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 window cleaning externally. Internally, the decorating trades will move on 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. Dry lining will start in the up and coming weeks. The external façade panels will also move forward on these blocks.

Pavilion – The block walls that run parallel with the basement wall will advance to near completion in some areas. The basement will have more testing done on all the mechanical and electrical plant located in the energy center.

Recent progress

Block A – More finishes inside the block have been completed whether being carpentry/decorating or flooring. Clearing and chlorinating the waterways to ensure clean pipes has recently finished. Hoarding fencing is being erected around the block as well.

Blocks B1 and B2 – Externally, windows have completed to B2 and the external brick façade panels is underway. The ground floor screed in both of the blocks is complete and the bathroom pods have made a start on being fixed into 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:

Project Manager: John Rabey
Site Manager: Graham Philp
Site Manager: Steve Collins
Project Surveyor: Andrew Edmundon
Project Planner: David Littler
Site Administrator: Isobel Daly
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.

Contacting the site team:

If you have any questions or concerns about what’s happening at the site, please contact Toby Christensen, Balliol College Buildings Manager in the first instance.
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