The Master’s Field, Balliol College
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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 student accommodation blocks at its Jowett Walk site in Oxford.

These will be progressing from the present time, 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.

What’s next?

Block A – Remedial works on the windows are ongoing and mastic to the brick panel façade has moved forward. Internally, the decorating trades will also move forward through the staircases and other areas in the block. Other finishes include the finished carpentry in the bedrooms. Flooring throughout the block will progress on each floor with vinyl, carpet and tiling.

Blocks B1 and B2 – Mechanical and electrical works are ongoing with the install of risers. Once screeding is complete the pods can be put in their final positions ready to be connected to the services. Dry lining will also start on both of the blocks.

Pavilion – The block walls that run parallel with the basement wall will advance. The basement will have more testing done on all the plant that is located in the energy center.

Recent progress

Block A. The brick façade panels are now complete with remedial works ongoing as mentioned above. Internal finishes including plastering and dry lining is near on completion with tiling and floor finishes moving forward as seen in the below image. The undercroft walkthrough has now got board fixed to the ceilings and the footings are now set for the retaining wall around the west elevation of the block.

Blocks B1 and B2 – Externally, windows have completed to B2. Screed has made a start on both blocks and the bathroom pods on the upper levels are all in position.

Pavilion – Due to power going live on the project, the energy center now has live testing ongoing. The bricklayers have moved forward building the walls where necessary in the basement area.
The site team:
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*Site Manager:* Steve Collins
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Our partners:
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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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