

# BRC PROGRESS UPDATE

## ISSUE 28

### Contract Update - Week 36

#### A Building

The contractor has completed works to the cladding of the ground floor entrance area. We are really pleased with how this now looks! Completion of snagging works on A building continued over half term and is scheduled to be 90% complete next week.

Also over half term we moved all of the carpentry equipment out and painted the floors. Later this term the level 3 carpentry students will move from Fareham Reach to the BRC site. Then at May half term the brickwork provision will relocate from Fareham Reach to BRC.

#### New Building

This week the steel framework began to arrive on site. We also signed off the colour of the mortar for the engineering brickwork that will appear at ground floor. Internal block work has continued apace on the ground floor of the new building too.

#### External works

We have fenced off the majority of the courtyard area between D and B buildings to allow the contractor to continue the landscaping works there. We have also now closed the walkway between B and F buildings. This means access from the South of the campus to D building is via the East of F building and that we are using the door on the east elevation of the Sports Hall for access whilst the new link between B and F buildings is constructed.

The chimney flue from the energy centre has now been removed and the heat was turned back on in A building in good time for teaching to resume last Monday.

The old caretaker's house has been hoarded off ready for its demolition later in March.

#### D building

The contractor has now completed works to the external doors and installed the Teleflex winders to the high level windows in D building. The two pictures below show both elevations of Avenue 141. Branding has also now been ordered for these lovely new windows. The blinds for staff offices are on order and should be here in the next few weeks. We are awaiting final proposals from the contractor on how best to deal with the threshold strips between the new doors and the existing flooring in this building.



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## **B building**

The work to install the new cladding panels and windows has continued at a rapid pace over the last few weeks. The photo below shows the northern elevation. Internally the strip out is complete, plastering is well underway and the mechanical and electrical installation work progressing rapidly throughout the building. We successfully moved the server room from the second floor to its new home on the ground floor over half term. I am very grateful to the work of the IT team in managing this move and also would like to thank all staff at BRC and CEMAST for their patience this week as we have dealt with log-in and other issues that arose from the server relocation. This is now the last time that we need to plan to power down or up on the BRC project so further interruptions are now much less likely.



## **F Building**

We have commenced work on the cladding and external works to the Sports Hall. The earth between F and D buildings has been removed. This is to allow the installation of a new fire escape from the first floor changing rooms to comply with modern building regulations.



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Meanwhile bricks have been removed from the East elevation of the Sports Hall to allow us to fix the new cladding onto the steel work. The cladding of the Sports Hall will look the same as the energy centre and the ground floor entrance to A building – with three different widths of Kingspan cladding hung vertically.



## Health and Safety and Site Security

Both Leadbitter and the College have rehearsed fire evacuation procedures this week. It is important that we keep ourselves up to date with the changes to the muster points arising from the building works. All staff and students were safely evacuated. However, as a result of these practice evacuations we are updating the notices in some buildings.

**Staff working for Leadbitter** or their subcontractors are not allowed to use the College smoking shelter at the rear of C building. Please ask any contractors working on the site not to smoke at the rear of C building. On site welfare facilities are located within the contractor's compound area.

## Mid Project Review

This project is being delivered using the Hampshire County IESE framework. We completed our mid contract review with Leadbitter, our project management team, AECOM and the IESE framework managers this week. The feedback from IESE is that we are managing the project in an exemplary fashion, that collaboration between the College, contractor and project management team remains strong and that risks are being actively managed.

We are now forecasting that building B will be handed back 4-6 weeks earlier than the 27 July contract date and we will be developing plans to relocate staff into their new staff rooms in B building in June 2015.

Work to the new building is not likely to complete early and we are planning occupation of that building in August 2015.

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