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# NEW FALKIRK CAMPUS UPDATE

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## DEAR NEIGHBOUR

Welcome to the fifth 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.

Forth Valley College and Balfour Beatty would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# NEW FALKIRK CAMPUS REACHES MILESTONE

Forth Valley College's new Falkirk Campus has reached an important milestone - with the main teaching block now wind and watertight - giving everyone connected with the project a nice Christmas present.

Service installation has also started, with all the glass now installed, concrete floors are being polished, lighting is progressing well, decorating has already started and the main staircase takes pride of place in the reception area. The sports block is now undergoing second fix partition work and cladding and curtain walling is progressing well.

External brickwork is coming along well and it is expected the workshop area – where structural decking has restarted - will be wind and watertight

by March. Works are now progressing in the north car park and the service yard, and the soft landscaping plans are now underway.

Over the next period:

- **All of the above works will continue to progress**
- **Roof lights to the Teaching Block**
- **Cladding will begin to the Workshop Block**
- **Ames Taping and Decoration will all start**
- **Ceiling Bulkheads will be started**

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

### CONSTRUCTION SCOTLAND – 'BUILD YOUR FUTURE' ST MODAN'S HIGH SCHOOL STIRLING

Balfour Beatty's Joseph Drugan, Community Benefits Advisor, spent a day at St Modan's High School in Stirling recently (7 November) to promote professional careers in construction and talk about the construction of the new Forth Valley College.

Joseph delivered six 50 minute sessions for S4 students at the school and more than 180 pupils were given the chance to learn about professional careers in construction, learn from live construction

projects and discover some of the cutting edge design technology available.

The event was attended by Deputy First Minister and Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney MSP, delegates from Stirling Council and DYW Forth Valley.

John Swinney said: "Your work on Developing Scotland's Young Workforce activity is an excellent example of innovative practice that makes a real difference to pupils. Fabulous work."

Construction Scotland (formerly Scottish Contractors Group) is an umbrella body of the main construction contractors in Scotland, who collaborate to promote the industry, share and develop good practice.

Balfour Beatty are key supporters of the Employment and Skills steering group, and continue to deliver events aimed at attracting the next generation of talent into our industry.





## STATS OF THINGS TO COME

Communications and Marketing colleagues Megan Laughlin and Catriona Logan have created a fun and engaging way to make sense of some of the mammoth statistics involved in the new Forth Valley College Falkirk Campus build.

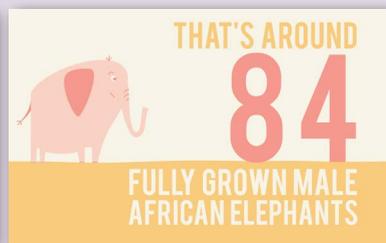
The pair have created an innovative series of animated comparison statistics to give a visual representation of just what it takes to build a state-of-the-art further education college.

These will be distributed through social media and previewed below.

- Our New Falkirk Campus will have 190,000 facing bricks. If you stacked them high you'd get to the tip of the Eiffel Tower 38 times over!



- The 190,000 facing bricks in our new Falkirk Campus will equal approximately 589,000kg. That's around 84 fully grown male African elephants.



- The average blue whale weighs up to 200 tonnes – it would take around 5 and a half blue whales to equal the 475,000 concrete pavers that will be used in our new Falkirk Campus.

Megan said: "It has been great to work on something a bit more creative and relatable to help everyone understand just how much work is going into the new campus and the amount of materials that are being used – it's a massive project!"

Catriona said: "This was a great project to work on. It was really interesting to bring these exciting statistics to life through animation and communicate the progress of the new Falkirk Campus in a fun way."

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS

## I AM THE MACHINE (BACK4LIFE)

Staff and students at Forth Valley College have been delivering their 'Back4Life' occupational health and fitness programme at Balfour Beatty's Central Scotland office at Maxim Eurocentral, following on from a successful pilot at the new Falkirk Campus site in the summer of 2018.

From November, the Back4Life team have given Balfour Beatty's Construction staff the opportunity to undergo a health and fitness 'MOT', learn simple exercises to aid mobility and reduce the risk of workplace injury and join in with colleagues to improve their fitness.

The programme was very warmly received by the construction site team, so Balfour Beatty have promoted participation in the programme to their Central Scotland office, to help more of their workforce enjoy the benefits of Back4Life.

Weekly sessions continue for the Balfour Beatty staff, every Friday at 10am - Programme information is available from:

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## BALFOUR BEATTY MESSAGE:

On behalf of Balfour Beatty, I would like to wish all our neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I would like to personally thank our site team and all of the workforce for all their hard work and commitment over the past year.

I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved rest over the festive period and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

Stewart MacPhail  
Project Director, Balfour Beatty.

**The construction site will be closed from the 21st December 2018 until 7th January 2019. If during this period you notice any suspicious activity around the site, I would urge you to contact our security partners on 0800 141 2543.**

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