

The Richmond Building, Clifton

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.



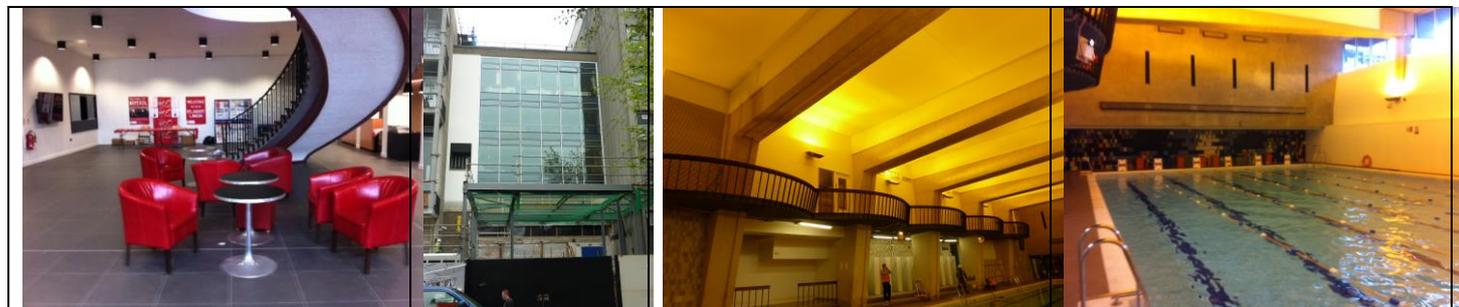
Concept view (Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios)

Building Progress Update:

- External work continues on the Queens Road elevation in readiness for the opening of the new entrance in January 2013.
- Work is progressing well on the new changing facilities, and the swimming pool remains on schedule to reopen in January 2013.
- Works to the pavement along Queens Road continue, with the bus stop temporarily relocated to just past Gordon Road, and a temporary pedestrian walkway installed with suitable pedestrian signage and ramps. The University of Bristol would like to thank local residents for their continued patience while work is underway, and it is anticipated that works will be fully completed by the end of January 2013.

Next phase of building works:

Works on 'strip out' and asbestos removal to the remainder of the North Block will continue until March 2013. 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.



The newly refurbished foyer, Queens Road frontage in progress and the swimming pool

Key activities for December and into January:

- A hoist will be installed to the scaffold at the north elevation of the building.
- Pre-cast external cladding panels will be removed on the upper ground floor to create a portal opening up onto the hoist backing scaffold to enable the transfer of personnel, materials and waste from this floor once the hoist installation is complete.
- Soft strip and internal demolitions will continue throughout December on both the lower and upper ground floors under a documented safe system of works.
- Waste skips will be situated in the road in Richmond Hill Avenue throughout December. The skips are secure lockable containers and will have the added protection of heras fencing surrounding them. Chapter 8 road barriers will also surround the fencing line and flashing yellow road lights will be displayed to ensure visibility of the skips to road users. A single large skip will be on site - this will be subject to regular changes as the volume of waste being removed increases.
- General movements of plant will continue throughout the month.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no major activities planned during the Christmas holiday period and the site will close from 24 December 2012, re-opening on 3 January 2013. There may be an opportunity to undertake vital internal work on 27–28 December, but these works are quiet and should not disturb local residents.

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