

Press release

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New building opens on London Met's Holloway campus

- **Brand new learning and teaching building to open at London Met's Holloway campus**
- **Part of London Met's multimillion pound One Campus, One Community project**

The newest building on London Metropolitan University's Holloway campus will formally open its doors on 20 March 2018.

The three floors of the Roding building are home to the UK's most up-to-date teaching and learning technology, installed in spaces that bear little resemblance to traditional lecture theatres and classrooms. Students using the 11 different spaces in the Roding building will benefit from touchscreens, collaboration desks and virtual canvases accessible through students' own phones.

So cutting edge is the technology that London Met is the first university in the country to install it. The University is already being approached by a number of other universities that want to find out more because they are considering making a similar investment.

Another feature of the Roding building that is set to be well-received by both students and staff is the Highbury Canteen. This new eatery responds to modern dietary requirements, serving a range of vegetarian and vegan options, street food and international themed menus as well as live theatre cooking. Fairtrade will be the order of the day as the University was awarded Fairtrade status at the end of last year.

Professor John Raftery is Vice-Chancellor of London Met. He commented: "We are pleased to open and start using our new Roding building, which has been designed to make sure our students' learning experience is of the highest quality. We know that everyone learns in different ways and the technology we've installed will reflect the diversity among our students."

"We are committed to continuing to invest in our campus and in the technology our students require to improve their outcomes and therefore transform their lives. It's what London Met's Strategic Plan aims to do."

London Met Students' Union Officer, Florence Onwumere, commented: "We are excited to see the opening of the new building on our Holloway campus. This project really demonstrates that University's goal to further enhance the student experience both inside and outside the classroom."

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Notes to editors

- Images: Photos of new Roding building classrooms and social learning spaces

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About London Metropolitan University

London Metropolitan University has been providing education to people from all backgrounds since 1848, with the creation of the Metropolitan Evening Classes for Working Men. Six schools teach cutting-edge, relevant courses across the arts, sciences, business, law and humanities. Accelerator – London Met’s specialist business incubator – helps graduates get their enterprises up and running and was named among the Top Five ‘Most Active’ accelerators in Europe in 2015, highlighting its contribution to London’s booming start-up industry.

London Met is home to world-leading academics who regularly give expert comment to the media. The University scored well in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, being ranked 4th in the country for Area Studies and performing strongly in Education and Social Studies.

The University is strongly focused on employability. In 2017, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 95% of all 2016 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation. It was also ranked above all five Russell Group universities in London for teaching quality in 2016.

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