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IALS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT 2018-2020

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Construction Works

The total refurbishment of the 4th floor commenced as planned on Monday 10th September. The focus over these last 9 weeks has been the stripping out of all redundant elements of the floor. Partition walls have been removed, including the walls around the internal stairs to the 3rd floor. Suspended ceilings, toilets and carpet have all gone.

The most important part of the strip-out has been that of the asbestos insulating board (AIB), mostly situated behind the radiators below windows. This has been conducted by a licensed asbestos removal contractor under fully controlled conditions.

These works are monitored by the University of London's appointed asbestos management consultant to ensure that all works are carried out in accordance with the methods submitted to, and accepted by, the Health and Safety Executive.

It is the clear policy of IALS and the University to remove the asbestos where possible and only to leave it in situ and effectively encapsulated if absolutely necessary. Upon removal of the AIB panel located directly behind the radiators, another layer of AIB was discovered bonded to the external metal panels under the windows.

After due analysis and consideration it has been decided that it is not feasible to remove the newly-discovered layer of AIB during this project. It will be left in place but safely sealed and encapsulated. The boards will not be visible or accessible but the new asbestos-free boards in front of them will be labelled to indicate the presence of asbestos.

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