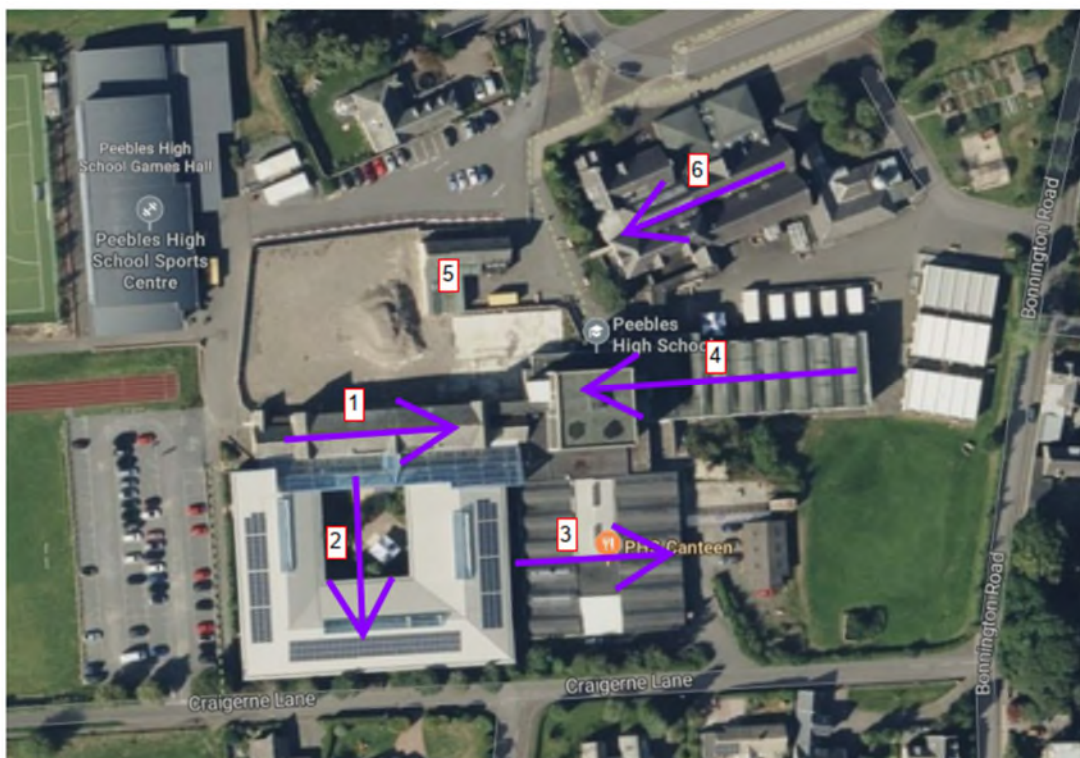


The new Peebles High School was successfully handed over on time on 13th October 2025 and was well received by pupils, staff and other stakeholders following occupation on 11th November 2025.

SBC followed the school decant exercise by removing all remaining surplus furniture, equipment, and arranged for utilities to be disconnected which in turn allowed BAM to complete the Refurbishment and Demolition Survey of the vacated buildings. This is a mandatory, highly intrusive survey of all building elements to identify all Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) within the planned demolition areas. The findings of the survey has allowed the demolition contractor to plan for its safe removal and disposal and allows any formal notices to take place.

Central Demolition commenced in early January 2026 with the soft strip (ceiling tiles, timber skirtings doors and facings) and by mid-January started the down taking of building 36 and the processing of the demolition materials. 95% of demolition material will be re-used or re-cycled, avoiding landfill.

The planned sequence for the demolition will be as shown below.



In preparation of the demolition work BAM commissioned an ecological survey of the site in 2025 which identified evidence of pipistrelle bats roosting in the Maths tower. The demolition of this building will require to be undertaken under NatureScot Licence and will include measures such as the erection of bat boxes in retained trees on site to enable safe transfer of any bats found during demolition. Bat exclusion measures will also be undertaken of the known roost access points and other potential roost access points on the building prior to its demolition. Works to the known bat roosts cannot take place until the end of the hibernation period at beginning of April and BAM works are programmed around this.

The demolition work will continue into the summer with subsequent earthworks and landscaping then commencing and extending into late autumn 2026.