



This newsletter is intended to keep you informed about progress of the new Galashiels Academy Project, being delivered for Scottish Borders Council by Development Partner, Hub South East, with Morrison Construction as the main contractor.

Progress on Site...

The main works for the new Galashiels Academy have progressed as planned over the last few months despite some very challenging weather.

The works site is now well established, and the entry and exit of pupils to the Academy continues to work well as we enter the Spring term. Keeping all parties safe during the whole project is our main priority and the positive relationship between the School and the project team is important to ensuring this objective is achieved.

On site, we have completed the foundations and the primary drainage connections under the new school. The outer walls of the new swimming pool and hydrotherapy pool structure have been cast, allowing clear access for the structural frame.

The main steel structure for the building has progressed well and is now approximately 70% complete.



Access in and around the School and Park

The path network from the bus drop off area towards the main school access road (past the nursing home and church) continues to work well. Note that this will remain in place until the main phase 1 works are complete in 2025.



Safe Environment for All

We will always try to minimise any noise and disruption to the local area. The project has been registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme and we have strict rules in place to manage parking and site access. We will continually monitor the roads and access points around the site, and we will always try to advise of any impacts our works may have on the local areas for any length of time.

The Monitors' first visit from the Considerate Constructors Scheme went well and we look for ways ensure continuous improvement wherever possible.

Looking Ahead

Over the next period we will be completing the steel frame and concreting the floor slabs, to also the start on internal works.

The main roof area works will start and the external wall linings will also progress. This is a busy time for us and will allow all parties to see the form of the new building really taking shape.



Information Boards

Information boards are placed opposite the existing main school building and facing onto Scott Park and are fully accessible to all. Here we can share up to date information about the project and the community engagement we are undertaking.

Work in the Community

Throughout this project there will be a range of social value initiatives delivered to make sure local individuals and businesses can get involved.

We have recently provided work experience for 4 pupils from Galashiels Academy who have expressed an interest in differing aspects of Construction.

Our Communities and Social Impact manager has been leading exercises with the School staff and pupils, looking at practical team building workshops associated with Construction site.

We are currently further developing plans and these will include curriculum support for schools, higher and further education, alongside more work experience, apprenticeships etc. Our project team will be involved in activities on site and in the local area and we will keep you up to date with these on the project site boards and in future editions of this newsletter.

More Information

For further information on the project or work on site, please contact our Site Manager Jonathan Dunn on 07936 372003

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