

The present Kelso High School building was opened in August 1939 and since then has been the centre of learning for generations of Kelso's young people. The building, designed by architects Reid & Forbes is noted for its architectural style and Mayan art deco details. Currently it is Category B listed by Historic Scotland as a building of architectural significance.

When the High School moves to its new site at Angraflat later this year, the present Kelso High School building will close. No decision has yet been taken about its future. There will be a number of events to mark the closure of this iconic and much-loved building.



**Thursday 21st September:  
Kelso High School Open Afternoon.**  
Visitors will have the opportunity to be taken on a guided tour from 2pm to see the current school in operation.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:  
Armistice Ceremony**  
Former pupils and staff, as well as friends of the school are invited to join staff and pupils at their Armistice Ceremony in the school grounds. This will commence at 10.45am.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:  
Closing Ceremony**  
Former pupils and friends of the school are invited to join the pupils and staff as they say farewell to the school building and see the flag lowered for the last time. This will commence at the front of the school, weather permitting, at 3.15pm.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Kelso High School Farewell Evening.**  
This will take the form of a Reception followed by an Evening of Music and Memories in the Assembly Hall. As this is likely to be a very popular event, admission will be by ticket only. Tickets, costing £5.00, will be available from the school.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November:  
Exhibition of the KHS Archive**  
Photographs and other memorabilia will be on display in a number of classrooms. Tours of the school building will be available.

***Exhibition opening times:-***

Thursday	1.00pm-6.30pm
Friday	1.00pm-4.00pm and 6.00pm- 8.00pm
Saturday	9.30am- 12.30pm

***Tours of the new school will also be available as follows:-***

Thursday	4.00pm & 5.00pm
Friday	2.00pm & 3.00pm
Saturday	10.00am & 11.00am

## **Kelso High School Memories Project**

There is an ongoing project to record the memories of those who have been involved with the school over the last 80 years or so. Former pupils and staff are invited to come into school, either individually or in groups, to record their memories of their time in school. These will be stored in the school archive and can only appreciate with time! They may also be used by pupils as part of their studies in specific subjects. We have a number of varied and fascinating recordings already but hope to get many more. As an aid to memory there is a list of possible topics to talk about:-

Activities: Clubs, Leisure Activities,  
Community Service  
Drama shows, Pantomimes, Prize  
Giving, Celebration of Achievement,  
Leavers Evening, End of Term,  
Socials/Dances  
Famous Pupils, Pals  
Pranks/Nonsense  
Punishments: The Belt, Exercises,  
Detention  
School Buildings: Main Building, 1956  
Extension, Assembly Hall, New Block,  
Music, Croft House, Games Hall

School day, Dress/Uniform or Meals  
Sports: Athletics/Sports day, Hockey,  
Rugby, Tours, Representative – South,  
Scotland and Other Sports  
Subjects: Favourites, New/Old Ones  
Teachers: Favourites, Legends  
Trips: French Alps, Exchanges,  
Whithaugh Park and Battlefields

It is also planned to select extracts of the memories and, together with some of the archive photos, to produce a souvenir booklet which will form a lasting memory of the great times experienced in this very special building.

If you would like to take part in the Memories Project, please contact the High School (Telephone: 01573 224444) to arrange a suitable time for you to come in to record. The more recordings we can get the better. While the project will run at least until November, it is only the recordings made before mid-September that can be included in the Souvenir Booklet.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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**Kelso High School**

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**1939—2017**

