UCL Watson Building

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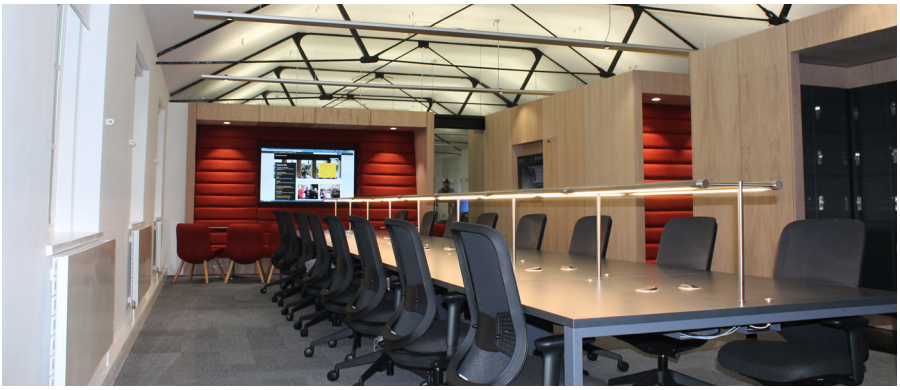
Higher Education / Refurbishment

Key Features:

- New offices, study areas and an ICT suite
- Works adjacent to a 'live' library
- Noisy works programme to accommodate exams



Situated within the UCL Bloomsbury Campus, the fourth floor of the DMS Watson Building underwent full refurbishment to form a new graduate hub for students and staff.

Creation of a new graduate hub

Located in the Science Library, the facility offers a PC cluster area for graduates. The refurbishment provided meeting spaces, a seminar room, a breakout space, a common room, and a suite of individual study carrels. Access is restricted by means of a 'Cardax' control system.

The refurbishment of the fourth floor included structural support works, introduction of glazed partitions and a significant amount of fixed joinery units. Moreover, integrated services were supplied to accommodate the newly refurbished group working areas, individual study desks/pods, an AV room, a separate interview room and kitchen facilities.

Refurbishment adjacent to a fully operational library

Adjacent to the site was an operational library. To mitigate disruption, we agreed an alternate method with the College. This included the use of noise cancelling equipment, vibration monitoring and alternate working hours.

To ensure that our approach mitigated disruption to the library, as well as other surrounding departments, we held weekly review meetings with the client team and local Department Heads.

Sensitive programming within a live University

As requested by the College, we re-sequenced noisy works to safeguard student exam resits. This was planned in advance, with weekly look-ahead meetings used to evaluate our programme against the exam timetable. We accommodated this within the programme and budget for our client.

Client:	University College London
Project Value:	£650,000
Programme Duration:	19 weeks
Architect:	Burwell Deakins Architects
Quantity Surveyor:	Sweet Group