

October 2017

Newbattle Community Campus



'Cladding complete in the Sports Block'

Dear Resident,

This is our October Newsletter, which we are issuing to keep our neighbours and the local communities of Mayfield, Easthouses, Newtongrange and Gorebridge informed of the progress made to date and the upcoming milestone events.

This project is being delivered, on behalf of Midlothian Council, by its development partner Hub South East Scotland and constructed by Morrison Construction Scotland.

The Newbattle Community Campus will incorporate Newbattle High School and facilities for the local communities, such as a new library, 6 lane swimming pool, Tone Zone fitness room, 3G all-weather pitch and other sporting facilities. Community facilities will be open the same hours as the Lasswade Centre, including during the school day.

Works to Date

Teaching Block: Internal works are progressing well with partitions complete and ceilings being installed. Finishing joinery work has also been progressing well with sills, door frames, high level beading and skirting on all levels and in other parts of the building. Ceiling work is complete in the atrium and as the light shines in from the rooflights it is beginning to look like a fantastic place for the pupils to enjoy their lunch and to socialise. Fixed Furniture install is complete on level 2 and will continue down the levels.

Link Building/Entrance: The large glass screen at what will be the entrance to the building has been installed, allowing natural light into the building, while also being aesthetically pleasing. Underfloor heating has been installed within the Link and Atrium. The partitions are complete in the link building for the reception area, toilets and of course the library, which will be enjoyed by the school and community alike.

Sports Block: Decoration in the games hall is complete (as seen in picture below) and this fantastic vast space will be used for a range of sports once opened. Partitions are ongoing throughout the block and work continues on the Health Suite, which will contain the sauna, steam room and jacuzzi. Tiling has begun in the changing village providing excellent facilities for all sporting activities.

Externally, the fencing has begun around the full sized 3G sports pitch.



'Blockwork Painted in Games Hall'



'Fixed Furniture Installed in Science Rooms'

In light of recent media focus on external cladding in relation to fire safety, we would like provide reassurance that the cladding used on the Newbattle Community Campus is non-combustible, and entirely different from that used on Grenfell Tower. The new building has been designed to include a range of fire prevention measures that include sprinkler systems, to ensure pupils, staff and the community can enjoy the building safely.

Upcoming Activities

The internal works in the Teaching Block will consist of further install of Fixed Furniture and looking to start finishing rooms on level 2. The kitchen facilities will also be installed in the upcoming weeks. Externally the groundworkers are preparing areas several areas including three cycle stores providing ample space for those cycling to the community facility.

In the Sports Block, partitions will continue to be put up on both levels and more work will take place in the pool and Health Suite area. The fence for the 3G pitch will be getting worked on which, once complete, will provide an excellent all weather facility. We have begun installing the permanent fence line along the footpath to the school.

Community Engagement

Our Mechanical & Electrical Services subcontractor, SES has employed two new electrical apprentices. These two new starts were employed following a presentation of opportunities to interested pupils at Newbattle High School and both have started working on site.

Throughout summer we employed two undergraduates from Universities in Edinburgh working with us on site, one in Quantity Surveying and one in Site Management, which allowed them to gain invaluable hands on experience of the construction industry.

Our supply chain is also active in ensuring community benefits in the local area.

Recently RJT Excavations sponsored the school £480 for 60 (2 class sets) of calculators.

S2 math pupils Lewis Cunningham, Ryan O'Connor, Abbie Miller, Beth Aitken and Niamh Fox are pictured to the right with Garry Young, Managing Director of RJT Excavations (middle left) and Colin Taylor, Newbattle Head Teacher (middle right).



Important Milestones in Construction

Completion of the entire facility: Spring 2018

Hours of Work

The site will be generally in use from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday. To maintain the works programme, Saturday working may be required. Evening work may be required on an occasional basis to vital items. We will always endeavour to keep these occasions to a minimum and disturbance also to a minimum.

Site Safety

We aim to ensure that the construction work does not cause undue disturbance or inconvenience to the local community and we will take the utmost care to keep members of the community safe from hazards.

Building sites are dangerous places for children and should not be entered. To inform local children of the dangers, we have carried out Health and Safety Presentations to the pupils of the High School and some of the feeder primaries. We would ask local residents to reinforce safety messages to children in their care.

The site is fully fenced off and we have kept a clear public footpath to provide safe access to Mayfield from the existing school. The site entrance is located on the B6482.

Keeping you informed

We aim to keep the local communities informed of the progress of works and upcoming activities by means of regular newsletters similar to this.

Our site will be registered through the *Considerate Constructors Scheme*. Details of this can be viewed on their web site - www.ccscheme.org.uk or by scanning the code to the right.



Contacts and Feedback

Should you have any queries, comments or feedback please feel free to contact the Construction Team or the Project Team as noted below. Alternatively please fill out the form below and drop this in to site office or post to the address noted.



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