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# The GCSS Newsletter Preliminary surveys & investigations

**Dear Colleagues,**

*This newsletter provides an update on the School's major campus redevelopment project; the new Global Centre for Social Sciences.*

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## Estates Division

# The Global Centre for the Social Sciences Preliminary Surveys & Investigations

### GCSS - Minimising disruption

As reported in the last newsletter issued in June 2014, staff in the Capital Development Team in the Estates Department are working to ensure the impact of the GCSS project on the campus is minimised as far as possible so the School's business can continue as normal. To limit disruption we need to carry out several surveys and site investigations over the summer and into the beginning of the next term. This newsletter aims to provide you with an update on these activities.

At the same time, design of the new building is still developing; see this latest image to the right.

More information on design development will be provided soon.



### Surveys & Investigations

We will be carrying out the following investigatory activities in and around the buildings that make up the Centre Buildings over the coming months. Most of the activity will be restricted to the East Building, The Anchorage, Clare Market and St Clements, though further adjacent buildings may be affected as more wide reaching impacts, such as noise, are investigated.

- **Structural investigations**

Investigations in the ground and in the existing buildings will provide us with vital information we need before demolition starts. 10 pits and 6 bore holes as well as core samples will be drilled at specific locations; these will be outside the buildings in external areas such as in New Inn Passage. There may be some limited noise and inconvenience while these are undertaken but we will seek to minimise this as much as possible.

*Yours sincerely*

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- Window Surveys**

We are assessing the potential impact of noise on those buildings adjacent to the development site. A survey of existing windows of neighbouring buildings including Old Building, Connaught House, Columbia House, Cowdray House and St Clements will be undertaken over the next couple of months. The survey will comprise a visual inspection of the windows in each room to determine the type of existing window, therefore disturbance during the survey will be minimal. Once the survey has been finished and analysed, any necessary noise mitigation works (secondary glazing etc.) will be carried out to the affected rooms in early 2015. A newsletter explaining how noise will be measured and managed will be issued during the Autumn term and separate communications sent to those in the buildings directly affected.

- Diverting IMT and Underground Services**

We have now identified what impact the new building will have on the existing IMT network and underground services across the campus. With colleagues in IMT and Maintenance we are developing a set of schemes to divert or re-provide services to ensure the School continues to operate as normal during demolition and construction of the new GCSS building. This will require some works in the road network before July 2015.

- Asbestos Surveys**

Before demolition starts we need to understand the level of asbestos and other deleterious material in the buildings due to be demolished. An asbestos survey will be undertaken in August and September 2014. The impact will be minimal and surveys and sampling will be carefully controlled to ensure there are no risks or hazards to occupants. At no point will staff or students be exposed to any dangerous materials and the survey will follow clearly defined health and safety procedures.

***The Estates Department is contacting each department directly affected by these surveys but if you have any queries please get in touch. Contact details are at the foot of this page.***

### GCSS - Latest Programme

We will continue to update and share the programme as it develops; the current programme is below. In order to limit the impact of disruptive works, we plan to start demolition in the summer of 2015 after the main exam period has finished.

Activity	Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Architects design		[Yellow bar spanning 2014, 2015, and 2016]				
Decants from Centre Buildings		[Green bar spanning 2014 and 2015]				
Works to adjacent buildings			[Purple bar in 2015]			
Planning Application period			[Yellow bar in 2015]			
Demolition Contract			[Green bar in 2015]			
Main Contractor Procurement			[Blue bar spanning 2015 and 2016]			
Construction Contract				[Dark blue bar spanning 2016, 2017, and 2018]		

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