



The Pavilion Study Centre

Transforming education through modern learning spaces

£18m

/ Project value

October 2020

/ The build commenced

December 2022

/ The build completed

The Pavilion Study Centre is a new 28,000 sq ft pupil referral unit in Barnet, providing 73 young people with a modern, purpose-built learning environment. Replacing outdated temporary accommodation, the facility combines specialist teaching spaces, wellbeing-focused design and community sports facilities, helping students who cannot attend mainstream education feel valued, supported and inspired to achieve their potential.

The brief

To replace ageing and cramped portacabins with a modern, high-quality school that improves the educational experience and wellbeing of pupils, while also delivering community sporting facilities and enhanced outdoor spaces.



"I'm so proud of the effort and care everyone involved has given to making this a place that our young people deserve and where they can thrive."

Pauline Coakley Webb
Chair of Barnet Council's Children, Education
and Safeguarding Committee

“When young people arrived at our old buildings, their feelings of rejection and failure were often reinforced by the accommodation that they were faced with. Our new building has changed all that, and now young people arrive with a feeling of hope. They recognise that they are valued and have a real chance to start again.”

Joanne Kelly
Headteacher, The Pavilion Study Centre

The challenges

The project was delivered on a live school site, requiring students and staff to remain operational throughout construction. A phased programme was developed to safely accommodate new building works while maintaining educational activities. Extensive engagement with residents, community groups, Sports England, the local authority and other stakeholders was also required to secure support for the development and manage site constraints effectively.

The solution

GRAHAM delivered a state-of-the-art educational facility designed specifically to enhance pupil experience and wellbeing.

The new school provides science, art and technology workshops, an IT suite, music and drama spaces, a sports hall and multi-use games area. Organised around a central courtyard, the design promotes flexible learning, social interaction and passive supervision through clear sightlines and breakout spaces. Dedicated respite classrooms and intervention areas provide additional support for pupils requiring privacy and specialist assistance. Specialist teaching spaces benefit from direct access to outdoor areas, while the sports hall and MUGA can be accessed independently for community use outside school hours.

The result is a bright, spacious and welcoming environment that gives young people a positive place to learn, grow and succeed.

Outputs & Benefits

- / **Enhanced Pupil Experience:** Replaced ageing temporary accommodation with modern facilities that promote learning, confidence and wellbeing.
- / **Specialist Student Support:** Dedicated respite classrooms and intervention spaces provide tailored support for individual pupil needs.
- / **Community Value:** Sports hall, MUGA and enhanced playing field supports wider community use outside of school hours.
- / **Sustainable Design:** Features include rooftop solar panels, natural ventilation and sustainable drainage systems.
- / **Award Recognition:** Commended in the Green Apple Awards for delivering educational facilities with minimal environmental impact.
- / **Client Satisfaction:** Achieved a 93% score in client satisfaction surveys.



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