

Laboratory case study

Hopwood Hall College Middleton, Greater Manchester

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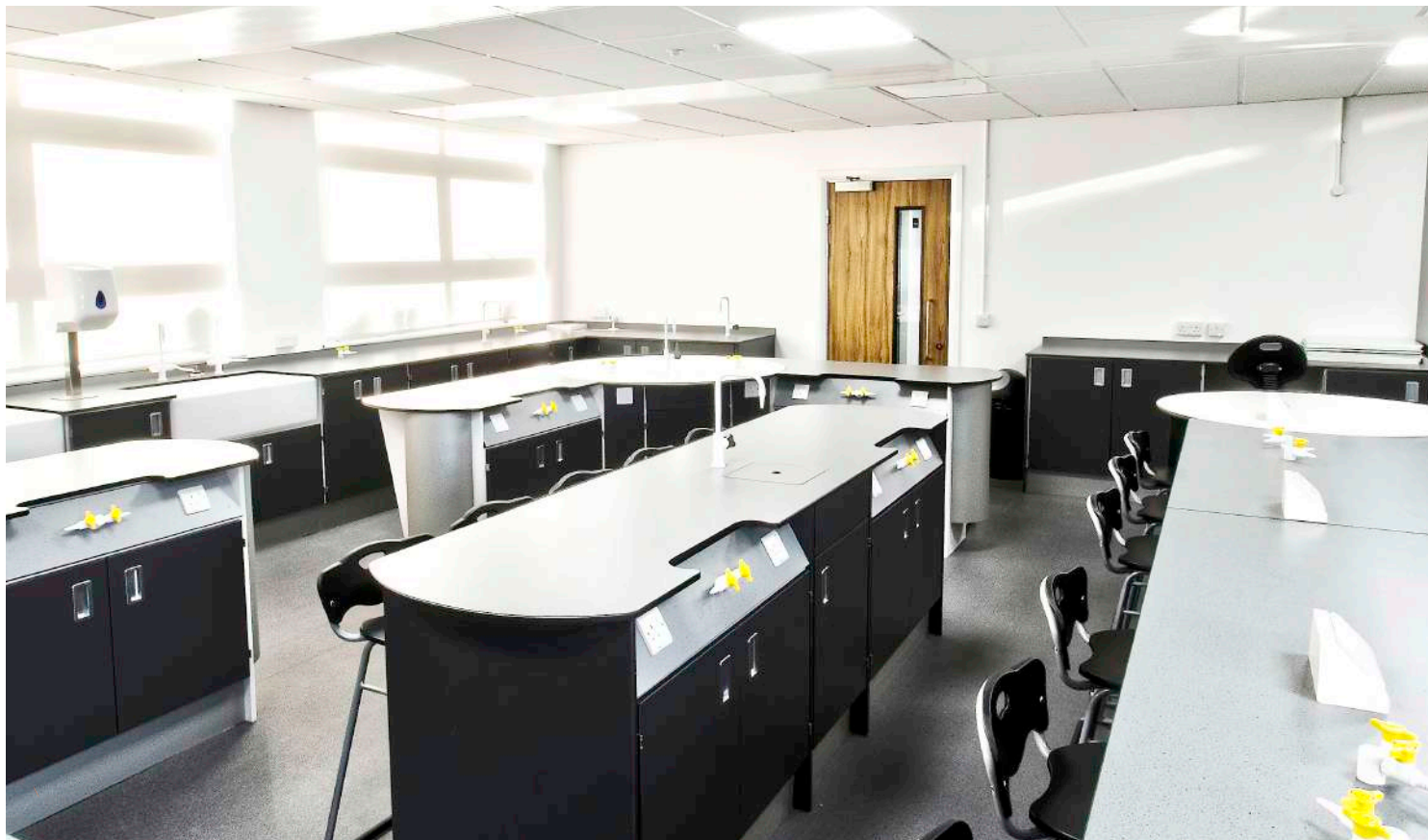
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Education

Hopwood Hall College has completed a £2million-plus refurbishment of its science facilities as it continues to invest in the infrastructure of its sites at Rochdale and Middleton. The college has modernised and re-fitted four laboratories, as well as a preparation room, during term time.



