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Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Building Works at St Kentigern's Academy

Please find below the latest update on matters relating to the ongoing works to upgrade our school. I hope you find it useful.

- **Student communication** – students are receiving regular updates at Assemblies, in the Daily Bulletin and during student voice weeks so that they are aware of important information relating to the building.
- **Main Entrance** - the main entrance has moved to the bottom of the main car park. All visitors to the school should use this main entrance. Please follow the signs when visiting the school.
- **Parking** – as parking is restricted at present, please ensure you park safely and legally and, to ensure student safety, we ask that you do not park in the bus bays/minibus drop off area when visiting the school.
- **Building Programme** - the administration wing has now closed. We have new spaces for learning as well as new offices to ensure that our school continues to be a place that supports the learning of all students.
- **Courtyard** - work to upgrade the central courtyard is continuing and we plan to open this to all students in the next few weeks. This will provide additional outdoor social space for students.
- **SQA Exams** – to ensure all students are familiar with the Blackburn Partnership Centre, we are arranging for all S4 students to sit an assessment there in March. Most of the main SQA exams will be completed there during the exam diet.
- **Toilets** – all student toilets are open. We had to close some toilets recently due to vandalism. This was not as a result of the ongoing works. In addition, we have had a new accessible toilet installed in the temporary units and a shower is being installed in the main building.
- **School Nurse/First Aid** – work has now been completed in our new First Aid room to ensure that this provides a safe and confidential space for students.



- **Collaboration opportunity** - we are working with our architects (BDP Architects) to arrange for two of our S6 students to go on` work experience. We continue to work with our partners in other schools to create opportunities for work experience and learning opportunities linked to the ongoing building works

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