

BRC PROGRESS UPDATE

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Contract Update - Week 34

A Building

Following the opening of A building and installation of AV and IT equipment over Christmas we are now pleased to report that the interactive whiteboards for the classrooms on the 1st floor, Photography, Mac Suite, and Construction workshops will be installed ready for use after the February half term. We then plan to move some more teaching from the south site from T block into A building before the Easter break.

New Building

We agreed a variation with the contractor to move from a lightweight metal to concrete structural roof for the top of the new building. The first third of that roof was poured last week, the next third is due to be poured this week and the final third next week.



Top floor roof being poured



New lift shaft in construction

The new lift shaft between the new building and A building is taking shape. The photo above shows the concrete pour has reached the third floor this week.

D building

Works to D building are nearly, but not quite, finished. There has been a delay in receiving materials to site which meant that the final finishing pieces around each of the external doors are yet to be installed. We understand that this work will complete this week. Bark chippings will also be laid outside of Avenue 141 ready for its opening to customers from Wednesday. Blinds will be installed in D building before half term.

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B building

Brackets to hang the new cladding system rails on have been installed on the majority of the South and North facades. The South Façade now shows off its new windows and cladding panels on the upper floor. Meanwhile on the North façade new windows are being installed this week:



New windows into B building

The noisy works to break up the concrete slab by the old Carpentry workshops have been completed and plastering of the walls in B building has commenced.

External works

The Contractor has dug a rather large hole in the courtyard of the northern campus. This will be filled with the black milk crate looking items being stored on site to create our new attenuation tank.

The tank will help capture storm water from the new campus and alleviate the pressure on the neighbouring water course and, in doing so, reduce the risk of flooding on site.



The attenuation tank will go into this hole

Heating to the North Site

On Sunday the heating pipework in B building suffered a catastrophic failure. We isolated the heating system for B, D and F buildings from C building and the rest of the South site. Works have been organised to replace the pipe work in B and between B and both D and F buildings which will commence as soon as possible but will take some time to complete. Given the risks of further interruption we decided not to reconnect the heating system into D and F until this work is complete in order to reduce the risk of further interruption to the heating system on the south of the site. Electric heaters have been moved into D building in the meantime to ensure adequate heat in these spaces.

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IT work during half term – A Reminder

Just to repeat what we said in last week's newsletter:

Over the February half term we will, hopefully for the last time, have to power all systems down on the North site and then power them up as the contractor needs to replace the transformer powering the North site. We will also be relocating our server room from the top of B building to its new home on the ground floor during the half term period. This will, unfortunately, mean there will be NO ACCESS to College hosted systems – ProSolution, HR, Finance as well as Oracle – between 2:30pm on Friday 13 February and late afternoon on Wednesday 18 February. Please ensure that all your team members are aware that systems will be down, emails will not be receivable and oracle will not be available. Staff who are not on leave over these 3 days are asked to plan work on activities that are not PC reliant. The website will not be impacted by this downtime and a suitable message will be placed on the site explaining to visitors the critical piece of work we are undertaking.

Sustainable Construction

Our Project aim is to comply with and achieve BREEAM standards for sustainable designs and environmentally friendly construction on the site. Therefore, since July 2014 data has been collected on a monthly basis and statistics shows that the construction site:

- Consumed 76 m₃ of water;
- used 10,595 litres of fuel to run all machinery on site such as dumpers, diggers and forklifts. Producing 31,094 kg of carbon dioxide emissions (CO₂e);
- generated 1882 m₃ of different types of waste which have been removed from site,

which is equal to about 200 waste containers

Through our intensive recycling effort 95% of total waste has been diverted from landfill. Yes that means just 5% of on-site waste has ended up in a landfill site.

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