Welcome to the first issue of City University London’s estate development newsletter. Many of you have asked to receive brief but regular information on current and future building work.

**CONTACTS**

You’re very welcome to contact us with any questions you might have regarding building work.

During normal office hours (08:00 – 18:00) please contact Matt Shipton on 020 7040 3150 or email matthew.shipton.1@city.ac.uk.

Outside these hours, if you need to speak to someone urgently about any estate-related issue please call the 24hr Security line on 020 7040 8047.

**KEY AUTUMN DATES**

**September 2016**  
Welcome Week for new students runs from Monday 26th– Friday 30th September

**October 2016**  
Introductory meeting on Sebastian Street redevelopment

**November 2016**  
Site clearance begins at Sebastian Street

**December 2016**  
University main entrance reopens on Northampton Square

In February 2014 we were granted planning consent to construct a new building on a plot of land bordered by Goswell Road and Sebastian Street. This triangle of space is currently occupied by a collection of structures, housing poor quality office accommodation.

Once complete, the new building will offer seven floors of teaching and office space designed to a very high standard. As well as improving University facilities, we expect the building to contribute architecturally to enriching the local streetscape, replacing the unsightly assemblage of different building types with a structure designed properly to fit the space.

From November 2016 we will begin ground clearance of the site in preparation for construction of the new building. We currently estimate that this initial enabling works phase will continue until the summer of 2017.

As the demolition will take place very close to a number of residential properties we would like to run through the first phase programme in detail with you. We plan to do this once we have appointed a demolition contractor in the autumn and we will write to you again once this is done.
As many of you will know, we are progressing well with the reconstruction of our main entrance at Northampton Square. Over the summer months we will begin to make more substantial progress on landscaping of external pavement areas. While we remove old surfacing and install new paving there will be some noise from breaking out and cutting slabs to size. This type of landscaping work continues to the north of our buildings on Spencer Street too. When finished, the approaches to our University Building from Spencer Street and Northampton Square will be much more visually pleasing.

Following the very successful relocation of our Optometry clinics to Tait Building, facing Ashby Street, we have begun further redevelopment of this building. Focussed on the first floor, we are introducing a new cafeteria, pastoral care facilities, spaces for clubs and societies and a revitalised internal courtyard. When complete next summer, the changes will allow us to bring the entrance on Goswell Road into full use, allowing direct access to all our buildings via this route and reducing dependence on the Northampton Square access route. As most of the work is internal, this project should not impact you substantially but you will notice an increase in general construction noise.

For the very first time, City will participate in the Open House London weekend. This event is designed to give Londoners the opportunity to visit buildings to which they would not normally have access, and to find out a little more about the history of local landmarks. On Saturday 17th September we will throw open the doors to our historic College Building and hold hourly tours of some of the building’s key features. We would be very happy to see you on the day.

We hold twice yearly meetings with our neighbours to discuss the latest news as well as the management of University premises and local issues for which the University and our neighbours are stakeholders. The next meeting will be in November, following an earlier meeting specifically on our Sebastian Street redevelopment. We will write to you again to let you know the date.