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Leeds College

Clugston Construction is set to start work on the next £13m phase of a campus development for Leeds College of Building in the city's South Bank district.



Phase 2 of the Hunslet Campus in the South Bank district Phase two of the Hunslet campus scheme will include a 57,000 sq ft, four storey building with a range of classrooms and workshops. The project, which is being built on land formerly occupied by Yorkshire Chemicals, is being supported by an £12m grant through the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal. As part of this funding, £1m will also be spent refurbishing the North Street campus.

Phase 2 will complement the existing college buildings, bringing capacity for 475 learners and 40 staff at any one time. Once constructed, a large proportion of Leeds College of Building's 7,000 students will attend the two South Bank sites, with the remainder using the college's North Street campus. Leeds College of Building will be offering a wide range of the traditional courses within the facilities including mechanical and electrical,

plumbing and heating programmes, as well as being able to provide more courses in the ever-expanding area of BIM technology. The building will also provide purpose designed classrooms for the College's Higher Education courses.

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Demolition Degree Launched

The University of Wolverhampton has launched the first demolition management



master's degree programme in the UK.

Above: **Paul Hampton (University of Wolverhampton), Patricia Słoneczny, Richard Dolman (both AR Demolition) and John Woodward (C&D Consultancy)** John Woodward is a member of our Institute.

Studies start this term at the University's School of Architecture & Built Environment. Accredited by the Institute of Demolition Engineers (IDE), the course has been designed in conjunction with industry specialists and will be delivered by both academics and demolition experts, such as previous ICM Manager of the year winner John Woodward of C&D Consultancy. Paul Hampton, head of built environment at the University of Wolverhampton, said: "We are confident this will provide a significant offer to the demolition industry and the wider built environment

sector. In particular this will address the sector skills gaps and provide a meaningful step change for recruiting future talent

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Construction T-Levels to start in 2020

Plans have been revealed by the Department of Education that Construction T-levels are to begin in 2020. These are the government's answer to the decline of technical teaching in the UK. They will be offered as an alternative to A-levels for students of a more practical than academic inclination. Education secretary Justine Greening has announced the first three T-levels would be in construction, digital technology, and education & childcare.

More T-level qualifications will follow on, in subjects such as manufacturing, engineering, legal, finance and accounting. "As part of making sure that the technical education ladder reaches every bit as high as the academic one, I want to see T-levels that are as rigorous and respected as A-levels," she said.

The content of T-levels will be developed by newly appointed panels comprising industry professionals and employers, including Morgan Sindall and Skanska. All T-level programmes will also include a substantial work placement so that students can apply their learning in a real workplace. The full T-levels action plan is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/post-16-skills-plan-and-independent-report-on-technical-education>

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Leeds Private Rental Scheme

Interserve has started work on a £70m private rental development (PRS) in Leeds for Dandara. The four-building development, in Holbeck Urban Village located on the south side of Leeds city centre, will have 744 apartments, ranging from studios and up to three-bedroom apartments.



The architect for the scheme is Hodder+Partners. Landscaped areas, basement car parking, access control and a dedicated area for concierge and management services will also be provided. The development is scheduled for completion in June 2019. Interserve chief executive Debbie White said: "This contract is an exciting addition to Interserve's growing portfolio of accommodation projects and adds to our already extensive presence in the Yorkshire region."

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Jaguar

Leeds-based APP Construction has started work on its fourth Jaguar Land Rover showroom. New Bolton premises APP Construction is building Farnell Jaguar Land Rover's new £8m retail outlet in Bolton. The 5,700 sq ft scheme will create a three-storey workspace for Farnell Jaguar Land Rover, which will relocate from its existing site in Farnworth on completion next summer. Farnell is owned by Vertu Motors, the UK's sixth largest motor retailer. The new Bolton facility will comprise a showroom, workshop, MOT testing area, car wash and valet bays.

The project team also includes architect McBains Cooper, consulting structural and civil engineer Fairhurst, and employer's agent Thornton-Firkin.

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