

CASE STUDY

UCL - Teaching Spaces

GD CONSTRUCTION
(ST.ALBANS) LTD



Project Overview

Client

UCL

Date

01.10.2024

Value

£383,000.00

Form of Contract

JCT



Project Description

A comprehensive refurbishment of eighteen teaching rooms and a large lecture theatre across three key sites: the School of Pharmacy, the Wolfson Centre, and the Royal Free Hospital teaching facility. This project aimed to modernize and enhance these critical learning spaces, ensuring they met the evolving needs of students and faculty.

Live Environment:

- The project was executed during the summer period, a time of reduced occupancy, but all three sites remained operational.
- Meticulous logistical planning was crucial to manage deliveries and installations without disrupting ongoing activities.

Planning and Execution:

- Significant time and effort were invested in the initial planning and programming stages to ensure seamless on-site execution.
- This proactive approach minimised potential disruptions and ensured efficient workflow.



Scope of Work

- The refurbishment encompassed a wide range of essential upgrades, including:
- Interior Enhancements:
- Replacement of carpets and thorough flooring repairs.
- Complete redecoration of all spaces.
- Replacement of damaged or outdated ceiling tiles.
- Electrical and Safety Upgrades:
- Comprehensive electrical upgrades, including new surface trunking, power outlets, data points, and fire alarm system enhancements.
- Upgrading existing fire doors to meet current stringent fire safety standards.
- Critical fire stopping of existing fire dampers and services to ensure regulatory compliance.
- Structural and Acoustic Improvements:
- Replacement of aging timber sash and casement windows.
- Installation of acoustic screens and new whiteboards to improve the learning environment.
- Specialist Coordination:
- Effective coordination and management of specialist subcontractors for the installation of state-of-the-art AV equipment and modern lecture theatre seating.

Compliance and Documentation

All Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) and Health & Safety (H&S) documentation were meticulously uploaded to UCL's online portals, Verature and Infobrick.

Results and Client Satisfaction

The project was delivered successfully, meeting all key objectives:

- Completion on time.
- Completion within the allocated budget.
- Achievement of complete client satisfaction.