CONTRACTOR UPDATE: LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT, THE STORY SO FAR

WINDOW INSTALLATIONS - STATUS: ONGOING
For the last 10 weeks we’ve been installing windows to the A, B, C and lower ground floors, including the book binding and book archive areas. Whilst all the work is being carried out on the North and East elevations, 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. These works are nearing completion and are now available for inspections by the University’s Facilities Team.

RE-POINTEING ELEVATIONS - STATUS: ONGOING
The University’s Facilities Team have inspected all the repointing work carried out and we’re in the process of carrying out some further works on all 4 elevations.

NEW ROOF MEMBRANE - STATUS: ONGOING
These works are nearing completion and we’re installing the new roof membrane. This work will also help the building achieve a BREEAM ‘Excellent’ rating.

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.

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.

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.

WHAT’S COMING UP:
The plant room cladding is due to commence in the next week and will consist of insulation boards, that protect the thermal performance of the roof plant rooms, being lifted into place using a crane.

To date, we’ve removed a total of 680 tonnes of mixed waste from site of which 94.55% has been recycled.

Coming up in the next few weeks we’ll be installing floor coverings, carpets and specialist acoustic ceilings as the new space continues to take shape.

All works are being delivered within the site boundary, with disruption to the surrounding live areas kept to a minimum.

WORKING TO ACHIEVE AN EXCELLENT RATING!!
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In order to achieve an ‘Excellent’ rating the assessor must score the Library Refurbishment at ≥70 and only the top 10% of all UK buildings achieve this rating, which signifies best practice.