



Univ North Development

Information Update from University College, Oxford
and Construction Partner, SDC



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Dear Residents,

While many across the UK have been enjoying a summer break, the SDC team at Univ North has continued to make significant progress on the construction of the new college facilities. On the Banbury Roadside of the site, groundworks have been completed on Walnut Lawn Villa, and the installation of the Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) frame has now commenced. This is the third structure to take shape on this side of the site, following Water Court West and East.

At Water Court West, the scaffolding has been adjusted to accommodate the ongoing construction of the brick façade, which is progressing well. Windows have been installed, and internal works are advancing steadily. Doors, walls, and ceiling finishes are being installed in coordination with the mechanical and electrical services that are integrated into the building's structure. A sample bedroom is being prepared in this building, serving as the 'first off' room, which will set the benchmark for

the quality of all new student rooms.

Water Court East is also making progress, with the installation of concealed services continuing. Mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems are being integrated alongside the construction of internal walls and linings. Scaffolding is now in place, ready for the construction of the external walls. We are particularly proud that all brickwork on the project is being carried out by SDC's own award-winning craftspeople.

The Nursery building is moving towards completion, with the team focusing on the second fix trades, including the installations of doors, ironmongery, kitchens, ceilings, and decorations. The key to a successful completion is a carefully planned and logical sequence of finishing operations, and this approach is being followed not only for the Nursery but across all new buildings on the University College North Site.

At the Staverton Road end of the site, the second building, Woodstock Pavilion, is also advancing. The construction of the blockwork structure, from ground to the first floor, is well underway. Prefabricated bathroom pods, manufactured offsite, have been placed in the centre of each room, ready for the site team to construct the first floor.

Additionally, work has begun on some of the paths and external landscaping across the site, further progressing the development.

With kind regards,



David Heard
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An Early Timeline of Events



Sep – Oct 2024:

- Walnut Lawn CLT frame
- Mechanical & Electrical 1st Fix Water Court East & West



October 2024 onwards



- Continue with internal decorations to Nursery
- Mechanical & Electrical 1st fix to water Court East & West
- Façade brickwork to continue



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