bulletin for 2025.

- **Pupil Visit** - Pupil Parliament representatives made their final visit of the year to the new wing last week. Highlights included exploring the open-plan dining area, visiting the new four-court Games Hall, touring the impressive performance space, and viewing the new toilet facilities. Pupils will share their experiences with the wider school community during Key Adult time and via the Daily Bulletin.



- **Construction progress:** external cladding works are progressing well and external blockwork is now complete, as shown in the latest images below. Link roof works will continue over the next few weeks. Internal joinery is finished on the ground floor, with first-floor works now underway. Mechanical and electrical installations are ongoing, and decoration is progressing well throughout the building. ***Overall, the project remains on target to be completed in Spring 2026 with a full transition to the new wing to be complete by Summer 2026.***



- **Community Engagement with Mitie** - we held a very productive meeting with Mitie's Social Value manager to explore potential community support projects. Mitie representatives will be visiting the school to identify opportunities, which could include upgrading external spaces like the courtyard or redecorating internal areas. The Pupil Parliament have been consulted for their ideas and if you have any suggestions, please feel free to email them to me.
- **Social Impact** - as part of their social impact strategy, Heron Bros (our main contractors) have a Christmas Giving Tree initiative where donations are given to community charities. We were invited to nominate charities that have a special connection to the school and we have chosen the Society of St Vincent de Paul and Neil's Hugs foundation.
- **Media Interest** - on Friday, 28 November, Cllrs Fitzpatrick and McGuire, along with Greg Welsh, met members of BBC News at St Kentigern's. The visit aimed to highlight WLC's appeal to the Scottish Government for funding to cover costs associated with the new wing, which was required due to the presence of RAAC.
- **Parking** - Due to increased contractor presence, parking spaces are limited. If visiting the school, please park safely and only in designated bays.

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

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

Yours Sincerely

Sally Cameron

Quality Improvement Officer