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# NEW FALKIRK CAMPUS UPDATE

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Valley  
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Making Learning Work

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## DEAR NEIGHBOUR

Welcome to the fourth 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 any time, please contact us using the details on the back page.

We hope you join us in looking forward to this exciting new campus for the Falkirk area and beyond.



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# DELIVERING SOCIAL VALUE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

In September, Balfour Beatty announced their progress on delivering positive outcomes for the local community as part of the new Falkirk Campus development.

## SOCIAL VALUE

### Forth Valley College



Falkirk  
Campus



Social  
enterprise  
running on-  
site catering

Total Social Value delivered to date: £6,248,304.

£4.4m

social value spend on local labour

3,133

apprentice hours worked to date

111hrs

spent in local schools



108

weeks worked by graduates



## TOPPING OUT CEREMONY

Forth Valley College and Balfour Beatty celebrated the halfway point of the new-build Falkirk Campus with a special 'Topping Out' ceremony on Friday 28 September 2018.

This landmark point in the construction of the new campus also gave an opportunity for Balfour Beatty to reveal the positive social value statistics showing the benefits the project has provided for the local community, through various initiatives.

Forth Valley College Principal Dr Ken Thomson, Ross Martin Chair of the Forth Valley College Board of Management and Trudi Craggs FVC Board Member joined Hector MacAulay, Balfour Beatty's Regional

Managing Director for Scotland and Ireland and around 80 invited guests for the ceremony.

Stewart MacPhail, Balfour Beatty's Senior Project Manager on the site led the proceedings which saw a short final concrete pour, a small local evergreen tree attached to the highest point of the metal structure and a toast taken from specially engraved quaichs, all as a piper played.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

As we make our way into winter, the works on site have progressed well, despite the recent inclement weather. The superstructure has now reached completion and this key milestone on the build was celebrated on site. A special topping out ceremony was organised to thank the construction team for their hard work as we reach the midway point in the build, and focus our efforts on safely delivering the remaining works.

The completion of the superstructure has enabled the external envelope (roof and walls) to progress well, meaning that we are now able to move onto another important phase in the build and commence the internal works. We have made good progress on this phase already, as the internal walls and services have started in the first sectors of the buildings to the south of the site.



In addition to this, the next period will also see the beginning of the main car park works to the north of the site and the commencement of the remaining below ground drainage and installation of services to the south east areas.

Along with the continued progress on the envelope, this and the internal works will be the key activities through the winter period.

# VIEWING WINDOW

A community viewing window has been installed at the construction site on Middlefield Road. We encourage members of the public to use this viewing facility to keep up-to-date with the progress of the build.



## CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY WITH JOB CENTRE PLUS AND FORTH VALLEY COMMUNITY FOCUS

Through Balfour Beatty's continuing commitment to deliver social value on the new Falkirk Campus project, they have been working in partnership with Forth Valley Community Focus and the DWP to run a construction academy to support local unemployed people back into work.

## TIMBER DONATION FOR CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK

Balfour Beatty have also been supporting our local neighbour Victoria Primary School, by donating timber to be used in their playground and also rebuilding their outdoor stage.



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### GENERAL ENQUIRIES/FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE

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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.