



The Richmond Building, Clifton (formerly Queen's Road Building)

The University is investing some £30m in a major project to put this building back into good repair and to make it more sustainable and fit for the future.

Over a number of construction phases the project will create new spaces for existing activities, including the Students' Union, Anson Rooms and swimming pool; and new facilities including the International Foundation Programme.



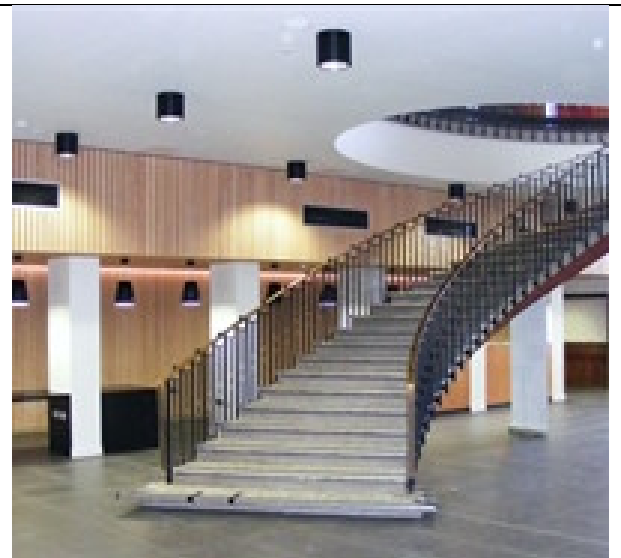
Concept view (Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios)

Building Progress - headlines:

The newly refurbished foyer was completed and ready on 1 October in time for the start of the new academic term and is looking magnificent. Around 6,000 students visited this year's Freshers Fair which took place on 4th & 5th October in the Richmond Building and the Victoria Rooms. The primary entrance to the Richmond Building has now reverted back to Richmond Hill Avenue and will remain so until January 2013 when the new Queens Road elevation entrance is due to be finished. The current Cowlin phase of works will be completed in February 2013.



Foyer – as works started



newly refurbished Foyer – 1 October 2012

Work is gearing up for the swimming pool to open in January 2013 when the works to the new changing facilities and access from Queens Road will be in place. From November there will however be some limited use by societies and external members, with access from Richmond Hill Avenue.



Ongoing works to the pool



Queens Road entrance underway



New bike store on Gordon Road

Next phase of building works:

As works on the higher levels of the North Block nears completion, the focus of building activity will move towards the refurbishment of the lower levels, the former swimming pool changing rooms and basements areas.

On 22 October a new contract will start for the 'strip out', asbestos removal, demolition and enabling works to the remainder of North Block and will continue until March 2013. This will involve some noisy internal demolition type works. An additional skip, within a separate secure hoarding, will be located on Richmond Hill Avenue for these works.

Refurbishment works to all of north block can then be carried out and completed ready for the start of term in September 2013. As the North Block becomes fully occupied again this will mark a major milestone in the project. Site activity will then move towards the Gordon Road Elevation of the building, refurbishing the South and Link buildings including the new café bar and Student Union facilities.

In the next month Cowlin will be carrying out work to the following areas:

External Works

- Scaffolding to carry out concrete cleaning & repair works using compressor and pumps
- Windows to the West elevation
- Roofing works to high level distributed by the hoist on the East elevation.
- Works to new changing area and foyer entrance. There is likely to be a large concrete pour on one of the days later in October for this.
- Richmond Hill Avenue car park entrance - alterations ongoing
- Works to complete new bike store on Gordon Road Terrace
- Creation of the new concourse on the Queens Road Elevation.

Internal Works

Works to levels 3, 4 and 5 of the North block, plus the new extension on Queens Road Elevation will continue throughout the month.

General Movements of plant will continue throughout the month including

- Skip changes, delivery vehicles and some road works
- Hoist movements
- Crane movements
- Fork lift, dumper and diggers and compressors movement

Measures to minimise disruption to the local area continue:

- The hoist will operate between 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday and until 1pm on Saturdays.
- Skip deliveries will be scheduled outside of major circulation times e.g. school runs/rush hour, and no skips will be delivered on Saturday pm or Sundays.
- Banksmen will control traffic during delivery times

Cowlin Construction is committed to the Considerate Contractor's scheme and may, from time to time, notify neighbours in adjacent streets of any specific works that might affect them.

If you have any queries relating to the works programme or require further information on the project please call AVRIL BAKER CONSULTANCY 0117 977 2002 or email info@abc-pr.co.uk