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REMODELLING AND REFURBISHMENT TO CREATE A HAIR AND BEAUTY TEACHING AREA

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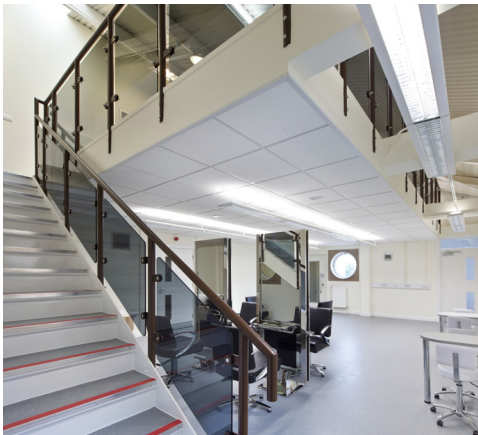
FRIERN BARNET SCHOOL

VALUE

£145K

CONSULTANT

CLIPSTON CONSTRUCTION CONTROL



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Friern Barnet School is located at Hemington Avenue, London, N11 3LS. The school is a mixed comprehensive, with approximately 800 students. In September 2011 it became a Specialist Arts College in Performing Arts.

New openings were created in the external wall and existing windows were blocked up, to allow for the installation of a new platform lift. The new lift was assembled off site, and constructed to enable disabled people to access the new facilities.

THE PROJECT

Lakehouse secured this ten week project through a competitive tender, which included a value engineering exercise. The project commenced in May 2011 with the demolition of existing non load-bearing blockwork partitions, and the removal of existing ceilings and existing floor finishes.

A new mezzanine floor was constructed, supported by the existing reinforced concrete frame and new steel staircase. The entire area has benefitted from new ceilings and decorations, and the mechanical and electrical services have been completely stripped out and reinstated to suit the new layout.



CLOSE LIAISON WITH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Throughout the construction period access to the school was limited, and only via the school playground. Close collaboration with the school staff and pupils was therefore critical to the project's success.

Scheduled deliveries were made by arrangement with the school, and smaller vehicles were used wherever possible. Noisy works were programmed to take place out of hours.

The project team maintained regular face to face contact with the school, through monthly progress meetings and ad hoc meetings as required.

LOCAL LABOUR

Lakehouse aims to provide training and employment opportunities for people in the communities in which it

operates. For the duration of the project Lakehouse provided full time employment opportunities for four local people, who joined the site team as labourers.

A long term supply chain partner was utilised to ensure that the candidates were sourced from the local area, had the required qualifications and experience, and were a good fit with existing site staff.

ENVIRONMENT

Lakehouse encourages its staff to use public transport and car share wherever possible. With limited parking in the surrounding areas, subcontractors were also advised to share vehicles, to minimise any inconvenience to the school and its neighbours, as well as reduce the impact on the environment.