In 2014, Imperial College London established its 10th and newest engineering department, the Dyson School of Design Engineering. The new department will build on the long-standing design and engineering expertise at Imperial College London, as well as the world-renowned Innovation Design Engineering (IDE) Programme.

To accommodate the fast growing population of students into the department, the Dyson Building of Design Engineering was developed. This included a long term lease agreement to utilise existing Science Museum facilities, including the well preserved Post Office Block. These works will refurbish and repurpose the former Post Office building to accommodate the School, currently located in 10 Princes Gardens.

A design and build procurement strategy was adopted with Willmott Dixon Interiors appointed in December 2016 as Principal Contractor. Key consideration was given to manufacturing and engineering requirements within the existing basement, which includes: heavy metals workshop, resin room, light metal workshop, wood and plastic works areas and an advanced manufacturing workshop. The fit-out works to all four above ground floors will include extensive refurbishment to provide flexible teaching and learning spaces whilst retaining the historic nature of the former library and stair cores.

Following partial handover from the Science Museum Group on 24th October 2016, the building is targeted for Phase A completion ahead of the 2017/18 academic year. The remaining Science Museum Group spaces are anticipated for handover in April 2018, which will allow Phase B works to progress through until final completion.

The Dyson School of Design Engineering has been designed to achieve a BREEAM “Very Good” rating.

Construction project programme:
- Phase A. November 2016—September 2017
- Phase B: April 2018—September 2018
- Occupation dates: October 2018 and October 2019

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