





PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Ingram Building was constructed in two phases between 1967 and 1970. The majority is five storeys high with an adjoining single storey laboratory block. The works comprised repair of exposed concrete elements, insulated aluminium rainscreen overcladding and high-performance replacement windows, new external doors and screens, overcladding the existing entrance canopy and new roofing. The building houses active laboratories which required extensive M&E works on the roof involving disconnecting, removing and reconnecting ductwork, fume extracts, airconditioning, air-handling and electrical cables. Access to roof level was restricted necessitating close liaison with buildings users. Despite these constraints the project was delivered nearly four months ahead of programme.

"The University of Kent, engaged the services of d+b facades to undertake the external overcladding and replacement of windows to their 1960's science block, known as the Ingram Building. Throughout our dealings with this company, but particularly during the construction stage, it became more apparent that d+b facades is a professional contractor that places a great deal of importance on customer satisfaction and strives hard to achieve this. This work ethic, combined with a focused and efficient team on site, resulted in d+b facades delivering an aesthetically impressive, thermally efficient, modernised building fifteen weeks ahead of the contracted programme and within our predicted budget. This is even more remarkable when you consider that the building was fully occupied and operational throughout the entire contract period.

d+b facades is effective and efficient at what they do and I and the University of Kent as a whole, have been totally satisfied and impressed at their performance in delivering this project.

I hope to utilise their services for similar schemes, in the future."

Steven Blay, Senior Building Surveyor, University of Kent

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TYPE OF CONTRACT JCT Design and Build 2011 CONTRACT VALUE £2.9m PROJECT DURATION

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INGRAM Building internal before





INGRAM Building internal after



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Asbestos rope was identified within the upstands (outlined below). A specialist contractor was appointed to remove and dispose of all asbestos containing material.

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Main Roof Works

The building houses active laboratories which required extensive M&E works on the roof involving disconnecting, removing and re-connecting ductwork, fume extracts, air-conditioning, air-handling and electrical cables. Access to roof level was restricted necessitating close liaison with buildings users.



