Westcliff High School for Boys

Education / New Build and Refurbishment

Key Features:

- Two-stage design & build
- Science laboratories and technology block refurbishment
- Delivered within a 'live' School environment

We undertook this new build extension and refurbishment project for the Westcliff High School for Boys, in order to improve on their learning offering.

The new extension is a single storey facility expanding the School's science offering. It features a laboratory, science teaching and learning stations, clinical wash basins and a lobby area. It was constructed via blockwork with metsec and cladding.

Additionally, we were tasked with the refurbishment of the School's existing Technology Block. This included full M&E works, decoration and installation of a new internal lift. The School's new Technology Block offering provides two fully upgraded design technology rooms, an IT Suite and a food technology room.

Delivering to a hard deadline

Critically, we were charged with the refurbishment and handover of the Technology Block prior to the start of the new term in September.

We phased the programme in order to ensure works were delivered in compliance with the agreed critical path. This comprised the handover of the Technology Block on-time and prior to the new term, with the science classrooms being handed over following this as agreed.

Confined site area with challenging access / egress

A multitude of logistical challenges faced us when planning this project. The operational School we were delivering in, the 'live' Girls School immediately adjacent and nearby local theatre, gardens and fire station all posed sensitive stakeholders which we had to mitigate for appropriately. To this end, we robustly collaborated with these parties in the planning/design stage to ensure a suitable traffic management and logistics plan could segregate the site and minimise disruption.

Client:	Westcliff High School for Boys (Education and Skills Funding Agency)
Project Value:	£1,500,000
Programme Duration:	40 weeks
Architect:	Innes Associates
Quantity Surveyor:	McBains