

# PARC Factsheet 2: Education and Learning

## Education... at the heart of Craigmillar's Regeneration

PARC is working in partnership with The City of Edinburgh Council to place the education and learning needs of our children, young people and the wider community at the heart of the regeneration process.

PARC is involved with a number of exciting education and learning-based projects, which will help to create a sustainable and vibrant community - both now and in the longer-term.

## New Primary Schools' Shared Campus

PARC's new £16 million campus at Wauchope Square, bringing together St Francis and Niddrie Mill primary schools, is nearing completion. The campus will be completed on time and on budget in early summer 2008 and handed over to The City of Edinburgh Council ready for the new term in August.

With a joint school capacity for around 700 children, it will be one of the largest and most impressive sites in the city. Designed to a high specification by award-winning architects Elder and Cannon, the schools' campus is built on two storeys, creating joint wings around a main courtyard. An eye-catching, horseshoe shaped central building brings both schools together, offering a range of facilities such as sports halls and dining areas.

The campus has been designed for use by the wider Craigmillar community outside of school hours; communal facilities will include the central halls, playground and two playing fields.

### Key Features:

- A wide range of classrooms, art and technology facilities, a library, computer suite and assembly hall - plus an outdoor playground and all-weather sports pitches shared by both schools
- Innovations including an external teaching garden and a removable partition between the two sports halls to create a major, double-sized venue for sports, drama and community uses
- Pedestrian-friendly links to cycle paths and walkways through the new homes' development

## Exciting Future for Craigmillar High School

PARC's new £30 million community high school and public library has been given the green light by The City of Edinburgh Council. The new school will have capacity for around 700 pupils and will be one of the most technologically advanced anywhere in Edinburgh.

When it opens in 2011/12, the school will replace the existing Castlebrae Community High School in helping to serve the education needs of the wider Craigmillar area.



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## New Community High School: Facts

- The new school will form an important part of the redeveloped Craigmillar town centre, and be based at a new site off Niddrie Mains Road
- As well as providing a top class educational facility, the school and library will provide opportunities for life-long learning, recreation and entertainment in the evenings and during the weekends
- A PARC-led team has been working on design plans since June 2007. The team includes award-winning architects John McAslan & Partners, who have a successful track record of designing schools across the UK
- The team is now conducting a more detailed consultation with parents, teachers, children and local people. Construction work of the new school and library is due to start in 2009

## New Scheme Launched to Fund School Pupils

PARC has launched an innovative Bursary Scheme to help fund local pupils as they take on university places and work-training courses after they leave school.

Pupils from Castlebrae High School have been the first to benefit from the Bursary Scheme, which aims to support them in building their careers with top companies throughout Scotland in the engineering, law and building sectors.

Each Bursary provides up to £2,500 per year to pupils whose personal and financial circumstances might prevent them from pursuing their studies and getting good professional jobs in the future based on academic merit.

## PARC Facts

PARC is a joint venture company which brings developers The EDI Group and The City of Edinburgh Council together with groups and representatives from the local Craigmillar community.

PARC is spearheading the regeneration of Craigmillar, involving a total investment of around £200 million. For Craigmillar, PARC wants to achieve:

- Quality, affordable new homes promoted and sold under the ParcLife name
- New primary schools - including a joint primary schools campus at The Square
- A new community high school and library located in the town centre
- A new, revitalised town centre providing some 300,000 sq ft of space for commercial and retail development
- A network of public parks bringing together 150 acres of green space
- More local job and career opportunities
- Improved learning and leisure facilities for young people
- Better transport linkages and traffic calming measures

