

CASE STUDY

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

Faced with working classrooms, hazardous chemicals, and the diversion of live services, Cantillon delivered a first class demolition package to Kingston University, with no disruption to staff and students.

Client:

Kingston University Higher
Education Corporation

Contract Duration:

11 Weeks

Contract Value:

£240,000



Cantillon's comprehensive site package covered the asbestos removal and demolition of existing science laboratories, lecture theatres and practical work areas in the heart of the university's Penryn campus. Due to the nature of the scientific study, some of these laboratories were heavily contaminated. This meant decontaminating the areas with safe removal of all hazardous chemicals.

With occupied lecture rooms physically touching the structure due for demolition, Cantillon delivered a careful plan of protective measures to ensure the safety of students, lecturers and staff at all times. In addition, an extensive scaffold and steel tunnel was erected and maintained throughout the project to allow students safe and convenient access to and from lectures.

The site's close proximity to active lecture theatres also required strict dust, noise and vibration monitoring to keep any disturbances to an absolute minimum. Live services posed further complications, with essential provisions running across the roof of the site. This involved extensive electrical diversion and switch over, planned carefully to avoid interruptions to ongoing lectures.

These issues, along with all health and safety matters, were discussed with the university on a daily basis, with notices widely distributed to students – this level of communication was an undoubted factor in the site's impeccable safety record and smooth completion.

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