



# St Kentigern's Academy

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Dear Parent/ Carer

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

I hope this letter finds you well. Please see below the last update for this session relating to the ongoing works to upgrade our school. The next building update will be shared when schools return in August following the summer holidays.

- **Stakeholder Engagement** - a very successful round of engagement sessions about the new wing have been held with pupils, staff and the Parent Council. Please follow the link to a presentation outlining plans of the proposed layout and artist impressions of the new wing: [Stakeholder Consultation - June 2024 - St Kentigern's Academy \(westlothian.org.uk\)](http://westlothian.org.uk).
- **Media coverage** – a positive news story was published last week about the ongoing works and the new look for St Kentigern's Academy. Please follow the link to this latest update for St Kentigern's: <https://news.westlothian.gov.uk/article/82378>

St. Kentigern's: Building missing and sense of arrival



St. Kentigern's: The Heart of the School



- **Building Works** – the demolition work is progressing well. The majority of the school building that is to be re-placed has now been demolished. The planned separation of the main building from the administration wing will take place over the next two weeks followed by demolition. All demolition is expected to be completed by October 2024. The grounds will then be cleared and preparatory work for the new wing will commence.



- **P7 Information Evening** – last week we welcomed our P7 pupils as part of their transition programme. A P7 Parent/Carer and Pupil Information Evening was held on 11<sup>th</sup> June which was very well attended. Information about the ongoing works together with the exciting plans for the new wing were shared.
- **Collaboration opportunities** – we are continuing to work closely with our contractors and have arranged a series of site visits for groups of students. These have been fully risk assessed to ensure pupil safety. The first visit takes place this week. This is part of a range of collaboration experiences planned for the coming weeks and months including building bug hotels and bird boxes from off cuts of wood from the construction site and work experience opportunities for pupils.
- **Parking** – our new school car park is already being built. This should be open in August 2024 and will provide a safe drop off zone as well as parking spaces for those with mobility issues. Until then, parking is restricted so we ask that you park safely and legally and, to ensure student safety, we ask that you do not park in the bus bays/minibus drop off zone.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer break.

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).

Yours Sincerely



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