

Dear Customer,

Important information regarding fire safety at The Courtrooms

As you may be aware, the UK Government has been testing different types of building cladding to understand how fire retardant it is following a major fire in a high-rise residential building in London earlier this year.

The Courtrooms has a limited amount of cladding made of Aluminium Composite Material. (approx. less than 20% of the building exterior) Following the results of the government tests, it has become clear the fire retardant properties of this cladding do not meet the high standards we would expect, or had anticipated upon installation. This cladding will be replaced in due course.

Our Fire Risk Assessor has confirmed that The Courtrooms is safe for occupation for students in the academic year 17 – 18 and we want to reassure you that your safety while living with us is our priority. We have robust fire safety systems and procedures in place at The Courtrooms. For your information, we have outlined these below:

- Vertical and horizontal fire breaks behind the cladding to prevent fire from spreading within the cavity of the cladding.
- The incorporation of both fire-rated doors and internal partitions to provide high levels of internal fire compartmentation in accordance with modern construction standards.
- 'L' type (life safety) fire alarm system covering all areas, which signals either a phased or a full evacuation of the building in the event of a fire.
- 24/7 remote monitoring of the fire alarm system.
- 24/7 on-site staffing.
- Multiple escape routes.
- Smoke ventilation system to remove smoke from the building in the event of a fire.
- Fire fighting lift enabling fire fighters to quickly access all floors to investigate and fight fires.
- Dry riser enabling the provision of high pressure water to fire fighters at all floor levels.
- Fire blankets at all cooking facilities.
- Fire extinguishers throughout the building with staff and fire marshals trained in their use.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions about the removal of cladding at The Courtrooms you can call Sadia Ghazanfar, General Manager of The Courtrooms on +44 117 375 1091 or email sadia.ghazanfar@thestudenthousingcompany.com.

We look forward to meeting you in September.

