

# LRC, Laboratory, Vets & Storage Walls case study

Salford City College Greater Manchester

Contractor  
Timescale  
Architect

Various / Innova  
6 weeks on site  
Expressive Interiors / Innova



Salford City College is the number one General Further Education (GFE) College in Greater Manchester in terms of the success rates. Whilst the College offers high quality teaching to a diverse group of students, including disadvantaged areas, the standard and quality of accommodation was hindering teaching, learning and assessment.



## Brief

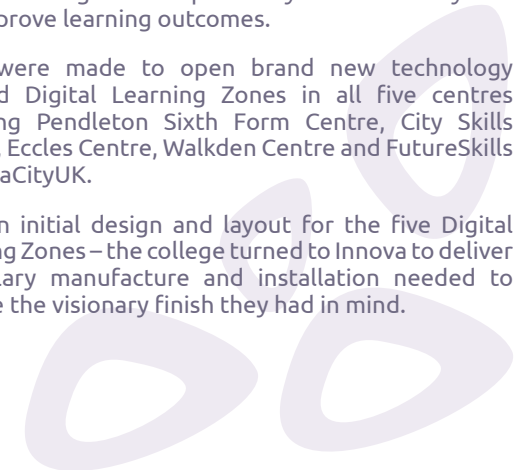
Salford City College were looking to transform their outdated estate which spans over five centres, to further improve their offering and give more young people than ever, the very best start.

As part of a £9 million programme of refurbishment, the college prioritised the creation of exemplary ICT facilities across its campuses as well as new state-of-the-art laboratories.

Key to the vision for the college was a need to tailor the curriculum using technology enhanced learning that allows learning to take place anywhere and anytime and improve learning outcomes.

Plans were made to open brand new technology enabled Digital Learning Zones in all five centres including Pendleton Sixth Form Centre, City Skills Centre, Eccles Centre, Walkden Centre and FutureSkills @MediaCityUK.

With an initial design and layout for the five Digital Learning Zones – the college turned to Innova to deliver exemplary manufacture and installation needed to achieve the visionary finish they had in mind.



Carcase		Manufactured from 18mm MF MDF	Seating		Cantilever stools & 4 leg chairs
Lab Worktops		Trespa	Handles		Zinc alloy inset handles
Edging		ABS Colour matched edging	Hinge		240 ° pivot safety hinges



“ We are the Number 1 GFE College in Greater Manchester and now we have superb state of the arts facilities to match that. ”

Saf Arfan, Vice Principal and Development and Innovation Executive



### Solution

Innova completed the modernisation and re-fit of five LRC's, two science laboratories, as well as a preparation room, vets room and various storage walls across the college.

Each zone in the new LRC's provides students with access to computers, books, journals and newspapers, and a relaxed space where they can spend their time working either in between lessons or after college, enabling students to become digital savvy learners.

Large, curved bench desking for PC's provide a striking feature within the LRC's, along with smaller desks for quiet working and data ports for 'bring-your-own-devices'. Bookcases along the perimeter of the room provide students with access to journals and text. The exciting and stimulating layouts have modern finishes in white, grey and stone effects.

The laboratories have been designed using Innova's 'Hot Corner' layout. The design shortens lines of communication between students and tutors, creating a more collaborative approach to learning. Power sockets and gas taps were placed on the front face of units, further increasing space for students to conduct theory work.

The overall refurbishment also included a vets area, nursery storage, storage walls and restaurant furniture.

The new learning environments match Salford City College's aspirations and gear the college up to further push the boundaries of the already exemplary teaching.