

BRC PROGRESS UPDATE

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Contract Update - Week 32

A Building: This is now the second week of teaching in the newly refurbished A building. As of Monday this week the ground floor lobby area was opened up allowing access to toilets on this level. The contractor is working through a list of snags which we have agreed with them and will be installing blinds throughout A building by the end of this week. The northern end corridors in A building have a temporary wall in place. This will be replaced with new lift lobbies later in the Spring for our new four storey lift which will serve both A building and the new building (second floor).

The College manages the procurement and installation of furniture and IT directly and we have had really positive feedback about the new EPSON projectors and DELL PCs. Wifi is now in the process of being installed and should be complete by February half term. Following feedback from staff and students we have swapped over the wheels on the Robin Day Polo chairs for casters and they are now working well. The first video this week is from the Sport staff in their new accommodation.

Construction Workshops: On Monday this week we took occupation of both the painting & decorating and carpentry workshops. The painting and decorating workshop is much brighter and has more space than the old B building spaces. The cubicles are double sized so that they represent a mini room where 2 students can work together. The second video this week is from Meg, who along with Adam (in the photo below), is very pleased with her new learning space. Students and staff in carpentry have been working this week to fit out their new workshop and have responded to this challenge really well. We will take possession of the brick-workshop from February half term.

Adam working in the new much larger painting and decorating cubicles.



D Building: We are into the final two weeks of work on D building. Ground floor and corner cladding panels have been installed this week and good progress has been made with the sets of double doors and the new folding doors in Avenue 141. We remain grateful for the patience of staff and students in this building during the work. Hospitality students have taken over Woodies Restaurant in Chichester this week as an alternative real life working environment. The quality of food and service has been outstanding! Blinds are due to be installed in D building very soon – they are currently in the manufacturer's workshop.

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B Building: By working collaboratively with the contractor to take early occupation of B building we have been able to accelerate the programme of works in B building significantly. The top floor is now fully stripped – ceilings, carpets, old furniture are now all out (with the notable exception of the server room!). By handing the building over early we have also been able to avoid having the over-cladding works taking place in occupation. D&B facades have made good progress installing the brackets for the over-cladding on both the North and South elevations this week.



New Building: Laying of the final deck on the top floor roof has taken place this week ready for the final concrete pour which is booked in for next week.



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External Works: Work has commenced this week cutting into the bank to the north of the main college entrance. This work is necessary to create the additional parking we will need on site when the southern parking area is handed over to Bloor Homes. The concrete base for the new pathway between the new building and D building is being installed this week. Elsewhere the cladding of the energy centre is progressing well.



Communications and events: Tomorrow, Thursday 22 January, we will conduct a formal ceremony to mark the completion of works to A

building and the topping out of the new buildings. We are delighted to welcome Mark Hoban, MP, Sean Woodward, Leader of Fareham Borough Council and Gary Jeffries, Chair of the Solent LEP amongst our VIP guests. Photos and videos from this ceremony will follow in next week's update.

Health and Safety – We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of both health and safety and behaviour on site. We would ask staff to report directly to Claire Quint, Peter Marsh, Nelson Williams or Derek Crawford any concerns as soon as they are identified. The contractor welcomes feedback on this and other matters and we are committed to working collaboratively to maintain our very good site safety record.

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