



An Interserve Newsletter for the University of York

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Since the last newsletter there have been a lot of changes happening on site at Piazza. Externally the building is now almost complete, with works happening over to next six weeks to complete the building's envelope. The term building envelope simply refers to the physical exterior of the building and is made up of the walls, floors, roofs, windows and doors. We are now in the final phase of the build, with the building due for completion in November.

What's been happening on site?



Don't forget to follow
#yorkpiazza for updates
on how the project is
progressing behind
the hoardings!

- The dry lining is ongoing and will be completed over the next couple of weeks. Dry lining is the plasterboard that makes up the internal walls in the building. This will then be skimmed to create the final wall finishes ready for painting. This plastering will be finished mid-September
- Joinery is ongoing and the floorings have started to be laid
- Painting has now started inside the building and this will be continuing until mid-October
- The external brickwork and curtain walling is now complete and the scaffolding will be coming down from around the building. Curtain walling is the glazing system that provides the full height windows on the south face of the building
- We are currently installing the IPS panels, which is the panel system that conceals the pipework at the back of the toilet and provides a clean and modern look



What's coming up?

- We have started installing the new kitchen for the restaurant and this will be continuing over the next few weeks
- The mechanical equipment has been fixed above the ceiling boards and sockets will now be installed
- We will be completing the eaves and flashings around the roof
- The rainscreen cladding will be installed over the next few weeks, this is the cladding to the exterior of the building that gives it its finished appearance
- We will be finishing the glazing and installing the brise soleil which is an architectural feature that reduces heat gain within the building by deflecting sunlight
- The external landscaping around the building will be starting at the end of September



We currently have an apprentice site manager on site, Andrew Jordan. Andrew is training with the shared apprentice scheme Futureworks, and will be on site with us now until the end of the project. Unlike traditional apprenticeships, shared apprentice schemes employ apprentices who can then be 'hired' by companies to work on their projects. It means that they are guaranteed continuous employment throughout their training, albeit this may be with different companies. For more information on these apprenticeships please visit <http://futureworksyorkshire.co.uk/>



One of our suppliers, Speedy, came to site at the beginning of August to deliver a series of toolbox talks to our workforce. A 'toolbox talk' is a short presentation to the workforce on a single aspect of health and safety, they are essential for ensuring that operatives are kept up to date with relevant information and changes, and know how to work safely on site.