The Engineering Heartspace project is the creation of a quadruple height atrium between the Grade II listed Sir Frederick Mappin Building and the 1885 Central Wing, and the complete refurbishment of both buildings. An impressive curved glass roof will link the buildings to create the atrium and an alternative entrance will be created from Portobello Street.

What’s taken place so far?
During the enabling works we have removed asbestos from the building and stripped back the rooms to the building shell. Demolition of some building and the link bridges through the central courtyard off Portobello Street has taken place and a new high voltage switchroom has been created to provide the surrounding buildings with power during the strip out of the Mappin and Central Buildings.

What’s happening on site?
- We have now moved out of the Mappin Building and into the new site cabins on Mappin Street.
- We have started work on the demolition of the final link bridge between the Central and Mappin Buildings.
- Temporary propping is now in place on the 1938 building to allow for structural walls to be demolished.
- Repair work on the cupolas has taken place and they have been restored and painted. Cupolas are the dome like vents on the roof of the Mappin Building.
- The majority of the scaffold is now complete on all buildings, allowing the external refurbishment to take place.
- Window refurbishment is underway in the Mappin Building. Some windows will have new replacement sashes and some will be refurbished with new glass etc.
- The soft strip has now been completed on all floors in the Mappin Building. This is the process of removing all non-structural elements to facilitate the refurbishment.
- Retiling works have progressed on site to both Central and Mappin roofs.
What’s coming up?

- The crane base will be installed in the next few weeks ready for the arrival of the crane in the new year.
- We will be starting internal works such as partitions on site in the next few weeks.
- The scaffold will start to come down in the next few weeks starting with the courtyard.
- Structural steel work will be installed to form new openings in 1938 Building.

Considerate Constructors Scheme

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