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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.

- **Learning Areas** – new learning areas, including the temporary Learning Village, together with our new office space have been open for several weeks and are working well. The school continues to be a place that supports the learning of all students.
- **SQA Exam Preparation** - in order to familiarise S4 students who are sitting their SQA exams in the Blackburn Partnership Centre, we held an English prelim at this venue on 18th March. This was an ideal opportunity for the students to familiarise themselves with this space prior to their SQA exams and was very well received.
- **Easter School** - our full Easter School programme is in place to support our students in their preparation for the SQA Exams. The programme is available on the school website at https://stkentigernsacademy.westlothian.org.uk/Study_Support and was sent to parents/carers via Groupcall last week. During the Easter holidays, there are a number of ongoing works planned. If dropping off students, please ensure you follow the signs to ensure that you and the students can access the school safely at all times.
- **SQA Exams** – SQA have confirmed that they are happy with the plans put in place to support all youngsters taking exams this session. All large cohort exams will be held at the Blackburn Partnership Centre. All small cohort exams will be completed in the school along with all students who have Additional Assessment Requirements. We are working closely with all contractors to ensure that there is minimum disruption during all exams.



- **Additional Kitchen Unit** – a further kitchen unit is being added over the Easter holidays to provide additional kitchen space. Although this will reduce the outdoor social space for students in the playground, the newly opened Courtyard provides plenty of outdoor space for students during non-class time.
- **Courtyard** - we have had some feedback from parents/carers and students regarding the courtyard. We are looking to explore opportunities to make the courtyard a more attractive and useable space. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.
- **Car Park** – the recent heavy rain has left large pot holes in the car park. These will be filled over Easter holidays. These are temporary works as the new car park is due to open in August.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the building work or its impact on the school, please feel free to email me at sally.cameron@westlothian.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely



Sally Cameron

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