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PROJECT MANAGER’S NOTE

Happy and prosperous New Year to both the staff and students of the University.

The New Year is always a challenge for the construction industry with reduced daylight, inclement weather conditions and everyone shaking off those post Christmas blues! That’s why we have conducted the safe start initiative to ensure the safety and welfare of our staff and stakeholders.

As you can see from the photos below, the months of November and December have been a busy period for us with the continued erection of the concrete frame.

Offsite we rerouted the access road off Pritchatts Road and are continuing landscaping alongside the Munrow Sports Centre. We are working closely with the University to minimise any disruption to staff and students. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

The project team are endeavouring to hand over a defect free building, on time, on budget and are please to say we have had no reportable accidents on the site (being 44 weeks into a 104 week programme). All of our staff are committed and working hard to maintain this.

Thank you

Steve Rogers
Project Manager

Upcoming works to site

Continue Constructing the concrete structure
External Cladding Façade to West
Commence First Fix M&E works
November and December was a busy period for us at the University of Birmingham, however this is merely a taster of the things to come in 2015! We are applying for National Skills Academy Status for Construction to really drive the Skills and Training agenda for the local area and within the University. We are looking to leave a lasting, positive legacy in the community following the completion of the £43 million Library.

We are coordinating with the Universities Civil Engineering Department to maximise the benefits that arise from the development and the greater Birmingham works that Carillion are undertaking. Educationally we will continue conducting site tours on the University as well as at the Paradise Circus development and in March our Regional Director will be presenting alongside Associated Architects and ARUP’s – Structural Engineers on the Library development.

We are looking to continue our works in the wider community to ensure the benefits of the development are felt in the hard to reach areas of Birmingham and our relationship with the Universities STEM club is vital in this.

As announced in our last edition, we are pleased to announce the Midlands Air Ambulance are our charity of choice and are looking at ways of raising funds over the coming year.

Detailed below are our actions over the past month and if you have any ideas how we can improve please contact me!

Thank you
Neil Rudge
Community Regeneration Manager

Carillion are attending the BUAFTA’s to celebrate the great work done by the Universities dedicated staff.

Our Regional Director, Paul Reynolds will be presenting an award for the ‘Best Support for Research Award’. We are delighted to be asked to present the award in such a prestigious environment.

Carillion are an accredited member of the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility. We have committed to ensuring fair access to Carillion supply chains and the employment of local labour.

SITE EXPERIENCE

We continue to host the University of Birmingham Undergraduate Samuel Griffiths during his year Site experience. Sam is taking a full part on site, controlling a number of packages and proactively supporting Carillion’s initiatives.

SECOND VISIT

We had our second Considerate Constructors Scheme visit on 17th December and we are pleased to announce we received a score of 42 (the previous score was 40) out of a possible 50 points.
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Curriculum support
Carillion are Supporting the school’s Curriculum at the Aston University Engineering Academy (AUEA). Neil Rudge gave a talk to 91 Year 12 students on Thursday 18th November on the daily routine of a Site Manager, linking key pieces of legislation with the works on site.

Local Employment
42% of those employed on site have a ‘B’ postcode, with 59% from the Midlands region. We employ 12.5% of our operatives from the disadvantaged ‘Super Output’ and ‘Target Areas’ of Birmingham. The development is leaving a lasting legacy in the city.

Four new Apprentices
Carillion have taken on four apprentices over the past two months with Nicholas Pope and Patrick Williams progressing well. We are also hosting a ‘Women into Construction’ placement, Samereh Navadeh who is currently working with Morrisroe to further develop her knowledge of the construction industry.

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Carillion hosted a group of 12 students from Grace Academy on a site visit on Wednesday 10th December. We held a detailed talk about development and the key pieces of legislation with the works on site, followed up with a lecture given by Carillion in the afternoon to discuss careers within the industry.

On Thursday 27th November the Carillion Site Team helped open the through road at 6.00 am to help with the passing of this large vehicle through the site.

Neil Rudge, Samuel Griffiths and Daniel Albanese are supporting the ‘Envision Social Apprentice’ scheme for Swanshurst Girls School. They supported the Young Adults in putting together a cost plan and presentation which was displayed to a number of local business people to receive funding for their initiative, hosted at Villa Park.

In fact they were so successful they actually received more funding than they applied for! We have linked them to members of our supply chain to ensure best value for money for the development of Kings Heath Community centre.

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