The Master’s Field, Balliol College
Newsletter No. 4 – 9th April to 20th April 2018

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 fortnight the main works on site will be to the new basement area, with the ongoing progress of the piling.

To the other future accommodation blocks, works will commence with the installation of drainage and the formation of the ground floor slabs.

Site wide drainage will continue, as areas become available following the piling.

The new entrance from Jowett Walk will become available for use.

Recent progress

Since the last newsletter works on site have been focused on progressing piling to the available blocks, and preparation works to allow the basement works to commence. On both counts progress has been good, with the completion of the smaller piling works to the new future blocks now complete, and the larger piling to the new basement area having commenced.

Access onto site has still been through the original entrance off Jowett Walk, with a steady stream of vehicles bringing and taking materials from the site. The exit for these vehicles have been from the North end of the site, onto St Cross road. A jet wash station has been set up to clean the wheels of the vehicles before exiting onto the public highway.

The formation of the new entrance from Jowett Walk is nearing completion, with the cover slab having been poured, and only the kerb line requiring completion now.

Drainage works have also commenced, connecting to the newly installed soakaways. These have now both been turfed, ready to hand back to the college.

Overview of the site from the site offices

Two new soakaways with turf.

New entrance off Jowett Walk nearing completion

Pile cage for the basement wall being lifted into position
The site team:

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

Our partners:
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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.

Contacting the site team:
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