



The High School  
**Leckhampton**  
PRORSUM SEMPER

# FIRST YEAR



**PLANS FOR 2021-22**  
**TEMPORARY HOME AT BALCARRAS**

# A WARM WELCOME TO Balcarras



## *Sister schools working together*

We are absolutely committed to ensuring that The High School Leckhampton gets off to the best possible start. For that reason the Trustees at Balcarras made the decision to offer the school a temporary home when it became clear that there would be a delay to the planning process. We have worked closely with Gloucestershire County Council to ensure that there is sufficient resource in place to support the temporary housing of the school, in excellent accommodation, on the Balcarras site during 2021-22.

There is a significant shortfall in secondary school capacity in Cheltenham and without the opening of The High School Leckhampton in 2021, the town would be left without enough secondary places. For that reason The Balcarras Trust is committed to making sure that we put all of the logistical and organisational measures in place to allow both schools to flourish.

We are building a brand new building on the Balcarras site that we will take occupancy of in June 2021. This building will be fully furnished and operational in time for the start of term in September 2021.

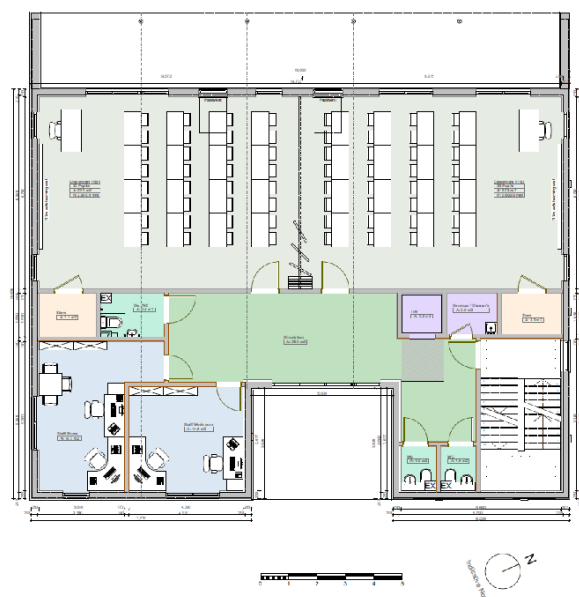




# PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING



GROUND FLOOR PLANS



FIRST FLOOR PLANS

The new building will have:

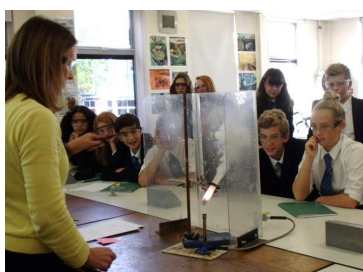
- 4 large teaching rooms
- a bank of laptop computers
- toilets
- food servery
- reception
- Head's office
- staff work room



## SHARING FACILITIES

One of the advantages of using Balcarras as our temporary home is that we will be able to share resources so that our students get access to specialist areas. Whilst most lessons will take place in the new building we will use some of Balcarras' facilities, for example in

- PE
- music
- drama
- science
- catering
- play space



Both timetables will be designed alongside each other so that we can use Balcarras' staff and its specialist accommodation to maximise efficiency. We recognise that it is very important that our children have access to superb specialist teaching and are delivered a broad and balanced curriculum of exceptional quality.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

The High School Leckhampton will offer an extra curricular programme from day one and in the first year it is likely that there will be several shared activities with Balcarras particularly in the field of music, drama and sport. Whilst we are adamant the The High School Leckhampton must develop its own culture and identity, its children will benefit hugely from the range and scale of activities that are on offer at Balcarras.



## THE SCHOOL DAY AND TRAVEL

The school day will be staggered so that The High School will start slightly earlier than Balcarras and finish earlier. This will allow for The High School to use our hall for assemblies in the morning. We will operate a split lunch which will mean that students have good access to our catering facilities. The day will be structured around 5 one hour lessons and in the morning these will be on the same timings as Balcarras. This will allow the two schools to share some specialist teaching.

Gloucestershire County Council have committed to providing bus transport to and from Balcarras with multiple pick up and drop off points. These plans will be published shortly.

## MOVE TO FARM LANE

The handover of the Farm Lane site to The Balcarras Trust is due to be in April 2022. We will begin the move over from this date and we expect to move completely in the summer term of 2022. From September 2022 The High School Leckhampton will be operating out of its own wonderful buildings on the beautiful Farm Lane site.



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