



**November 2011**

## **Development Update**

In early September the School indicated to Inverclyde Council its intention to seek outline planning permission through a Planning Application Notice (PAN) to develop a four acre site at the north end of Milton Wood, behind the former police station on Lochwinnoch Road.

The Board of Governors continues to be keen to share the details of this proposed Senior School development and during the last few months has been in consultation with the Civic Trust, the Community Council, parents and local residents. In October representatives from the School and the appointed architect Page\Park welcomed the opportunity to discuss the proposed plans at an open exhibition in Kilmacolm's new Community Centre.

In summary, the School's intention is to:

- Build new teaching accommodation for English, Mathematics and Science faculties on the new site
- Refurbish the existing Science block to provide new teaching accommodation for Transitus
- Build a pedestrian bridge at road level across the Sustran's track to link both Senior Schools
- Provide parking for staff to assist the traffic flow around Duchal, Gryffe and Lyle Road
- Provide a car park for community use
- Build a multi-use hall which can also be used by the community
- Provide improved changing rooms, social areas and lockers for pupils
- Widen the avenue in Duchal Woods for the first 80 metres to allow for the installation of a road and pavement leading to the new development

The existing School building on Duchal Road will be developed to provide improved teaching accommodation and staff preparation areas for Humanities, Classics and the Language faculties.

The two villas owned by St Columba's will be retained for the foreseeable future with any review being dependent on the outcome of the planning application. Kilmorack is currently being re-instated following significant flood damage. Cromdale and its grounds will be improved visually with the house maintained in a water-tight condition.

All feedback from the consultation process has been gratefully received and is currently being reviewed prior to the submission of our Planning Permission in Principle to Inverclyde Council in December.