

Laboratory case study

The Derby High School Bury, Lancashire

Contractor
Timescale
Architect

| Paul Smith & Co
| 4 weeks on site
| Innova Design Group

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Education

The Derby High School, Bury, North West, is one of the UK's first Science & Arts Colleges established in 2003. As science is at the forefront of the school's curriculum and the results are continuing to improve, a fund raising programme to seek financial support was set up, with the aim of updating three of their 1950's science laboratories to new cutting edge learning environments.



Brief

In the pursuit of creating inspiring learning spaces, the school was looking to update their tired and worn out classrooms to inspirational facilities, that would last for years to come.

The challenges the school faced was that in a number of laboratories, the positioning of the utilities and layout of tables did not provide the best working environment for practical study.

**“
Thoroughly pleased with
both the people and products
from Innova. We would
have them back tomorrow
to further refurbish our
science department. I would
recommend to everyone.”**

Paul Kerr, Head of Science at The Derby High School

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Seating |
Worktops |
Edging |

Ergonomic stools
Trespa Toplab Base worksurfaces
ABS Colour matched edging



Solution

With careful planning and consultation, Innova helped deliver three brand new laboratories providing a furniture and installation service.

We created a modern, light and spacious feel with contemporary design by adapting our unique Hot Corners layout to all three classrooms. The Hot Corner design addresses the need to provide both a theory classroom and practical laboratory within the same space, but that's not all, it also ensures great circulation, improves classroom management and provides a flexible layout ideally suited to today's learning environment. The new demo desk equips the teacher with the perfect platform for demonstrations to take place – improving the whole practical experience.

Perimeter storage was a key feature in the designs of the classroom as it provided extra space to store equipment and glassware – freeing up valuable desk space and minimising distractions.

High quality Trespa work tops were specified to guarantee a timeless feel, as well as provide durable, low maintenance surfaces throughout.

Following a lengthy process, 5 years from the initial enquiry to Innova and for the school to secure funding for the laboratories, Innova stood out from the competition based on their unique designs and the placement of the utilities which helped give the room a 'wow' factor with pupils.

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