UCL James Lighthill House

Higher Education / Refurbishment

Key Features:

- Refurbishment of student accommodation
- Building remained occupied throughout
- Fast-track Summer works programme

This fast track 11 week summer works contract saw us refurbish the lower ground and fifth floors of James Lighthill House. We were tasked with this challenging refurbishment timeframe owing to the University's requirements to revitalise the accommodation offering in the Summer months, prior to students arriving for the new term.

The scope of works includes the full refurbishment of 32 en-suite bedrooms situated across the lower ground and fifth floor.

This includes replacement of floorings ,kitchens, fire stopping, replacement doors, electrical works and redecoration throughout.

We also undertook the refurbishment of corridors, lift lobbies and all areas within the main stairwell levels from lower ground to fifth floor.

Working within an occupied residential building

James Lighthill House provides accommodation for 189 students in flats of five, six or seven people.

Situated adjacent to both residential and business properties, the building remained fully functional throughout the summer works. This included some remaining student residents, University staff and holiday makers.

Therefore, close coordination between all parties was essential. We ensured an open interface between ourselves, the UCL Estates team and the residence hall managers to enable close collaboration throughout the project.

Thanks to this, we safeguarded the occupants throughout construction, mitigated disturbances to their daily routine and ensured works progressed in compliance with the programme's critical path.

Client:	University College London
Project Value:	£476,000
Programme Duration:	11 weeks
Architect:	Faithful+Gould
Quantity Surveyor:	Faithful+Gould