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NEW FALKIRK CAMPUS UPDATE

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DEAR NEIGHBOUR

Welcome to the second community update on our new campus in Falkirk.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with the latest news and updates in regards to our new campus. It will be issued regularly in partnership with Balfour Beatty, the main contractors for the build.

We are also happy to answer queries at anytime, please contact us using the details on the back page.

We hope you are also looking forward to this exciting new campus for the Falkirk area and beyond.



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OPEN DAY TO SHOWCASE NEW FALKIRK CAMPUS

Balfour Beatty held an open day on 22 March to showcase plans and progress for Forth Valley College's new £78 million Falkirk Campus.

The event was organised as part of the UK-wide 'Open Doors Week' (19 - 24 March 2018), an initiative which aims to encourage contractors across the nation to provide members of the public with a behind the scenes look at 'live' construction sites.

Stewart MacPhail, Balfour Beatty's Project Director on the Middlefield site delivered a presentation, showed an animated fly-through film and led a question and answer session. Pupils from Falkirk and Denny High Schools also visited on the same day.

Stewart MacPhail said: "We are delighted to have had the opportunity to welcome members of the public to our site and present the work that we are carrying out. The event provided us with an opportunity to communicate the commitments we are making to the community, both during the works and for the legacy of this project. We are looking forward to building and maintaining our relationships with the community and the school over the coming year."



BALFOUR BEATTY INSPIRE FUTURE WORKFORCE

Balfour Beatty, in partnership with Developing the Young Workforce, delivered a presentation on professional careers in construction to over 200 secondary school pupils from Central Scotland at a careers event recently. The event was held at the Scottish Construction Innovation Centre in Hamilton on 8 March 2018.

Sister company, Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick, were also involved and delivered advice on apprenticeships and routes into the industry.



TOP LEVEL VISIT FROM SCOTTISH POWER DIRECTOR

Scottish Power Energy Networks Director Graham Campbell visited Forth Valley College's Falkirk Campus on Thursday 19 April to meet the company's current cohort of Modern Apprentices and enjoy a tour of the new campus building site.



Dr Ken Thomson, FVC Principal, said: "It was great to welcome Graham to our Falkirk Campus and show him our current facilities and how our new campus is coming along. He was excited to meet his current cohort of MAs and see how Forth Valley College helps to lay the foundations of their training to help them become valued assets to Scottish Power Energy Networks. We look forward to inviting Graham back to see our new campus when it's completed in 2019."

LOCAL ORGANISATION TO SUPPLY SITE CATERING

Local Community Interest Company, FVCF, has been appointed to work in conjunction with DWP, Skills Development Scotland and Falkirk Council to run Balfour Beatty's on-site catering unit. This will create six job vacancies for unemployed people living locally, and they will also be given the opportunity to undertake REHIS Food Hygiene training.

The charity have committed to finding each employee sustained employment following the completion of the FVC build.

Our own hospitality team will also support FVCF and there will be work experience placements offered to students.

This initiative will also provide job opportunities for local people.

BALFOUR BEATTY SUPPORT LOCAL CAREERS FAIR

Balfour Beatty attended an SDS Careers Fair for Falkirk schools on 21 March to help local pupils make better-informed decisions about their own futures, whilst promoting the benefits of a career in construction.

Throughout the course of the day, they engaged with over 100 young people, parents and teachers and guided them through their application process for the 2018 intake of apprenticeships.





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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Good progress has been made over the last period with the partial completion of foundation works, allowing for the structural steel work to commence with the new sports block and teaching block structures facing Grangemouth Road. Despite some further inclement weather, new drainage and groundworks continue to progress well, as part of the building works.

The remaining steel structure is due for completion mid-summer 2018, the

progressive completion of the structure will then see roofing and envelope works commence.

Balfour Beatty have now also developed a new welfare area for site staff and have received their first Considerate Constructors award for the site (4.5 stars out of 5). They continue to engage with and support the local community, with site visits from schools, participation in Open Doors Week 2018 and support for local charities.

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Balfour Beatty are members of the "Considerate Constructors Scheme" which supports key values during construction; One of these values is to Respect the Community. Balfour Beatty consider working hours, traffic, noise and pollution as part of their impact assessments for the Construction phase and subsequently recognise and appreciate the support from the local community during this time.