

A touch of class in new school plans

Latest images show state-of-the-art site set for Craigmillar

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STRIKING images of a new £30m community high school and library have been unveiled.

The designs show how the state-of-the-art facilities in Craigmillar will be used.

The Craigmillar Community High School will cater for up to 700 pupils, with the capacity to expand to 900 as families move to the 3000 new homes being built in the area.

Award-winning architects John McAslan & Partners are leading the design team and say the school will be "one of the most technologically advanced in Edinburgh".

A presentation of the latest plans was given at Craigmillar

Community Council's most recent meeting and the designs are currently on display.

Community Council secretary Terry Tweed said: "We are all quite keen on it."

"People are enthusiastic and we are looking forward to it being built."

Architects have been asked to create a building with modern IT facilities and flexible enough to add new technology when it becomes available.

There will be external as well as internal teaching spaces, such as a small lake for learning about wildlife.

Craigmillar residents are now being asked what they think of the design, which includes eco-friendly solar water heating and ground source heat pumps.

John Quinn, general manager for developer PARC, said: "It's very much out with the old and in with the new at Craigmillar."



BRIGHT IDEAS: Craigmillar residents are being asked to give their views on the latest designs

"The new community high school and library forms a key part of the new Craigmillar town centre."

"The town centre masterplan is part of the 15-year programme of development for the area and the new community school is scheduled to be delivered early in this process."

"It promises to be an excellent resource for the whole community."

After the new school has been built, the Castlebrae High School site will be handed over to ED1 as a designated brownfield site and is likely to be developed for housing.

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BREAK: The site will have indoor and outdoor learning spaces