

News for neighbours near the new Dingwall Academy



About this newsletter

We're sending this newsletter to keep you up-to-date about the new secondary school project, and to answer questions that we're hearing from you – our neighbours – and the wider community.

This is one way we'll keep you informed as the project progresses.

Questions or concerns?

If you're wondering about the new secondary school project or have a concern about the construction process, please come to our site offices or contact a member of the site team on 01349 865361.

The team are: Project Manager **Lonie Mackintosh**
Site Manager **Alan Summers**
Project Surveyor **Martin Murphy**

For the most up-to-date information you may also like to visit Dingwall Academy's site at www.dingwallacademy.com

Steering group

Or why not get involved? The Dingwall Academy Steering Group, which meets every six weeks, would like to invite a neighbourhood representative onto the committee.

Interested parties should contact the Chairman, John Gill, on 01349 863824.

Site work underway

After more than a year of planning, work on the new Dingwall Academy site is underway. The first step was preparing the areas on which the school buildings, roads and car park will be constructed.

The team has now completed the removal of topsoil from the areas that will be used for the new school building and car park and have started constructing the school's foundations.

A piling rig has been on site throughout July in order to install the 700 piles necessary to form the school's substructure. As with all major construction projects, some inconveniences are unavoidable and we appreciate that this activity has been a noise nuisance for our neighbours. However, the activity scheduled to take place over the school's summer vacation in order to minimise any disruption to the school pupils is now complete.

Additional early works have also included the construction of a new entrance to the school from the A862 and diverting away the main drain serving the current school.

What's next?

With piling now complete, concrete, which will form the foundations, will be poured in preparation for the erection of the structural steelwork that will form the new school.

What's happening when?

Here's a rough timeline of the school's construction programme. Please note that these dates are subject to change, as construction projects depend on weather and other factors.

Earthwork	Complete
Foundations	Now through to November 2006
Structural Steel	November 2006 through to February 2007
Blockwork	November 2006 through to May 2007
Roofing	January 2007 through to May 2007
Internal Work	April 2007 through to April 2008
Occupancy	12 May 2008

Stay safe stay away from construction sites

To a child, building sites may look like a terrific adventure playgrounds, but all equipment – ladders, scaffolding, pipes and piles of building materials – presents dangers to unwary young trespassers. Children need to be made aware that playing on construction sites could lead to serious injury and sadly sometimes death.

Preventative measures are of course in place to ensure that children, or any individual, cannot access the site.

Our Safety Officers will visit schools in the area to explain the risks to the pupils in a way to which they can relate. However, we would welcome parents, teachers and youth workers, to stress to children the need to be careful and vigilant at all times.

We would also ask the public around our site to assist us and if they note any unauthorised access to the site to contact our site team who will be happy to assist.

The team delivering the new Dingwall Academy, part of the Highland Schools PPP:

Ultimate Client:	Highland Council
Scheme Client:	Alpha Schools
Contractor:	Morrison Construction
Facilities Management:	Morrison Facilities Services
Architect:	Keppies
Structural Engineer:	Crudens
Mechanical & Electrical	Wallace Whittle