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Dear Parent/ Carer

Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

I hope this letter finds you well. Please see below the latest update regarding the ongoing works to upgrade our school.

- **BUILDING WORKS** - good progress is being made and we are on track for the new wing to open in the Summer of 2026. Hoarding has now been installed around the perimeter of the construction site and there is a safe walkway in place to the main entrance. I shared details and artist impressions of the new wing with pupils at assemblies last week and they were very well received.
- **PUPIL VOICE** - members of the Pupil Voice group are visiting West Calder High School in the next few weeks to see how some of the new spaces such as the learning plaza and open plan dining areas are used in the school. WCHS is currently having an extension built so we will also visit the construction site so pupils can see that other schools are undergoing building work whilst remaining open and fully operational. The Pupil Voice Group will share their thoughts and observations with the school community in future weeks as part of the ongoing stakeholder engagement process.
- **CAR PARK** - the new car park, with drop off and pick up zone for pupils and visitor parking, is open and working well. Additional signage to direct visitors to the main entrance have been added. For safety, we have reminded pupils to exit the yard to their buses via the bus gates and not cross the car park at the end of the day.



- **BIKE RACKS** – for any pupils that cycle to school, the existing bike rack at the main entrance will be retained throughout the ongoing works. There will be a bike rack in the new car park when the new wing opens in 2026, but until then the current bike rack can continue to be used.



- **UPDGRADING THE MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING** – as part of the work to upgrade our school, a programme of work will begin in September to decorate the communal areas, school corridors and stairwells in the main building.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Cameron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sally Cameron
Quality Improvement Officer