

Case Study: UCL – High-Spec Teaching Laboratories

Client: University College London

Location: 6th Floor, Academic Building

Sector: Higher Education / Science & Research

Duration: 3 Months

Contract Type: Refurbishment & Specialist Fit-Out

Completion: On Time

Project Overview

Quest Interiors was appointed by UCL to deliver a full refurbishment of high-spec **teaching laboratories** for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The project required a complete strip-out and rebuild, with a strong focus on safety, compliance, and minimal disruption to the surrounding active lab spaces.

Scope of Works

- Full **strip-back to core**, including **asbestos removal** in accordance with safety regulations.
- Installation of **new services**, including specialist **gas supplies**, electrical infrastructure, and ventilation.
- Fit-out of **lab benching**, **fume cupboards**, and finishes to meet UCL's teaching and research standards.
- Construction of a **purpose-built external scaffold** to provide safe, independent access to the 6th floor, avoiding disruption to labs above and below.

Challenges & Solutions

The location of the works—sandwiched between active laboratories—required a creative access solution. Quest Interiors designed and installed an external scaffold to isolate site movements from the rest of the building. This allowed the project to proceed without impacting ongoing research and teaching activities.

Outcome

The project was completed on time within a 3-month programme. The new teaching labs now offer a modern, compliant, and high-performance environment for UCL students, and the success of the project further strengthens Quest Interiors' reputation for delivering complex refurbishments in live academic settings.



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