

A Message from the Site Team

Welcome to our first newsletter for the New Academic Building at 24 Kingsway.

We are producing a quarterly newsletter to discuss our progress on site and to keep you informed of any important activities. This current issue details the work taking place between January and March 2007.

We're aware that construction work can be a little disruptive so we thank you for your continuing patience. Here's our contact number if you need to speak to us directly. ☎020 7831 1984



Making Good Progress at 24 Kingsway

Work started on the New Academic Building in Summer 2006. Over the next eighteen months we will convert the existing Edwardian building into a £46m modern teaching environment fit for a world-class institution. The facility will enable LSE to more than double its teaching space when it opens in Autumn 2008.

Grimshaw Architects have developed a dramatic scheme that involves a complete remodelling of the existing building; formally the Public Trust Office built in 1912. It is an eight-storey U-shaped structure incorporating an atrium, roof pavilion and a revamped forecourt area. The scheme will provide four new lecture theatres, 18 classrooms and research facilities with academic offices on the upper floors.

The single most important change offered by the New Academic Building is to unlock the very tight and overcrowded centre of the campus, giving it breathing space and letting departments with similar interests come together.

The project approach is very 'green' with the team required to deliver high levels of environmental sustainability.

Opportunities for daylighting and natural ventilation are maximised including the use of openable windows. Solar hot water collectors and ground water cooling via 100m deep boreholes will reduce energy consumption and photovoltaic panels are planned to provide additional power. Existing building materials are salvaged and recycled and a significant proportion of the existing building is reused. The facility is targeting an 'Excellent' rating under the BREEAM environmental assessment system.

"We are delighted to be working on this prestigious project. It gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our skills in integrating modern construction processes within an existing Edwardian structure. We'll aim to ensure our local neighbours are kept informed of our works at all times, causing as little disruption as possible."

Cliff Thomas
 Divisional Director, Osborne London Region



