



# GALASHIELS ACADEMY – PHASE 2

## PROGRESS UPDATE FOR MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2026



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.

### Project

Following the successful transfer of pupils, staff and equipment to the new school, SBC commenced Phase 2 of the project with construction partner Morrison Construction.

All redundant buildings were isolated and made safe, Asbestos surveys and removals completed and now the final parts of the demolition works are coming to an end in early autumn.

### Work to Date

Demolition of the redundant buildings is progressing well, and the main tower block has now been demolished. Works are currently underway to process and clear the demolition rubble.

The redevelopment of the former swimming pool building site is ongoing, with the turning circle and car park due to be handed back to the council in the next coming weeks, providing improved access for local residents school staff and visitors.

The project continues to maintain a strong safety record, with no reportable accidents in the reporting period. Environmental monitoring for noise, dust and vibration also continues throughout the works, with no significant issues recorded during the period.





## Upcoming Works

Works continue, with a focus on completing the car park this month.

Final Asbestos removals in the stand-alone Annexe Building are coming to an end, with methodical work through the zones to clear the identified materials, allowing the main body of the building to be demolished. Structural demolition of the smaller adjacent buildings has commenced.

The engineered stone layer for the 3G pitch is complete and has passed porosity & rolling straight testing ahead of the artificial grass installation.

Fence posts and flood lighting bases have been cast, and the lighting columns have been fixed and raised. Works to the 3G pitch will be completed in the autumn, allowing early access to the pitches for use by the Council and Education.

On the external works, the new grass pitch has been seeded and is complete. It will be fenced off to allow the grass to establish through its 1 year growing period. Works to the perimeter footpath are ongoing.

Cut-and-fill works will commence this month in the 2G hockey pitch area; this is below the footprint of the old school.

## Completion

Phase 2 of the Project consists of the demolition of the old school and Galashiels swimming pool, the construction of sports pitches and landscaping works. These works are now programmed to be complete late 2026, with the newly instructed enhanced tennis and padel centre being completed in mid-May 2027.

The temporary fencing in Scott Park – erected to allow the newly seeded areas to establish throughout the spring – will be removed over the summer period once we are satisfied with the maturity of the soft landscaping. This will allow unhindered access across the park.

## Community Benefits

We continue to work with Galashiels Academy in support of the Construction Skills course and are also exploring opportunities to work with the Outdoor Education Department on landscaping projects within the school grounds.

## Site Contact Details

We will keep you up to date with future planned works.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns relating to construction work, please contact:

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## Safe Environment for all

The safety of the public using Galashiels Academy and Scott Park remains the top priority for Project delivery. The site boundaries are secure and monitored at all times. Deliveries are planned to avoid peak access times for pupils at the Academy and St Margaret's Primary School.

If you spot anything that concerns you or that you think could be improved, please contact the site team.

