

Library news and resource spotlights for the Faculties of Technology and Science

Library refurbishment news

We are pleased to update you on the major Ground Floor refurbishment plan that is due to take place this summer. The project reflects feedback received through the National Student Survey (NSS) and will lead to significant improvements in the layout of the ground floor. It will lead to the creation of over 200 additional study spaces, including 160 fixed computers and power supply to every study space on this floor.

The new design will accommodate a range of different learning styles including social learning and group work in an area which will provide a shared point for library and IT enquiries. It will also lead to the creation of an additional two

group study rooms which are in high demand.

Work is scheduled to start at the end of May and be completed by the end of September. We recognise that there will inevitably be disruption with a project of this scale, but all services will continue to be delivered. It is anticipated that the Postgraduate Suite and Floors 1 and 2 of Phase 3 of the building will be available during the work. Further information relating to service provision will be made available through the website in the coming weeks updates can be seen at: <http://www.port.ac.uk/library/home/refurb/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any aspects of this project with us.

Ebooks survey

Many thanks to those in the Technology faculty who graciously allowed us to invade the start of lectures and survey first and second year students about their use of ebooks (and also e-journals). We've had a tremendous response rate and are now beavering away at a full report.

We'll let you know when we have the full results but an early 'surprise' is how little Technology students use e-journals compared to those in humanities or creative and cultural industries.

Shaping Our Future



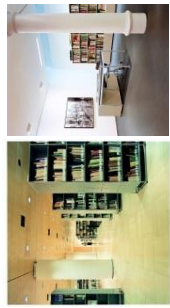
You'll have no doubt seen by now, and perhaps are already participating in, the Shaping our Future consultation that's going on through March. This is university wide for both staff and students and is endeavouring to look at where we want to be in 15 years time. So no short term thinking! Timothy Collinson writes: "As I've been selected as the 'Champion' of the Digital

Futures strand I'd like to encourage everyone in the science and technology faculties to contribute. I'm sure there will be lots of great ideas and comments for consideration. Sharing our Future is running on quite a short time frame so please jump in and make your voice heard."

Palgrave Macmillan journals trial

During March only, Palgrave Macmillan are providing free access to all the current and archival journal content on their online platform.

You can access the free access trial at: <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/pal/index.html>



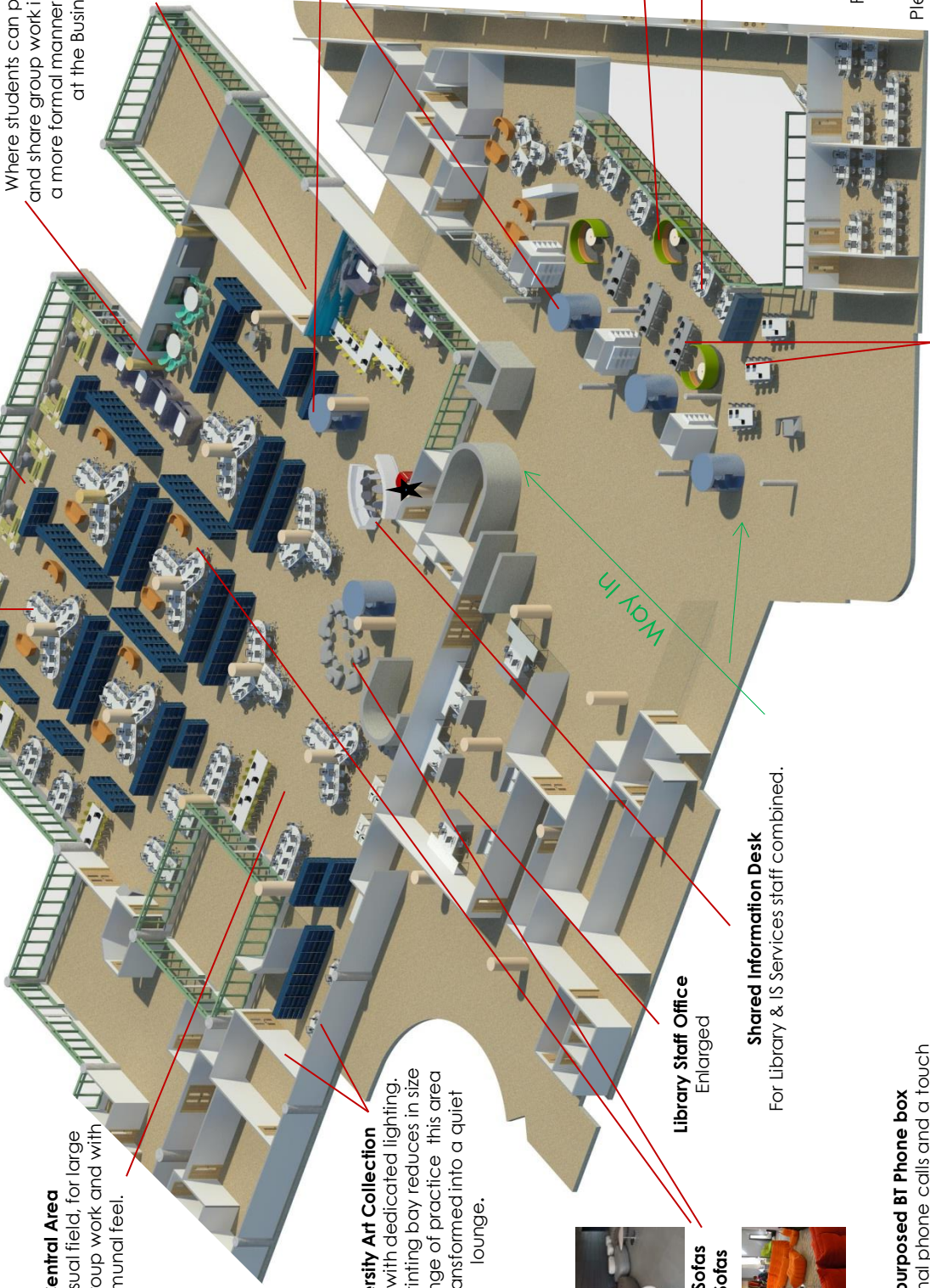
Library Shelving
Modular range with chrome tubular frame, reconfigurable in height & width.



Relaxed Area
With new window benches and soft benches with services, creating a low, open landscape with a natural parc effect.

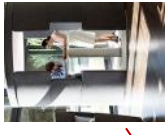


Presentation Area
Where students can practice presentations and share group work in a sheltered way or in a more formal manner with large screens like at the Business School.



Open Central Area
With a clear visual field, for large and informal group work and with a communal feel.

Welcoming Area
With back lit graphics, with a localised theme



University Art Collection
Enhanced with dedicated lighting. When the printing bay reduces in size due to change of practice this area can be transformed into a quiet lounge.

Serviced Meeting Pods
These mark the entrance to each space & create a symmetry between both areas.



Pebble Sofas & Soft Sofas

Library Staff Office
Enlarged



★ **Repurposed BT Phone box**
For internal phone calls and a touch of British humour.

Shared Information Desk
For Library & IS Services staff combined.

Please note the colour scheme is in progress & is not reflected here yet.

Laptop Tables