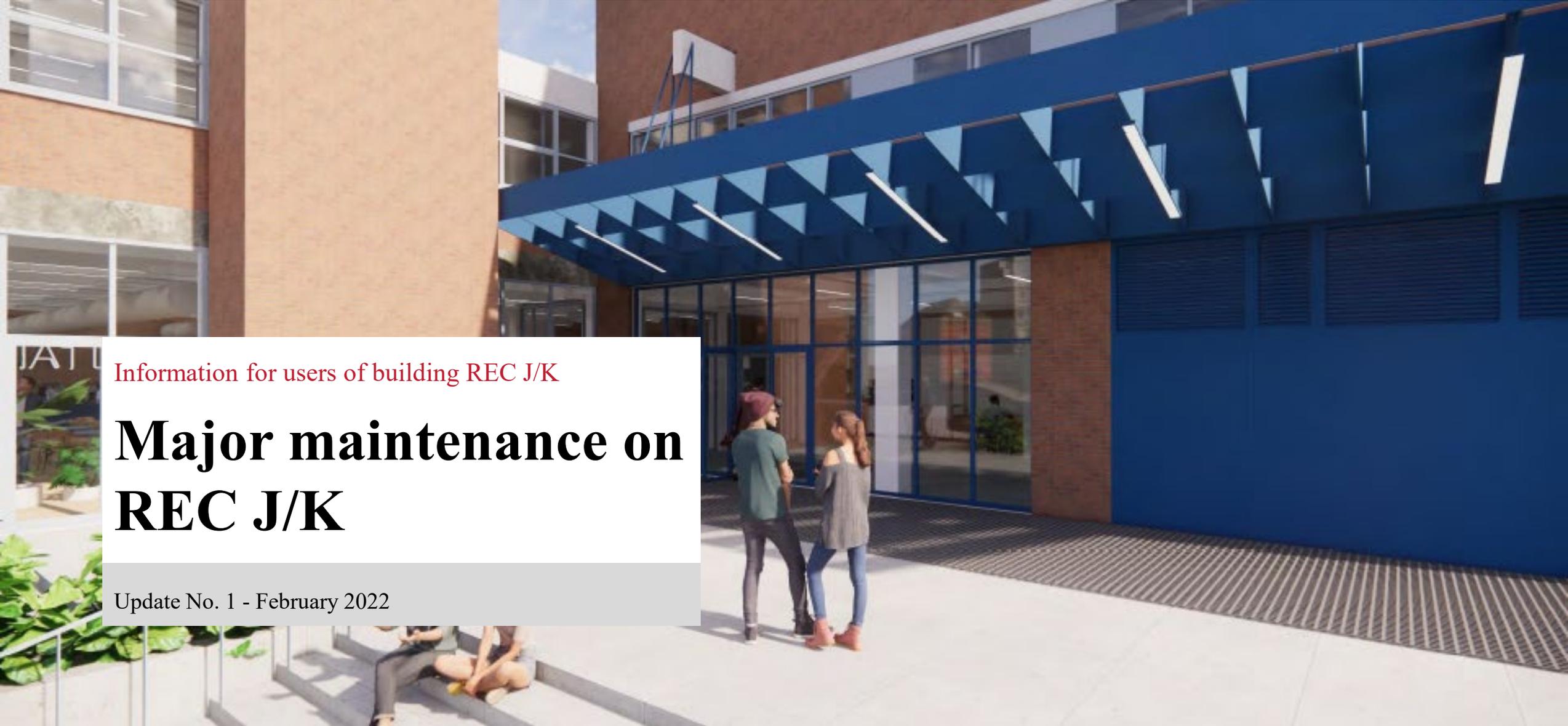




Information for users of building REC J/K

Major maintenance on REC J/K

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Major maintenance will be carried out on building REC J/K, the distinctive building with the brick chimney. This maintenance, combined with an upgrade of the building, will facilitate an optimal use of the building over the coming 15 years. The work will be spread out over a period of two years, during which the building will remain in use.

Building REC J/K, which once housed the Physics department and its laboratories, today serves multiple uses. Its brick chimney makes it a distinctive building on Roeterseiland campus.

To safeguard the continued safe use of the building in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, major maintenance is required. This maintenance, combined with an upgrade of the building, will facilitate an optimal use of the building over the coming 15 years. The upgrade includes building work to ensure daylight access in the new lecture rooms in the basement, and the relocation of the entrance to Nieuwe Achtergracht.

It has been decided to spread out the project over a period of two years, during which the building will remain in use. Work in 2022 will mainly focus on the low-rise section of the building. Work on the high-rise section will start in 2023.

