

Park Community School re-build and refurbishment

RICS South East 2016 Community Benefit Award

Property Services



Location: Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire

Client: Hampshire County Council

Value: £17 million

Completed: August 2015

Specialist teams:

Architect, Interior Design, M&E: HCC
Property Services

QS: HCC Property Services and Cyril
Sweets Structural: HCC Property Services
and BAM Design Landscape Architects:
HCC Property Services and RPS Theatre
Consultant: Arup Contractor: BAM
Construction Ltd

Park Community School is a 900 place secondary sited in one of the most deprived areas in Hampshire. It fosters an outstanding relationship with its community and it was clear to the design team that to continue the success of the school, the community had to be at the heart of the design.

With a requirement to replace 70% (5000m²) of the existing school buildings at the end of their operational life and a tight budget, Hampshire County Council worked closely with the school and its community to not only replace but enhance the facilities.

The project was logistically challenging with the new buildings constructed in close proximity to the existing school, which remained operational throughout. On completion of the new blocks, the school decanted out of the buildings to be demolished and the remaining facilities were refurbished to the same standard as the new build.

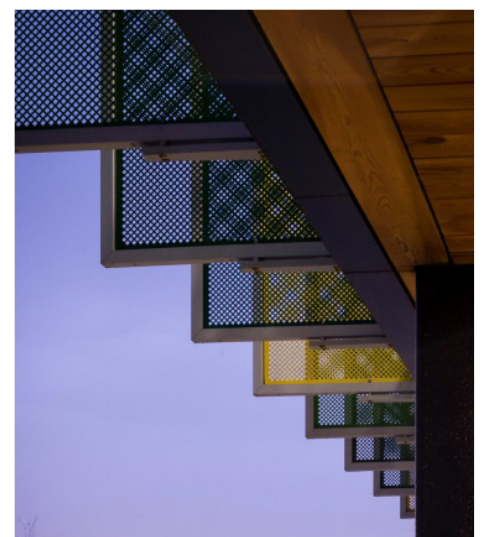
The dining hall and main performance spaces are located in the heart of the new school, and a new landscape scheme links together all of the blocks to form a cohesive campus. The large spaces were designed with flexibility in mind for both the school and variety of community users.

“ The facilities are something to be proud about... all the community have a shared sense of ownership and belonging. They allow us to be much more than just a school... the hub of our community. ”

Susan Parish, Business and
Community Manager, Park
Community School

Key Benefits

- Co-location of services to meet the needs of the school and the wider community.
- The interior and exterior of the school has been designed to provide a diverse and flexible range of spaces resulting in an inspirational learning environment.
- Retaining and refurbishing some of the existing buildings proved a cost effective way of transforming the whole school site without having to re-build everything.
- Thermally efficient and air tight construction, low energy lighting and ventilation systems have been used throughout to reduce running costs.



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Please copy and paste this link into your browser to see a short film of the school's transformation:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d40tBiUrr_s



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