

Seamab's new school for Care & Education

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Summer 2025 Update

Looking forward

"Thank you, as ever, for supporting Seamab. Your partnership and support for a new school for Seamab makes it possible for us to keep moving forward — and to do so with purpose, care, and ambition.

We would be delighted to show you the impact you have made. Please do take the opportunity to come and visit us during the summer as the school building nears completion.

At Seamab we believe in continuous improvement. We are always looking to develop our curriculum within school but also continue to develop a range of therapeutic supports for our young learners. Within our care service we continue to facilitate positive and consistent family and community contact.

Everything we do here is designed to help our children and young people build safe, meaningful, and fulfilling lives. We do that in partnership with you and as a result of your generosity."

With thanks



Stuart Provan
Chief Executive of Seamab



Capital campaign news

We're incredibly grateful to our donors for helping us raise over £5.7 million towards the new school. We're now within £175,000 of reaching our campaign goal. Every penny gifted to the campaign will be used to build and equip the new school. We expect the building will be wind and watertight in the next month and cannot wait for the anticipated move into the new school in October when the children will finally start learning and developing in this safe, sustainable, and inspiring space.



Chief Executive, Stuart Provan welcomed our Patron, Gerard Eadie, Fay Bancewicz, and our Board Chair, Brendan Corkery to view progress in June.

Enhancing Seamab's natural setting through integrated landscape architecture

Upon decommissioning and demolition of the existing school building, the site will undergo a carefully considered landscape transformation designed to complement the natural topography and setting of Seamab. The scheme will incorporate a range of multifunctional, purpose-built outdoor environments that support therapeutic, educational, and recreational outcomes. These will include a multi-use games area (MUGA), a Yurt structure for flexible learning and therapies, an orchard area, rocks and boulders to climb on and series of discreet, contemplative spaces designed for a range of interactions and emotional regulation. Outdoor movement, challenge, and connection to the natural world are core to Seamab's therapeutic model and the landscaping will embed those principles into the built environment.

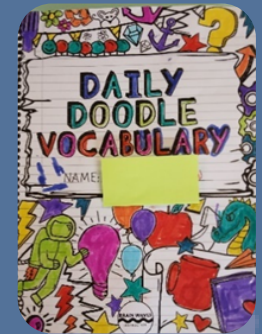


Enhancing experience and opportunity

As well as our capital campaign, donors supported work to improve facilities, enrich learning, and offer new experiences to the children and young people. We were able to upgrade some residential bungalows with a bathroom and playroom, purchase e-bikes and gym equipment, provide trips to London and Wales, a variety of outings as well as ski sessions and horse-riding lessons.

Education: Expanding opportunities

We are introducing more project-based learning and building partnerships with local schools and colleges to keep our curriculum relevant and engaging. The education team is focused on creating smooth transitions from primary to our relatively new senior phase and we have added secondary teachers this past year with Art, photography, textiles, English and RME all being added to our curriculum offering.



Care: From strength to strength

We have recently strengthened quality assurance with a new external auditing service to add an additional layer of support to our processes.

We continue to support appropriate and valuable family time and community contact through involvement with clubs and sports teams. We listen to the children's views as to what they would like to see at Seamab and they recently shared their ideas for improving campus life, resulting in the development of a new Nerf Arena (generously funded by the Alex Timpson Trust).

The summer will bring a variety of holiday opportunities from our caravan at Seton Sands to trips further afield into the highlands and Wales.



Therapy: Developing therapeutic practice

Our Educational Psychologist, Chloe, has collaborated with staff and children to identify strengths and barriers in learning and wellbeing. Chloe has helped us deepen our understanding of what motivates our pupils and how to build on what is working.

In Class Safe, for instance, a structured focus on kindness and task engagement saw measurable progress over just six weeks — with feedback from staff and pupils used to shape next steps.



Winning in the dragon's den

Seamab, along with 11 other charities were invited along to a Dragon's Den style event at HMP Polmont Young Offenders Institute facilitated by The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ). Each charity pitched a funding proposal to 4 Dragons who were able to decide who would benefit from a £10,000 grant. Our Grants Manager and Head of Care spoke about Seamab's work and our ambition for a new multi-use games area for our children and young people as part of our new school development. The Dragons were impressed with Seamab's work and awarded a £10,000 grant. This was a hugely rewarding experience for Seamab and the Dragons themselves.



Columba 1400

Thanks to a grant awarded by the John Scott Charitable Trust, over the last two months, 7 children attended the Young People's Leadership Academy with Columba 1400. During the demanding Programme, our young people developed their understanding of values-based leadership and were encouraged to realise their own leadership potential. The final phase of the Programme aims to put our young people's learnings on Skye into practice at home.



"Greatest trip of my life."



"I found my voice."



"Big up Columba 1400!"

We would love to invite you to visit us at Seamab. To support our children or find out more, please contact Sharon O'Loan on 07585 001585 or email soloan@seamab.org.uk

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