# **Queensferry High School**



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**News for Local Communities and Neighbours** 



This newsletter is intended to keep you informed of ongoing progress of the new Queensferry High School Project. This is a City of Edinburgh Council project, delivered in partnership with Hub South East, with Morrison Construction appointed as the main contractor.

# **Progress to Date**

We are pleased to be able to inform you that the project remains on track to complete in March 2020. Despite less than clement weather conditions in the last few months we have made good progress. The structural steel frame has been completed. Most of ground and upper floor concrete floors have been cast and we have now commenced construction of the roof and walls.

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during this particularly busy and potentially disruptive period. The volume of traffic movement through the area will reduce significantly in February when concrete floor slabs are completed. The rattle of pneumatic spanners has ceased. Come February we will no longer need to operate mechanical plant into the late evening. While the number of people working on site will increase in the months to come, the large majority of those people will work inside the building. Noise levels from the site will reduce. So some good news.

The new school car-park has been formed early in the construction programme. We will use this area during the construction period for site car-parking so that all those involved in the construction project will park on site to minimise disruption to the local area. Final kerbing and surfacing works will be carried out after the large majority of construction work has been completed.









We have just started to construct the main entrance and school social space. This will be a large communal area at the heart of the new school. This is what it looks like now. In not much more of a year we will have created this fantastic space that the community in general will be able to use and enjoy.





## Planned Work to Easter 2019

We are now working to complete enough of the external envelope by March 2019 to allow us to commence the internal fit-out. This is when we will begin to install pipes, wires and partitions. Progress on the external envelope will appear a bit slow. There is much to do and the design is complex. We will continue working on this element of the works until mid-summer 2019.

## Safe Environment for all

We now bring the large majority of construction traffic through our entrance on Station Road and this will continue until completion of the project. We would ask everyone to be especially aware when traveling on foot or in a vehicle past the construction project entrance. Our gateman would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and the large majority of pedestrian traffic that he encounters are a pleasure to deal with. Please feel free to engage with our staff who supervise our entrance as we welcome constructive feedback, both good and bad.

### Work in the Community

Morrison Construction now support the delivery of the school curriculum in any way we can. Since September we have attended careers events and taken part in employability workshops. We have also provided work experience for budding construction workers. We enjoyed the experience and we believe they did too. The young people involved were a fine advert for Queensferry High School.

We will continue to develop ways in which Morrison Construction can support learning. We regard this site as a live learning environment, open to anybody with a genuine interest in construction and engineering.

We are also looking for ways in which we can support in a practical way any local community projects. If you are active in the community and you think we could potentially help Please contact with us. We would be more than happy to lend help or advice.

### **More Information**

For further information about work on site, please contact: 07712 674337 For further information on the wider project, please contact: 07712 674337 For Community Benefits information please contact our Project Skills Coordinator – Henry Lennon on 07483349547 henry.lennon@morrisonconstruction.co.uk

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