



Bristol Metropolitan Academy

by WilkinsonEyre

This community academy, part of the wider Bristol BSF initiative, has strong links to WilkinsonEyre's designs developed for the DfES Exemplar Schools scheme in 2003.

At Bristol Metropolitan Academy, three learning clusters are linked by an internal street and complemented by central facilities blocks. The covered street separates the teaching areas and provides the main focus and hub within the school, combining the key circulation, social and dining spaces and helping to maximise opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. The architectural composition of the scheme promotes – both physically and visually – the academy's policy of inclusion, reinforcing the close relationship between it and the community. The academy opened in April 2008, with capacity for 1,080 pupils.

Details

Location: Bristol, UK
Client/Contractor: Skanska Construction
Architect: WilkinsonEyre
Structural Engineer: Arup
Services Engineer: BuroHappold
Landscape Architect: Grant Associates
Area: 11,800m²
Value: £22m
Completed: April 2008
BREEAM rating: Very Good

Awards

Shortlisted for the Prime Minister's
Better Public Building Award 2009
Constructing Excellence Award 2008:
The Legacy Award