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IALS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT 2018-2020

UPDATE AUGUST 2018

July saw a run of moves and changes at IALS. This was all in preparation for the planned fitting-out works. The tendering process for the main building contract is now complete and the contract has been awarded to Overbury, a firm with experience in the Higher Education sector.

Library Access

In order to vacate the 4th floor for construction works to commence, it was necessary firstly to relocate the library entrance/exit from the 4th to the 2nd floor. This was carried out over a 10 day period from Monday 9th to Wednesday 18th July. New turnstiles were installed and after the library closed on the evening of Tuesday 17th July, the security book reader was relocated (and thankfully worked when recommissioned on the 2nd floor).

On the morning of the 18th July the computers, credit card reader, till etc, in addition to the short loan book collection, all had to be moved down and set up by 9am. It was one of those challenges where we really should have had a time lapse camera in action. The library opened on time with everything in place.

Staff Moves

The next step in the process was to move all the Library staff from the 4th to the 5th floor, which was vacated at the beginning of June when the Academic and Admin Staff relocated to Dilke House, 1 Malet Street. This move took place over 2 days on the 19th and 20th July. Staff were moved team by team and by lunchtime on the Friday everyone was able to log-on at their new desk positions.

Student Facilities

The final piece of the jigsaw was to relocate the Library Computer/Training Room from the 4th to the 5th floor. The new room opened on Thursday 26th July having been closed for just over a week.

Construction Works

We have now entered the pre-construction and site mobilisation phase of the project. Portacabins will be located on the empty land next to IALS, scaffolding will be erected and a hoist installed at the rear of the building. Visible activity has already commenced and works will start on the 4th floor in the second week of September.

Feedback, comments, queries and concerns can all be sent to the Project Team by emailing ials2020@london.ac.uk