

BRC PROGRESS UPDATE

WEEK 11

Progress since the last update:

- The final phase of demolition of the ground floor slab of the old A building extension took place. North Hall is no more.
- plastering of the new partition walls in A building on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors continued during the week.

The picture below shows a panoramic shot on the 2nd floor of newly plastered and painted walls:



- 60m³ of additional concrete was poured into the foundations of the new building. The picture below shows this work in action:



- The floor trenches and rises along the old engineering corridor and into A building have begun to be cleared of old and now redundant pipe work:



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- The first draft plan for the sequence of cladding works to D building has been put together. We are now reviewing the plan in detail and aim to share it with you next week.
- Wind-posts were installed on the energy centre base.
- The clear-out of the old Engineering workshops has progressed well. This picture shows a panoramic view of the new brickwork workshop:



And this picture shows what will be the new Painting and Decorating area stripped out:



Key Activities This Week:

- In A building the contractor will be completing the spray painting of the 2nd floor walls and moving down to the 1st floor.
- First fix will continue throughout A building with radiators, data and power trunking being installed on walls.
- A further 100m³ of concrete is due to be poured for the foundations of the new building.
- The block work walls to the energy centre will start to be built.
- On Thursday and Friday we anticipate that tarmac will be laid to the car parking areas that have been created to the East and North of D building. This will involve traffic passing through our education site. All lorries will be escorted through by a banksman who will walk in front of each lorry to ensure health and safety risks are mitigated.

Health and Safety:

Please report any concerns at all – however small – through Claire Quint in the Exec Office or Nelson Williams in Estates. Students' and staff safety is our number one concern. Last week we dealt with complaints about the use of inappropriate language close to D building.

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Contractor Helping Learning:

Last week Andy Martin from Leadbitter gave a talk to around a dozen year 7 students from a local school whilst they were visiting the early Years team. The children enjoyed trying on hats and watching the work from their classroom window.

Parking Permits:

All staff that park on site at CEMAST or BRC should now have obtained a parking permit. Please display these in your front window each time you park. Random checks will commence later in the month. The DVLA and Police no longer require you to display a tax disc so if you are short of space you could always use that slot for your new FC permit!

Key Messages for Students:

On Thursday and Friday this week there will be some construction traffic passing through the campus to lay tarmac in the new parking bays near D building. Please be extra vigilant as you move about the campus this week.

We have placed some of the larger round tables and new chairs in the foyer space on the ground floor of T building. Fashion students have priority for the use of these tables during timetabled lesson time to provide additional space for their work.

Upcoming News:

Next week we hope to share the timing of cladding works to D and A building. Here are some shots showing how the system works. First the metal rails are fixed to the existing building, then the window panels are installed, then the cladding panels are locked into the frame:



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Finally (no pictures yet) the existing windows are removed and the internal area around the windows are made good and decorated. NB In the finished product the panels are much bigger so the glass will look much larger in comparison to the metal window frame.

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