

New Food Court Extension

Project

Extension to refectory

Client

King James's School
Knaresborough

Completed

September 2014

Contractor

SDL Harrogate

Contract Value

£175,000

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A run down and under used courtyard area has been rejuvenated to provide a modern and airy extension to the Food Court, with a trendy, new pasta servery, colourful café-style seating and an outdoor eating area.

The design has also brought an unpopular outside queuing area indoors; added a storeroom and cleaners cupboard; improved ventilation and resolved longstanding queuing problems, allowing for faster throughput and less frustration due to bottlenecks.

The modern and innovative design defies its tight budget, using glass curtain walling, composite roofing system, cedar cladding and LED lighting throughout. It has transformed the area, both in terms of the improved function and the aesthetics.

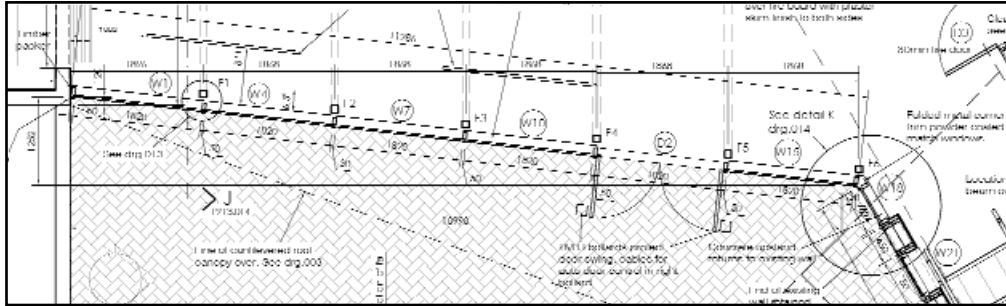
The Food Court is now the 'cool' place to 'hang out'. Food sale revenues are up, and staff are choosing it as their preferred location for meetings.

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In Progress

The site posed many difficulties. Situated in a courtyard, access had to be through the school or over the roof. The steel frame, roofing and curtain walling were all craned in (see photo). The available area was a complex shape, with many levels, all of which had to be accommodated in the most efficient way possible.

Partnering between Baily Design, the contractor (SDL) and the client resulted in early discussions on potential disruption to the school and mitigating action plans agreed, which in turn helped deliver the project on time, on budget and without conflict.



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Working Together

What the client said

Carl Sugden, Headteacher, Justin Waters, Business Manager
King James's School

It was a pleasure working with a customer focused professional like Chris Baily. He was able to combine creativity and originality of design with a thorough understanding of the practical requirements of a school environment. The result is an exciting concept that works well for the school, looks good and is appreciated by the students.

The project management and communication throughout was excellent from structured site meetings to unlimited email support.

The design was largely functional with a tight deadline which was delivered on time and on budget with some design changes built into the schedule.

Overall the design, building process and completed project were reliable, innovative and good value for money. I would confidently recommend Baily Design.

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What the contractor said

Bruce Fowler, Contracts Director, SDL Construction Management Ltd

"The project was challenging because it was positioned within an existing school courtyard with very limited access. On this project Chris was the contract supervisor and designer of the whole scheme.

Chris is very clever at producing a very cutting edge look using unusual materials and colour schemes whilst also ensuring a highly durable finish within a realistic budget.

On all projects we have carried out with Chris we have found that the information provided is clear, precise and demonstrates an enormous amount of effort to get all the products sourced and availability checked, making our role less complicated.

On all projects we have found Chris a pleasure to work with. He has a very strong team ethic, going the extra mile to ensure the project runs smoothly and without any hiccups.

I would have no hesitation in using or recommending his services and look forward to our next opportunity to work together".

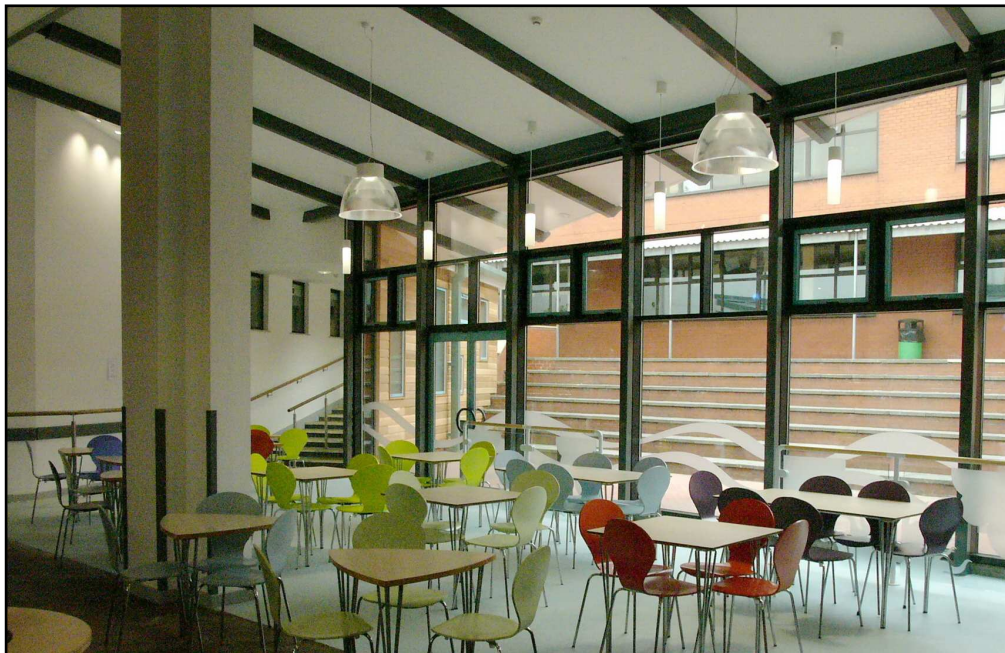
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On Budget

The client set a challenging budget of just £170,000. This was met, and you can see from the photos that the quality of the resulting project defies this price, with the finish and overall impression suggesting a far higher spend.

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