Welcome to our newsletter, which aims to keep you up-to-date with what is happening on our site.

What we’re building

BAM are building eight new accommodation blocks at its Jowett Walk site.

These will be progressing from now, with a planned completion date for the whole scheme in June 2020.

The scheme also includes the construction of a new squash court and energy centre, which will be located within the basement of a new sports pavilion. (This will be constructed at a later date)

What’s next?

Over the next couple of weeks the layout of the site will become more permanent, with the delivery of the office accommodation, as well as the site access road taking shape.

The piling rig will be delivered, with these works commencing next week.

Continued lorry movements to the site, with both materials being taken off site, and concrete, stone and pile cages being delivered.

Preparation works to form the basement will begin.

Recent progress

During the first couple of weeks of the project BAM have started to prepare the site for their offices, as well as making a start on the new accommodation blocks.

The site has taken delivery of a number of machines required to carry out the works, with the focus on preparing the ground for the piling works (starting later in March).

Work to divert the existing drainage that services the existing student blocks on the site is nearing completion.

Excavation works to form the drainage soakaways to the edge of the existing cricket field have been formed, ready for the crates to be installed next week. These excavations follow a short period of archaeological works carried out on the sports pitch, with a small number artefacts being retrieved.

Surplus excavated materials have been taken off site, and stone has been brought in to form the working platform for the works. This has increased lorry movements along Jowett Walk onto site.

In preparation for the site access point off St Cross Road to the North of the remaining student buildings, two trees have been removed this week.

Stone being placed for piling mat.

Hoarding for site access road to north of the site.

Stone and plant on site to form piling mat, with tree protection fencing in place.

Excavation for soakaway drainage.
The site team:

Project Manager: John Rabey
Site Manager: Graham Philp
Site Manager: Steve Collins
Project Surveyor: David Jo
Project Planner: David Littler
Design Manager: David Richards
M&E Coordinator: BAM Services Engineer

Our partners:

Client: Balliol College
Client Project Manager: Bidwells
Architect: Niall McLaughlin Architects
Quantity Surveyor: Gleeds
Structural Engineer: Smith & Wallwork
M&E Consultant: Harley Haddow

About BAM

BAM Construction is part of BAM Construct UK which is one of the country’s largest construction services organisations with a turnover of more than £900 million. We operate throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Our European parent company is Royal BAM Group which employs over 25,000 people worldwide and has a turnover of €7 billion.

Currently BAM are working throughout the South East of England, but are on site with another project at Acland House for Keeble College. There we are forming a new set of accommodation blocks, as well as a leading research facility within the building’s basement.

Considerate Constructors

All BAM sites register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This means we are committed to being a good neighbor and to being clean, respectful, safe, environmentally conscious, responsible and accountable. Our site is independently inspected to make sure we live up to these aims.

We try to work in a way that causes as little inconvenience as possible to our neighbors. We apologize for any unavoidable nuisance that may be caused during the work.

Please help us with safety

Construction sites can be dangerous. At BAM our top priority is the health and safety of everyone who works on our sites, the public and the local community affected by our work. If you need to contact us, please ring us or call the site office but do not enter the site.

Please make any children in your care aware that our building site is not a playground and that they must not enter the site. Thank you for your co-operation.

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