



Bristol Brunel Academy

by WilkinsonEyre

Bristol Brunel Academy was the first secondary school in the UK to be completed as part of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme and was opened by Prime Minister Gordon Brown in September 2007. The existing school has since been demolished and extensive landscaping introduced around the new development. With a specialism in communications, the academy now accommodates 1,100 students.

The academy takes the form of a three-storey block of accommodation, anchored by a large sports hall and assembly hall at each end and split centrally to create two distinct banks of educational space arranged about a central atrium or street. These are connected by a series of internal footbridges and generous perimeter walkways. A leisure facility is located in a 'cranked' wing of accommodation at ground floor level, the academy actively encouraging community use of this and the new external sports provision.



Details

Location: Bristol, UK
 Client/Contractor: Skanska Construction
 Architect: WilkinsonEyre
 Structural Engineer: Arup
 Services Engineer: BuroHappold
 Landscape Architect: 4 DLD
 Area: 13,800m²
 Value: £24m
 Completed: August 2007
 BREEAM rating: Very Good

Awards

RIBA Award 2008
 RIBA Sorrell Foundation Award 2008 (shortlisted)
 RIBA Sustainability Award 2008 (shortlisted)
 Public Private Finance Award 2008
 Constructing Excellence Award 2008: The Legacy Award