

Laboratory case study

Francis Holland School Sloane Square, London

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6 weeks on site
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Francis Holland Sloane Square is a leading independent day school for girls aged 4-18. The school offers students' an outstanding experience of learning and culture and enables every pupil to reach their full potential through a combination of small teaching groups and well qualified and committed teachers.

Francis Holland aims to provide an excellent, balanced education within a supportive, friendly and happy community.



Brief

In 2018, as part of their on-going development, the school planned to upgrade their science facilities as they were in need of modernisation and to accommodate increasing class sizes.

Innova was approached by the Facilities Director to design and quote for the full turnkey refurbishment of their laboratories including flooring, electrics, plumbing and gas, decoration and installation of furniture.

Following a competitive tender process, Innova was appointed to deliver the new cutting-edge Laboratories based on a flexible package which allowed the school to include or exclude elements within the scope of work and having a single point of contact throughout the project from the initial site visit to sign off.

Carcase		Manufactured from 18mm MF MDF	Seating		Innova Design Group
Worktops		Velstone Solid Surface	Handles		Zinc alloy D handles
Edging		ABS Colour matched edging	Hinge		240° pivot safety hinges



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The new Lab facilities get a 'WOW' from students and staff.
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Steve Vincent, Facilities Director



Solution

The old laboratories have been completely overhauled and now feature a peninsular layout, which supports a flexible environment for both theory and practical work. Every pupil faces the front of the room, the teacher can circulate freely, providing a more collaborative approach to learning.

A teachers demonstration area provides the perfect platform for experiments to take place.

To help Francis Holland further maximise the space available in each lab, both perimeter benching and work benches were fitted with storage, providing students with instant access to equipment.

High quality, low maintenance materials such as Velstone solid surface guarantee the longevity and good looks across the new laboratories, creating a modern yet timeless feel to a science department designed to inspire future generations of scientists.

The new state-of-the-art labs provide a brighter more modern space that supports current teaching methods with the added flexibility to cope with changing class sizes

