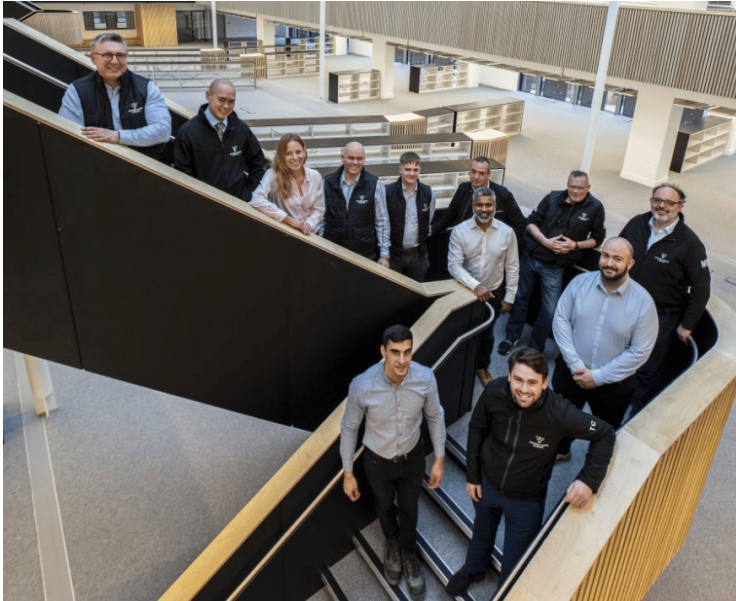


LSBU's campus sees £47.35m transformation thanks to Willmott Dixon Interiors

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Willmott Dixon Interiors has completed the £47.35 million refurbishment of London South Bank University's (LSBU) London Road Building.

The national fit-out and refurbishment specialist contractor has redeveloped the university's learning environments as part of one of the biggest transformation programmes in its history.

The new learning hub features modern workspaces, amenities and technology, designed to support individual learning needs and create new and different ways of engaging students.

LSBU staff and students will benefit from 191,000 sq ft of dedicated learning spaces, including a new state-of-the-art library and learning resource, as well as improved Academy of Sport facilities, with a fully equipped gymnasium.

There are new open access computer rooms with updated equipment, private rooms for group work and study, additional lecture capacity and new and improved places to eat.

The transformation has also completely overhauled the arrival experience at the London Road Building, with a new entrance lobby, staircases and lifts greatly improving accessibility.

Willmott Dixon Interiors has delivered the BREEAM 'Very Good' rated space to maximise natural daylight, removing existing facades and installing skylights in the library and concourse areas. It features a building management system to support the efficient use of energy and uses LED lighting throughout.

Sustainably sourced natural materials are a feature of the design, including a birch plywood feature wall showcasing a large fabric artwork, which injects colour and vibrancy into the building. Externally a new blue roof system and rain attenuation tank have been installed to attenuate and manage stormwater.

The project used BIM Level 2 methodology, with works delivered by Willmott Dixon Interiors and its supply chain partners during the pandemic and within a live campus environment. It is a key part of LSBU's wider redevelopment project at its campus at Elephant and Castle, which aims to consolidate its position as a leading modern university, and provide benefits to students, staff and the wider community.

Graham Shaw, managing director of Willmott Dixon Interiors, said: "This is a bold and exciting project that realises LSBU's vision for revolutionising the student experience. It has made best use of space across the entire campus, delivering dedicated learning zones and the capacity and facilities to serve students, staff and the wider community for many years to come.

"We have a substantial presence in the university sector and have built a deeply collaborative relationship with LSBU during the course of the project. It has provided us with the opportunity to showcase our full range of capabilities in structural refurbishment, interior fit out and working in a busy campus environment."

The project was delivered by Willmott Dixon Interiors and a team including Wilkinson Eyre Architects, Eckersley O'Callaghan as structural engineers, BDP as services engineer and Fulkers LLP as project manager and cost consultant.