



Manchester Metropolitan University: Arts & Humanities faculty

Location: Manchester
Client: Morgan Sindall
Value: £6.3 million
Duration: 56 weeks

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Project Description

Awarded by new client Morgan Sindall, Cidon have been appointed for the concrete works to build the nine-storey Arts & Media facility on the former site of the Mabel Tylecote Building on Oxford Road.

The 96,000 sq. ft. development includes teaching space for the University's arts & humanities faculty, including creative writing, the Manchester School of Theatre, and languages & linguistics. Alongside teaching space, the project also includes a 250-seat studio theatre as part of the School of Theatre, a café, and a new library, all of which will be at ground floor level. The development will connect to the Grosvenor Building, while the grade two-listed façade of the former Chorlton-upon-Medlock Town Hall will be incorporated into the new building.

Plans were approved for the project in July. It forms part of MMU's wider diversification of its Oxford Road estate, with the University looking to spend around £250m on new buildings and redevelopment up to 2026. The building is scheduled to complete in 2019.

Unique Features

- Fine finish architectural concrete to large percentage of formed faces, requiring a high level of quality control from mix design/batching, formwork detailing and make, reinforcement fixing through to placement of concrete and stripping the completed pour.
- Very restricted site with access points located within highly trafficked pedestrian areas in the heart on the Manchester Metropolitan University campus.
- Composite building, with structural steel subcontractor sharing use of the tower cranes from week 37 through to week 53 of the programme, requiring strategic planning of activities to maximise use of shared plant.

