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?

Within the next fortnight the piling to the site will be completed, and the associated equipment and containers will be removed off site.

Works will then commence to form the concrete capping beam to the perimeter of the basement.

Drainage supplying the new accommodation blocks will continue, as will excavation in relation to the foundations.

It is planned that the first concrete slab will be poured within this period.

Recent progress

There are still only a couple of contractors working on site at this early stage of the project, these being the Piling contractor and the ground company. The works that each contractor has been focusing on over the past fortnight have been, the piling to the new basement area, and the formation of the foundations to the new accommodation blocks respectively.

There has been a change in the way that the vehicles now access the site, with the original entrance now closed off, and the newly formed crossover adjacent to the existing buildings being opened up. Once on site the traffic route has remained unchanged, with lorries following the one way system and exiting onto St Cross road.

The works to the cricket pitch have been completed, and handed back over to the college, in time for the cricket season. Materials being taken off site have been from the excavations to the building footprint around Block A & the associated drainage. Steelwork reinforcement has started to be delivered to site to form the ground floor slabs.

Lifting of pile cage ready to be placed into position.

Slab of accommodation block reduced to level and foundation works underway

Underslab drainage works progressing

Lorry using the new entrance off Jowett Walk. (currently being held)
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 €7billion.

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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