

Community Campus Academy Alford



With the installation of attractive and efficient Metal Technology curtain walling, GLASSOLUTIONS played a key role in creating an optimal learning environment for students at Alford Academy's new Community Campus in Aberdeenshire.

With existing campus capacity at its limit, a £37 million contract was devised by Aberdeenshire County Council, in partnership with hub North and the Scottish Futures Trust, to create Alford Academy's new Community Campus. The new site accommodates 960 pupils and has brought together the primary, secondary and senior years on a single site, as well as providing sport and leisure

facilities for the wider community.

Main contractor Morrison Construction approached GLASSOLUTIONS to manufacture and install an attractive curtain walling system for the development, choosing glazing products carefully to create a space with excellent temperature control, effective ventilation and plentiful natural light.

The wide range of purposes that the new campus was intended to fulfil meant that versatility was a particularly important aspect of the glazing specification. In order to create a safe, light, well-ventilated space for students, GLASSOLUTIONS selected Metal Technology's System 17 High Rise curtain walling system to form the building's envelope.

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Client:
Main contractor:
Architect:
Project type:
Completed:

Aberdeenshire County Council
Morrison Construction in
partnership with hub North Scotland
Halliday Fraser Munro
School building
October 2015



With a continuous thermal isolator providing a thermal break throughout, paired with thermally broken casement windows from Metal Technology's System 4-20 range, the low U-value of this configuration provides excellent thermal efficiency, maintaining a comfortable internal temperature for students and minimising the need for climate control. Large glass units were chosen for the project to maximise light transmittance and provide a bright interior.

Responses to the new campus were overwhelmingly positive; the development was praised for its light, airy interior and how well it accommodates the needs of the students and wider community.

Jim Hanna, project director at Morrison Construction, said: "Working with our partners and suppliers, the Campus was finished ahead of the coming academic term. We are immensely proud to have been involved in bringing this fantastic new

resource to fruition for the local community."

The completed project has also been praised more widely by the construction industry. The development, along with project managers hub North, was named a finalist for the Community Development Project of the Year award at the Scottish Property Awards 2016.



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