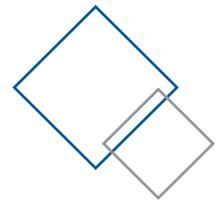


St Crispin's School

Wokingham



Case Study

Client: Wokingham Borough Council

Architect: Atkins / PDP

Quantity Surveyor: Faithful & Gould

Duration: 45 weeks

Value: £2.5m

New build and refurbishment

The construction of a brand new sixth form block, along with the refurbished and adapted original building to provide the much needed ASD unit. The new facilities were part of a seven phase expansion plan for the School.

Although the ASD unit is located within the school grounds, it is a separate department with its own distinctive branding, visitor and school entrances and drop off zone.

This was a phased project; initially the construction of the new Sixth Form Centre was supposed to be prior to the refurbishment of the former sixth form unit that provided the ASD learning facility. However, due to how the holidays fell, we worked with the school to reduce programme risk and commenced work on the ASD refurbishment before the new build was complete. This meant the works overlapped; saving time on the initial programme.

Comprising a free standing steel frame structure, the new sixth form block is two storeys high with four classrooms (two up, two down). It has a large two storey open plan common room - giving a spacious feel.

Internally, the new build utilises extensive glass and plasterboard partitions. Externally there is curtain walling, trespa panels and rodecia cladding, including landscaping around the building.

The works took place within a live school environment, with access to the site and deliveries via the back entrance which minimised the interface with the school.



One particular Corporate Social Responsibility initiative saw Marcus Jenkins, Senior Site Manager, give a talk to the Year 12 BTEC Engineering students. On visiting the site for the new sixth form block, they learnt not only about the construction industry in general and available opportunities, but about Francis Construction and how the site was managed on a day to day basis. Marcus covered topics such as health and safety, procurement and programming etc. The students found it highly enlightening and were fascinated to learn the direct impact that steel production in China had on the St Crispin's build.