

Seamab's new school for Care & Education

December 2024 Update

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Thank you from our Patron

“Seamab is a sanctuary for children who have been denied the safe and loving childhood they deserve. Visiting the site of the new school and watching it take shape fills me with hope. I am deeply moved by the incredible work being done here and the unwavering commitment to providing the very best for these children, giving them a much-needed place of education and recovery. My heartfelt congratulations go to everyone involved in this inspiring project.”
Gerard Eadie CBE, Patron of Seamab and Chairman of CR Smith



Stuart Provan, CEO; Gerard Eadie, Patron; and Brendan Corkery, Chair, on the construction site

Trauma-informed design

Andrew Marshall, our architect at [3DReid](#), led on a series of workshops with children and staff early in the design process of our new school. On creating the interior design for the new project Andrew has said that, “developing the trauma— informed design of the school in conjunction with staff and children has been exhilarating. Dovetailing with our earlier workshops, where we focussed on the building fabric and architecture, we are now at a new stage of the process, exploring how the materials and colours will influence the feel of the new spaces. Together with the use of textures and creatively designed lighting, we will create a perfect environment for nurturing curiosity and learning for Seamab’s children and young people.”



Architect's image of one of six new classrooms

School build update

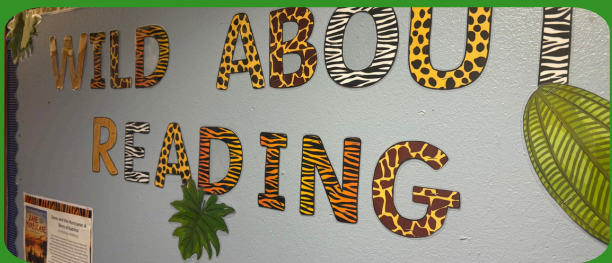
Since September, we have seen a start to the roof and wall cladding; the first-floor concrete slab poured and the staircase manoeuvred into position. You can see the progress here [TheBuildSoFar](#). Looking ahead, we expect the new school to be wind and watertight by spring 2025 and to take possession of the building over the summer months.



Early impact of the new school

In 2024/5, for the first time, Seamab will provide national qualifications in English, Art & Design, Textiles, RME and Photography. The prospect of the new school has attracted talented teaching staff and over the last 18 months they have worked hard to close the gap between learner potential and attainment.

The results are encouraging. All 15 pupils who sat reading assessments increased their reading by an average of 4.7yrs from the baseline. 75% who completed assessments in numeracy and maths increased their maths age by an average of 1 year. The new school is fundamental to continuing this progress.



Top marks

Initial feedback from November's HMIe inspection was exceptionally complimentary about our bespoke approach to each child's learning journey; the holistic learning environment and good communication between care, education and therapy teams; our creative curriculum; and our wider attainment work through Forest Schools, the Woodshed, music and well-being.

Looking forward to Christmas

Just like in any family, Christmas is a special time at Seamab and plans are underway to make it a day to remember. "Christmas can be full of joy but the children can also experience a range of very mixed emotions - a combination of being really happy but also acute awareness that their Christmas experience is very different to that of other children their age. Our staff go the extra mile to provide an even more supportive and nurturing environment that is joyful, positive and loving at this important time of the year."

Stuart Provan, Chief Executive, Seamab.



Training and wellbeing



Lynn Walker, previously Seamab's Senior Theraplay Practitioner, has taken on the critical role of Training and Wellbeing Co-ordinator with the remit to design, deliver and coordinate a comprehensive training and wellbeing portfolio to benefit the children.

Lynn said, "This new role will really help Seamab remain at the forefront of working with children in a trauma informed way."

The Auld Enemy Dinner 2025

Seamab is delighted to have been chosen again to benefit from The Auld Enemy Dinner – a rugby-focused event held in London the night before the Six Nations' Calcutta Cup game in February. The auction prizes at the 2024 event raised more than £100k. Could you consider donating an auction prize?

Moto Foundation – books for our new library

The Moto Foundation has donated books to our new library and invited the children to submit short stories to their Young Authors Competition. Caroline Campbell, Moto Foundation's Trust Manager said "It is a pleasure to work with Seamab. They are excellent communicators, keeping us up to date with the projects that we are supporting. We look forward to continuing with this great partnership."

A final word from our chair

Over 90 individuals, Charitable Trusts and companies, including the Shoot Charitable Trust, have generously contributed to our campaign. With your help, we are pulling out all the stops to raise the remaining funds over the next 6 months. We look forward to keeping you up to date and to inviting you to visit the new school made possible by your generosity.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported our campaign and ongoing work. Because of it, the opportunities that we are able to provide to children that are impacted by significant early life trauma are incredibly powerful. Creating a purpose built school will be life changing for our children."

Brendan Corkery, Chair

We would love to invite you to visit us at Seamab.

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