

JGHS Council

Buildings Campaign Group

As you may know, there has been a campaign running for two years to achieve a significant upgrade in the facilities at JGHS. The Buildings Campaign Group was set up by the School Board and is now part of the new School Council. We are a group of parents who are pushing forward the renewal of the buildings at JGHS.

What is the strategy?

We operate on two levels:

- in the short-term, we work with the School, Councillors and Council officials to ensure that the most egregious issues are dealt with promptly.
- For the longer term we are working with the School and Councillors to ensure that there is a viable plan to comprehensively refurbish/rebuild JGHS on-site.

What has been achieved?

On the short-term, the work in the school the last two summers is a result of these efforts (almost £2M spent).

For the longer-term, we have been instrumental in pushing the City Council to adopt in April 2007 a plan for renewal of JGHS, Bouroughmuir and Portobello, to be funded by the Scottish Executive.

What needs to be done in the next year?

Continuing pressure needs to be applied for short-term needs. Most of the work at this stage is on the longer-term school renewal goal. With the turnover at Holyrood and in the City Council, we must work closely with our City Councillors and the Convenor of Children and Families to ensure that the renewal plan is progressed. Closer links need to be forged with parents at our feeder primaries, whose children will benefit most from renewal of the school.

How can I help?

Register with us at <http://council.jghs.org.uk/> and let us know what you'd like to help with and if you have any special skills. We need people who can: evaluate the building survey, support the bid to the Executive and the like; help get the message across to our elected representatives; further develop the media campaign; network with the primary school and nursery school parents; help communicate with the wider parent body; in general help campaign and bring new ideas.

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