



The University of Edinburgh

# Information Services



## The King's Buildings Library



Our vision for the new KB Library is to create a striking new building at the heart of the King's Buildings campus - a place for study and learning - a place for meeting and discussion - a new focus for the intellectual and social life of the Campus. Work has begun and the library will open in time for the 2012/13 session.

## KB Library Development Plans

### Strategy

Ongoing development of facilities and services for students and staff at KB is an important strand of College Strategy, supported by Information Services and Estates and Buildings.

### New KB Library

The new KB Library, on four floors, adjacent to the KB Centre will be a striking presence at the green heart of the campus. With long opening hours, it incorporates a variety of study environments, the frequently-used book collection and help services.

### Library Services and Collections

Library Services and Collections at KB are being reconfigured to provide high quality services, fit for purpose to reflect modern library usage.

### Study Space at KB

Study Space at KB is being planned on a campus wide basis. The new KB Library is part of the 2008-12 phase of Learning and Study Space Developments at KB.

### Environmental Aspects

Environmental aspects are a priority. The architect and contractors follow the principles of sustainable construction and we are making the best of the local environment, site mobility and other "public realm" considerations.



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## Development Objectives and Key Projects

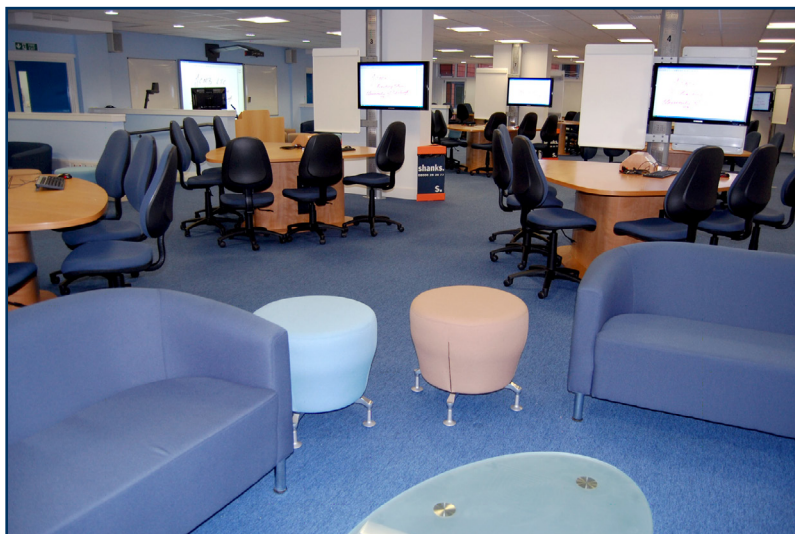
### The objectives for the 2008-2012 phase of development:

- Provide high quality library facilities at KB, fit for purpose to reflect modern library usage - i.e. alongside excellent online access to journals, the physical provision to focus on well-used collections, study facilities, integrated information services and long opening hours which can only be achieved through co-location.
- Ensure that, on the Campus overall, the quality and variety of generally available study spaces are greatly improved with no decrease in the number of seats.
- Make better use of the pleasant green environment at the centre of the Campus by starting to develop facilities which will make it a "living heart".



### The key projects:

- Learning & Teaching Cluster (phase 1) in JCMB, completed summer 2009
- Learning and Teaching Cluster (phase 2) in JCMB, completed summer 2010
- KB Library Store (Darwin Library lower floor), completed summer 2011
- New KB Library, scheduled to complete summer 2012
- Upgrade of KB Centre, scheduled summer 2012
- Upgrade/re-modelling of upper floor of the current Darwin Library scheduled summer 2012



The large Teaching Studio in the Learning & Teaching Cluster in the James Clerk Maxwell Building.

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