



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT EXTENSION

for The Sixth Form College Birkenhead

The Sixth Form is a specialist college offering courses and qualifications for 16 to 19 year olds on the Wirral. This scheme is one of five projects undertaken by Ainsley Gommon for the college, building on the excellent working relationships established through our previous projects.

The location of this development is in one of the more sensitive sites within the college, opposite one of the entrances to the Grade 1 Listed Birkenhead Park. As a result careful consideration had to be given to the key views, building lines, aspects and massing of the extension.

The modern design compliments our other recent projects within the college site, providing a homogenous design approach, helping to connect together the mix of existing buildings.

The brief and layout were designed through consultation with the management team and teaching staff. The resulting scheme replaced a poor quality preparation room and chemical store with larger purpose built rooms, in addition to the provision of new offices, a disabled toilet and 3 teaching laboratories, addressing the specific needs of the department.

The extension utilises an existing lift for full accessibility, and is adjacent to the existing science teaching labs. The finished floor levels line through from the existing, so careful planning of the services and lights fittings within the floors and ground floor ceiling, where space was restricted, had to be considered.

Following the success of this project, further projects have been built and designed for the College.

Value: £545k
Completed: Spring 2013
Contract: Traditional JCT IM



