

Boroughmuir High School gets the green light



[As we mentioned this morning](#) further detailed planning permission for the new Boroughmuir High School was granted today by the City of Edinburgh Council's Development Management Sub Committee who approved some of the final details this morning.

Plans for the canal-side site have been drawn up by Allan Murray Architects, and show the new building designed to house up to 1,165 pupils who are currently at the school's Viewforth site – less than 500m away.

The school site is marked by the Union Canal to the south, Dundee Street to the north, and Viewforth to the east. The student residencies being built off Gibson Terrace for Napier University mark the western edge of the site.

The plans incorporate:

- teaching areas arranged around a multi-functional 'heart', or atrium
- traditional classrooms offering easy access to collaborative break out areas
- enhanced facilities for physical activity and external learning, including a unique roof-top multi-use external games area
- a new public park, along the canal's north bank, next to the new school building. This will create a vibrant public space next to the waterway and towpath.

Work is expected to start on the new school in summer 2014, with completion scheduled for summer 2016.

Education Convener Cllr Paul Godzik said: “Pupils, parents and teachers have been waiting a long time for a new school so I’m delighted that work can now start on the site.

“Boroughmuir has a first-class academic track record, and the focus is now firmly on delivering a new school that provides an equally impressive learning environment.”

To find out more about the new plans for Boroughmuir High visit [the project website](#).

