



Chatham Acoustics Refurbishment MMU Summer Project

MMU is a modern university that aims to make an impact on Manchester, the country, and beyond. The university is also a leader in environmental sustainability, becoming the first university to achieve the more challenging ISO14001:2015 standard, and scored 2nd place in the People & Planet University League 2019.

To achieve these objectives, MMU sought a refurbishment of several floors in the Chatham Acoustics building. Floors 5, 6, and 6 are used by the Manchester School of Architecture, located in the city centre.

Works included the installation of new acoustic ceiling rafts to create a better learning environment. While new energy efficient lighting and lighting controls were installed to provide energy savings that supported the university's environmental ambitions. Additionally, minor alterations to the fire alarm system were made to suit the altered layout.

Due to the project being undertaken during the summer, the programme was short and the works needed to be completed before the start of term.

To meet this tight programme and allow student occupation to take place on time, we worked with our supply chain to reduce the lead times on materials where possible and re-sequenced the works. This ensured works not dependent on the delivery of the long-lead materials.

The works were completed below budget and on time.

"We had very tight timescales to complete the works however completed on time including all O&M information and certification prior to the official handover date. The site management aspect was very strong as was management of the subcontractors."

Nick Bailey, Project Manager, MMU



Client: Manchester Metropolitan University

Architect: Fairhurst Design

Form of Contract: JCT Intermediate Building Contract

Value: £220,000

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