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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Ongoing Works at St Kentigern's Academy

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy New Year!
Please see below the first building update for 2025.

- **LEARNING AND TEACHING** - throughout the ongoing works, we are working closely with our contractors and the wider project team to ensure that we are up-to-date with progress and that steps are taken to enable high quality learning and teaching to continue. Our temporary Learning Village provides additional space for learning as well as providing additional toilet facilities, school canteen, dining hall and an assembly space. Throughout the ongoing building works, the school continues to support all of our young people and remains a wonderful place for learning.
- **BUILDING WORKS** – the first slab pour took place in the new PE games hall before Christmas. The pupils and staff are excited to see the shape and size of the new spaces in the new wing. The steel frame will be erected over the coming weeks which will give a clear indication of the position, size and shape of the new wing.
- **LANDSCAPING PROPOSALS** - please see below some images of the proposals for the landscaping of the grounds of the new wing. This includes plans for outdoor fixed furniture and planting. You can see that the architects have proposed to use local resources such as whin boulders and granite rocks from a local contractor for some of the outdoor seating. We will be taking members of the Pupil Voice Group to visit this contractor to gather their thoughts and feedback. Please also see the plans for tree and shrub planting to include low maintenance evergreens and native hedging.



St. Kentigern's : Planting

-  Existing trees and vegetation to be retained
-  Proposed trees LSP-001
-  20-25cm girth, clear stem
-  2.5-3m height, bushhead
-  12-14cm girth, clear stem
-  Proposed shrubs and planting LSP-002 Shrub planting to consist of 85% 2L stock at 4m² + 15% 7L at 2m²
-  Proposed grass to rehabilitate construction zones LSM-001
-  Proposed Hedging H11 1.5-1.8m ht at 5/6m in double staggered row



Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine'
as columnar element to edge
netball court fence/line



Shrub planting to
include low
maintenance
evergreens such as
Viburnum & Sweet Box,
with Dogwood



Native hedging of
Hornbeam, Blackthorn,
Dogwood & Guelder Rose



- **NEW WING WALKTHROUGHS** – I shared the following links in the previous newsletter, but if you missed them, please click the links below to view two basic architect walkthroughs of the new wing for St Kent's showing the layout and size of spaces.

 [L01 Walkthrough.mp4](#)

 [L00 Walkthrough.mp4](#)

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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