

New Oban High School

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Introduction

Welcome to the first of our quarterly newsletters on this exciting £36million new school project.

This is just one of the many ways we'll be keeping you updated as the project progresses.

Argyll and Bute Council, project partners at hubNorth Scotland and Morrison Construction, the principal contractor, are committed to working together to keep you informed and get you involved as the building work continues.

Community engagement is very important to us and we welcome your feedback on the newsletter in particular and the project in general.

We'll be doing our utmost to ensure the work is carried out with the minimum of disruption to the work of the school and to those who live around the site.

If you have any questions about the operation of the site please contact :

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Look out for the next issue in November.



Head teacher Peter Bain, pupils Chloe Hamilton and Steven Povey, hubNorth's Angus MacFarlane and Councillor Roddy McCuish.

Photograph courtesy of Kevin McGlynn

Turf cutting ceremony

The project officially got underway with a turf cutting ceremony at the end of June.

Pupils, parents/carers, local councillors, the partnership project team and contractors met to mark the occasion.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee, was on hand to say a few words:

"With all the exciting changes in Oban we definitely need a new, bigger, better school, ready for the 21st century and ready for the town to grow."



Current school



Artist impression of the new school

Background

The construction of the new school, with capacity for up to 1300 pupils, is expected to be complete towards the summer of 2018 with the demolition of the existing school and the construction of a new car park the following year.

The new building is being constructed on the grass rugby pitch at the current school site, with the 3G pitch remaining in use throughout. All works will happen to the south of the existing school and be accessed independently, so the school will continue to function as normal.

Story so far

Morrison have fenced the site area, making it safe for workers, pupils, staff and members of the public.

The site has been levelled off. This has involved removing and crushing large quantities of rock, which has been reused on the site. Work on the foundations has started and the path from McCall Terrace to the football field has been upgraded.



Works in progress

Three month look ahead

- Work will continue on the foundations and we will begin building the steel towards the end of September.
- We'll complete all work on underground drainage and storage tanks as well as the foundations of the outbuildings.
- As the steel frame progresses we will start to concrete the ground and upper floors.
- The precast lift shafts will be erected as the steelwork progresses.
- A new access road will also be built up to what will become the new school car park.