Brief

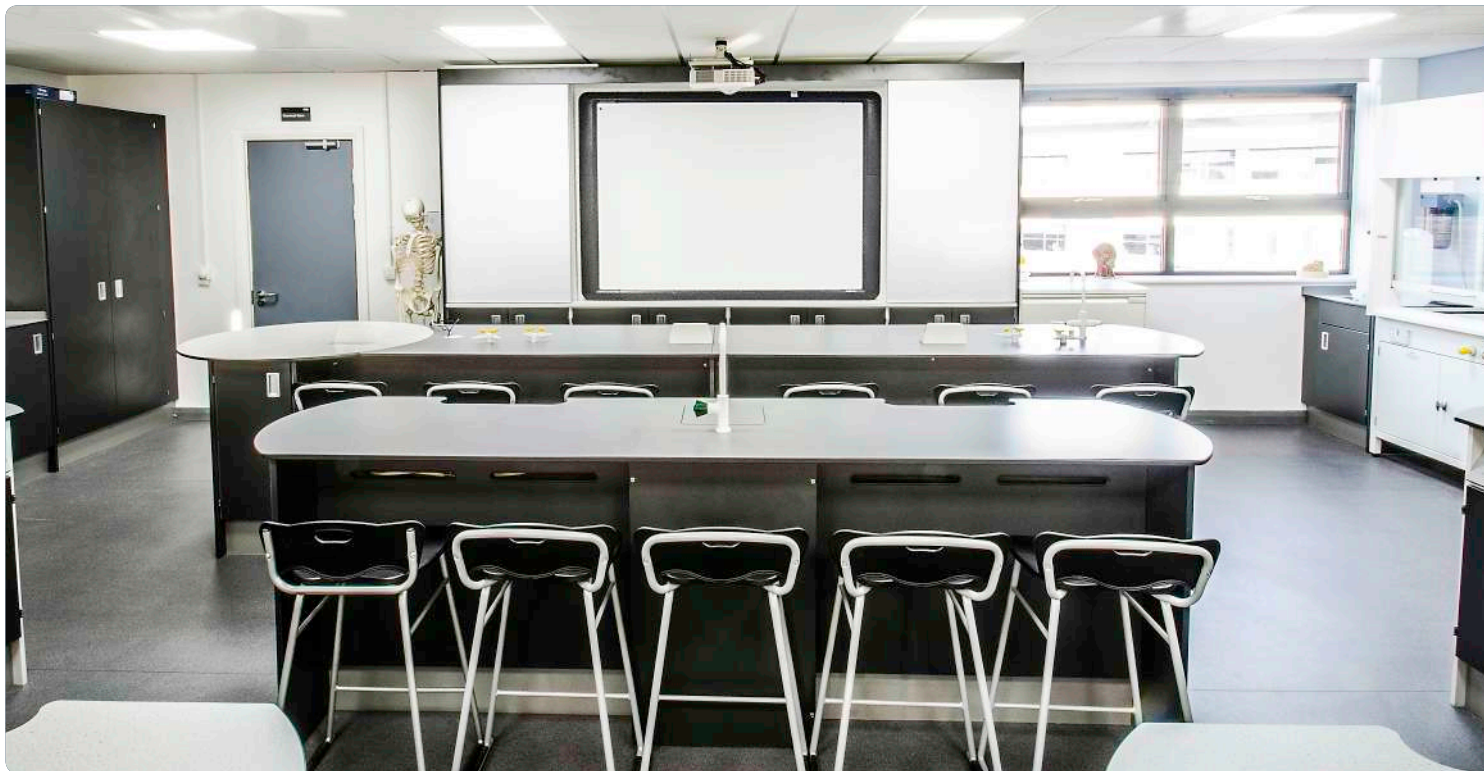
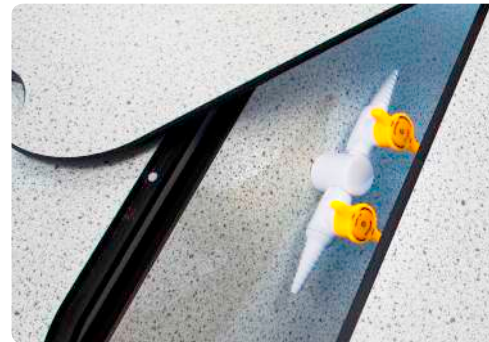
With the existing biology and physics As part of a capital renewal programme, funded through the Skills Funding Agency (Enhanced Renewal Grant 3), the college was looking to modernize the science laboratories.

The laboratories were installed in the 90's and lacked the space, storage and inspiration required to meet the learning needs of students. Ultimately, Hopwood Hall wanted to create contemporary, engaging spaces which would set them apart from other colleges in the area.

“ A well thought out and durable scheme was unveiled that will withstand the rigours of education. Innova have demonstrated exceptional customer service and done their utmost to meet the client's needs, often accommodating minor changes at short notice. ”

Saf Arfan, Director of Corporate Services

Carcase		Manufactured from 18mm MF MDF	Seating		Ergonomic stools
Worktops		Trespa Toplab Base	Handles		Zinc alloy inset handles
Edging		ABS Colour matched edging	Hinge		240° pivot safety hinges



Solution

Innova completed a tender to design and deliver key teaching buildings central to the provision of Life Sciences. The comprehensive programme valued at £2.2m, involved the refurbishment of 4 science laboratories and prep room in the Wardle Building. The science labs posed a number of design challenges from programme to space planning, however our designs optimised the space transforming each interior.

The Refurbishment of the rooms was carried out as a rolling programme, during term time to allow lessons to continue without disruption.

The Laboratories were designed with Innova's unique "hot corners" to maximise the space for practical and theory work. Inspirational teacher's walls and demo benches were installed, incorporating interactive whiteboards and extensive storage areas to house books and equipment.

Each laboratory was designed with a differing colour scheme, from ice blue to monochrome and metallic greens, to support student engagement and interest within each learning environment.

Students and staff are delighted with their new learning spaces which will improve teaching and learning experiences well into the future.

