



GALASHIELS ACADEMY

PROGRESS UPDATE FOR MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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This is a progress update on the new Galashiels Academy project that is being delivered by Scottish Borders Council in partnership with Hub South East and Morrison Construction.

Progress Update

Works are continuing to progress well with the main roof works completion. The primary roof plant is in place with final service penetration still to be complete. The building is weathertight and the works to install the external facades are progressing the well.

The main façade elements continue with the curtain walling nearly complete. The external blockwork and stone cladding to lower levels are also progressing well.

Internally the stud walls are being erected defining the room spaces, and works to install the plumbing, ventilation and electrical works are progressing.

The installation of the sprinkler life safety system is also ongoing - a fundamental part of the safe construction of the school.

Internal blockwork to the lift shaft is close to completion and internal drylining works are ready to commence.



Planned Activities

The focus of the works over the next four to six weeks will be to complete the external cladding and continue with the internal fit out as described above. In mid-October, we will be making the final connection for the incoming electrical supply from Livingstone Place to the main site. This will take about two weeks.

Work will be undertaken to excavate trenches for services running from the Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) to the sprinkler tanks, complete flashing around roof lights, delivery of external doors within the curtain walling and continue with blockwork and stone cladding.



Completion

Overall Phase 1 of the project is progressing as per the programme and is expected to be complete September 2025, following this there will be a four week decant from old to new school with the official opening date to be confirmed. Phase 2 of the project consists of demolition of the old school & Galashiels swimming pool, construct the sport pitches and landscaping works. This will commence from October 2025.



Community Benefits

Information boards are located around the site sharing information about this great new project and the community engagement we will be undertaking.

We continue to recruit staff and operatives locally in the Borders, with an eye on future projects in this area.

We have been working with Galashiels Academy to support a Construction skills course during the last academic year and this is looking to re-start during the Autumn.



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