The work on building REC J/K will make this distinctive building fully fit for purpose again in 2024. This will provide more spacious accommodation for academic teaching and the partners we work with, and redress the balance between the campus and the surrounding residential area.





Impact of the work on users of the building

As the building will remain in use while the work is carried out, users of the building may experience inconvenience. Based on research we have done into the transmission of contact noise, and a live noise test with building users, we are confident that the building can partly remain in use, including for teaching, while the work is carried out.

The building works that cause the most nuisance, such as sawing out openings for the windows in the basement, will be done over the summer months. We are currently in discussions with the relevant units, tenants and other parties to explore the options for the temporarily relocation (to other rooms in the building) of users that are active in the summer months or are housed in specific parts of the building.

The side entrance will remain open for students and employees during the work. The entrance hall on Valckenierstraat may possibly be allocated as an extra entrance.

The plan is to transport the building materials over water as much as possible. This will be discussed with the contractor. In this way, we aim to limit nuisance and construction traffic in the area as much as possible. All other traffic will be routed through Valckenierstraat.



Phases and schedule

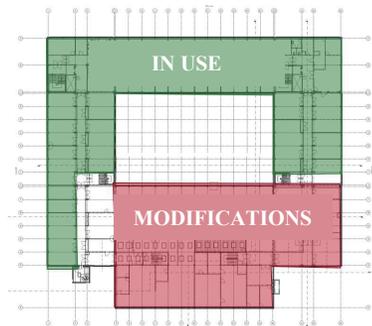
The phases and schedule for this project have already been outlined. By the end of March 2022, we will know which contractor will carry out the work. Once this is known, we will provide an update on the phasing, scheduling and logistics of this project.

Phase 1: April 2022 - March 2023

- Renovation of low-rise section
- Structural maintenance on façade
- Modifications to electrical system
- Modifications to climate control system
- Modifications to improve accessibility

Phase 2: July - August 2022

- Enable daylight access in basement of high-rise section



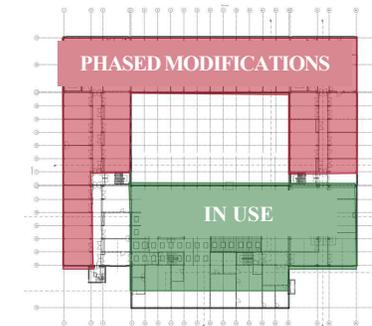
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Phase 3: April 2023 - March 2024

- Additional toilets in high-rise section
- Aesthetic upgrade of high-rise section
- Other modifications to electrical and climate control systems

Phase 4: July - August 2023

- Modifications to rooms in buffer between phases 1 and 3
- Final work



Design

The interior of the low-rise section along Nieuwe Achtergracht will be completely renovated. This mainly involves improving accessibility, ensuring fire safety, and upgrading systems in the building.

To create suitable lecture rooms in the basement, openings for windows will be sawed out in the walls along the courtyard, along Valckenierstraat and on the west side of the building.

The main entrance to the building will be relocated to Nieuwe Achtergracht. The original entrance will remain in use as an emergency exit. In addition, pedestrian routing in the building will be improved.

Information and contact

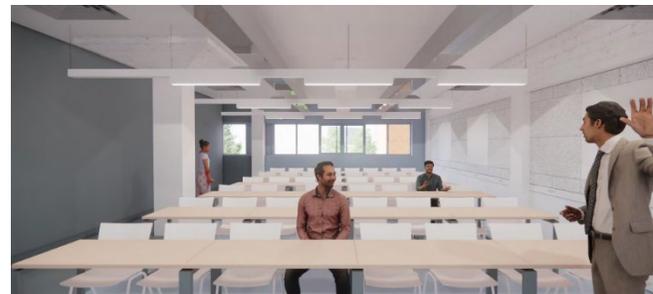
We will keep users of the building updated about developments through REC J/K Updates like these and, where necessary, by convening meetings. For more information, please turn to the contact persons responsible for accommodation within your faculty or unit.



The new entrance will be fronted by a platform, accessible via stairs with an integrated ramp. In addition, a new awning and new window frames will be fitted.



A new staircase at the entrance will provide access to the valorisation area and the rest of the first floor. The staircase to the basement will remain in place.



The lecture rooms will be fitted out with audiovisual (AV) facilities in accordance with the UvA's AV standard. The walls will be fitted with acoustic panels.



The entrance hall will have a reception. The current interior will be stripped bare to reveal the walls and the building structure, including the structural ceilings.



The ground floor will include an area where people can meet up and have informal meetings. It will also include a catering facility; details are still to be determined.



In addition, several lecture rooms with seating for around 32 persons will be constructed in the basement.