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## **Geoff's Update - Special Issue Summer Works Programme**

Dear Colleagues,

Over summer, we are undertaking a programme of estates works across our campuses to further improve the student experience and the presentation of our buildings. Detailed below is more information on these works and what is involved.

### **City Campus**

The main teaching spaces across the estate are being redecorated, with new blinds and new seating. New AV equipment is being installed in 14 of the main teaching rooms. In Millennium City Building, the main lecture theatre MC001 is being refurbished with new

energy efficient light fittings and additional wi-fi points. During winter, the seats and carpet in the lecture theatre will also be replaced.

There are some changes to rooms across the campus – George Wallis Art & Design Building, MK314, is being transformed from a traditional teaching space into an art studio; Wulfruna Building, MA061, is being refurbished from an older laboratory into an office for Campus Operations, and MA042 again from an older laboratory into a dual-use computing teaching laboratory and general teaching space. The third and final phase of Chemical Engineering laboratories and associated office refurbishments are underway on the top floor. In Millennium City Building, a new specialist Physician Associates space will be created in MC301 with a detailed Anatomage table for the Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing.

Wulfruna Building's basement social space for students and staff is currently being refurbished and will include a Starbucks vending outlet operational from mid-September 2017.

The next phase of a heating upgrade is being undertaken throughout Wulfruna Building in conjunction with the above projects. A new entrance is being created in the building which will also provide dedicated access to Chancellor's Hall – this work is scheduled for completion in November 2017. This will radically change the accessibility to this building.

A new accessible entrance is being created into Arthur Storer Building's, MN110's lecture theatre. Remedial works by the contractor are now taking place in the Lord Swraj Paul Building (MU).

### **Walsall Campus**

Walsall Sports Centre (WJ) is undergoing refurbishment, which includes an extended fitness suite, larger dance studio and weight-training area. A new catering outlet is being prepared on the ground floor - all ready for Welcome Week.

The Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing have further developments with the creation of a Physiotherapy Suite in William Penny Brookes Building (WD) and a Paramedic Suite in Sister Dora Building (WP). A sports computing facility is also being created in Jerome K Jerome Building (WA).

Work on the new Walsall access road and car park is progressing. The first phase, comprising the new car park, will be complete and ready for use by the start of the 2017/18 academic year. The second phase will be completion of direct access onto the car park from the Broadway; this will be complete by January 2018.

A project board is being established to plan the concept of a new Student Centre at the campus.

### **Telford Innovation Campus**

Work continues on the installation of a wind tunnel at the campus in the Darby Building (SC), as part of the 2nd phase of the £10 million investment into engineering. It will be delivered in September 2017.

### **Student accommodation**

Following the tragic fire at Grenfell in London, the University acted quickly to establish whether our own accommodation may be affected and we have conducted rigorous and robust safety checks on all of our University-owned residences – none have been identified as being a risk.

Liberty Living is a privately owned company which manages and owns the Liberty

Heights Complex in Wolverhampton, and has no connection to the University of Wolverhampton. You may have seen the recent press reports about students who are unable to move into this accommodation at the start of the new academic year following concerns about fire safety – we have more than 1,300 rooms in total across our campuses and there will be sufficient space to accommodate all of the students affected.

Refurbishment takes place across the University-owned student residences at the City Campus North Road accommodation and in the Student Village at Walsall Campus.

### **Faculty Student Services**

Complementing the Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021 priority of Students First, student administrative services will now be based directly within Faculties from the start of academic year 2017/18 onwards.

You can read more about the new locations and contact details [here](#)

### **The University of Wolverhampton in Stafford (UWiS)**

The University will have a presence in Stafford at Staffordshire Place 2. A fit-out project within the new complex has started, with completion in September 2017.

### **Science Park**

Twelve new illuminated signage totems will be installed across the Science Park from September 2017.

Refurbishment will take place across five kitchens for tenants in the Creative Industries Centre (PC). Other refurbishments are being discussed, in collaboration with the tenants group.

A tender for refurbishment of the reception of the Technology Centre (PA) is underway – works due for completion by end of December 2017.

The Science, Technology and Prototyping Centre (PD) will start to welcome tenants from summer 2017 onwards.

Keep up to date with the latest estates developments through forthcoming issues of Geoff's Update and the staff news page [here](#)

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