CONTRACTOR UPDATE: LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT, THE STORY SO FAR..............

NEW ROOF MEMBRANE - STATUS: COMPLETE
These works are now completed and we’re now programming works to the West roof. This work will also help the building achieve a BREEAM ‘Excellent’ rating.

WINDOW INSTALLATIONS - STATUS: ONGOING
For the last 12 weeks we’ve been installing windows to the A, B, C and lower ground floors, including the book binding and book archive areas. The windows to the East spine elevation are now complete and the scaffold has been removed. Whilst the work is carried out within our compound, you may have heard the noise caused by drilling so we apologise for any inconvenience caused. This work will help the building achieve a BREEAM ‘Excellent’ rating.

RE-POINTING ELEVATIONS - STATUS: ONGOING
The University’s Facilities Team inspected and approved the repointing work to the East elevation. Works continue to the North, South and West elevations.

INTERNAL WIRING - STATUS: ONGOING
We’re working across all 3 floors of the new library building carrying out wiring works for the new lighting, fire alarm and security systems. This work also includes data cabling and is set to continue for the next few weeks.

WORKING TO ACHIEVE AN EXCELLENT RATING!!
A BREEAM assessment uses recognised measures of performance to evaluate a building’s specification, design, construction and use. They include aspects related to energy and water use, the internal environment (health and well-being), pollution, transport, materials, waste, ecology and management processes.

In order to achieve an ‘Excellent’ rating the assessor must score the Library Refurbishment at ≥70. Only the top 10% of all UK buildings achieve this rating, which signifies best practice.

PARTITIONS AND 1st FIX JOINERY - STATUS: ONGOING
Using partitions we’re creating the layout of the new library space, forming walls and rooms; this also involves plastering all of the new walls. We’re also carrying out 1st fix joinery which includes items like door frames and window sills. We have now also started to install the new bookends and racking.

PLANT & SERVICES ROOMS - STATUS: ONGOING
Works are now underway on the plant room cladding which includes the installation of insulation boards that protect the thermal performance of the plant rooms. Heating and ventilation connections are progressing at speed.

CEILINGS & FLOORS - STATUS: ONGOING
Works are well underway and we’re installing floor coverings, carpets and specialist acoustic ceilings as the new space continues to take shape.

To keep disruption to a minimum all of the works are being carried out on site between the hours of 08.00 and 16.00.

WORKS COMING UP:
Works to the main atrium roof light are due to commence on 13th July. This includes installation of steelwork, aluminium sections and glass; this is all being lifted into place using a crane.

As you all know, we’re installing a 6.75m Ficus Nitida tree in the library. The tree has been selected and is currently being held in an atmospheric nursery in Holland. It’s scheduled for installation during the final week in August. Further updates to follow.

The main entrance, including the reception desk, will be moved into the West building. From 28th June main access to the library will be via this entrance.