



Wednesday, 30th July 2025

Dear Neighbour,

First, I would like to thank you sincerely for your patience and understanding over the past two years. I fully appreciate that the extensive renovation of 1 St Albans Grove will have caused disruption to your lives, and we are deeply grateful for your support as we work to deliver a first-class school for the local area.

Secondly, I am very sorry to report that we have had to postpone the move into our new premises until Half Term in October. The school will therefore remain in its current buildings in Victoria Road and Cottesmore Gardens for the first half of the Michaelmas Term.

This is, of course, immensely frustrating for us all. Our contractors had been reporting, every week, that the project remained on its critical path. As a result, we have been confidently assuring the school community and wider community that we remained “on time and on budget”.

It has now become clear that difficulties with the ‘link building’ between Lytham House and Atlantic House will delay practical completion. Put simply, it is taking longer than planned to install the new stone facade. This means that a crane cannot yet be removed, which in turn is delaying completion of the roof of the link building and associated works.

As you can imagine, we have been exploring all options. We have particularly considered partial occupation, given that the great majority of the project on either side of the link building, including most classrooms, will be complete.

However, we have had to conclude that the safest and most efficient option is to allow the contractors to complete the whole project and for the school to move in at the next sensible opportunity, which is Half Term. Practical completion is therefore now set for 20th of October, and you can be sure that we have pressed the contractors very hard for their firm assurance that this date will be achieved.

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In terms of next steps, the weekly and monthly newsletter construction updates will continue, and will also be posted on our project website: thomas-s-kensington.co.uk.

If you do not already receive the weekly and monthly construction updates and would like to do so please contact our dedicated project email address:

feedback@thomas-s-kensington.co.uk. Moreover, if you have any questions, please do contact us via the same email address.

Thank you again for bearing with us as we approach the final phase of this significant project.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Thomas'.

Ben Thomas
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