

Case Study

Education



Kingston University

Facts about the project

Kingston University Canteen, United Kingdom

Architect: Fraser Brown McKenna

Contractor: Logik Ceilings

Project size: 400m², 500 baffles

Project value: 25k

Products: Ecophon Solo Baffle 1200 x 300



When students at the Kingston Hill site of Kingston University in Surrey need to refuel, they can now drop into a totally refurbished canteen. The Foodstore is a recently transformed dining space that has become popular meeting point for groups of friends.

Architects, Fraser Brown Mackenna have designed a welcoming, inspiring space that's far from the typical noisy, clattery atmosphere so often associated with dining areas.

The canteen ceiling features a specially configured 3D diamond shape that creates an interesting focus for the 158-seater canteen. This striking design is not only an impressive talking point, it helps give the canteen a more muted, relaxed atmosphere.

Having worked with Ecophon products in previous projects, Fraser Brown Mackenna chose them again to help them to execute their ambitious designs for the new student canteen. For the ceiling, they used Ecophon Solo Baffle free-hanging unit system, which allowed them to create the diamond feature while also neatly accommodating any ducting. To add to the impact of the ceiling, the soffits were painted in contrasting colours.

"Fitting the baffles was a straightforward process and the panels went in very smoothly," said Steve Watters of Ecophon. "The

ceiling contractors, Logik, turned it all around very quickly in an extremely tight timeframe."

"Solo™ Baffles were chosen for both their aesthetic appearance and their acoustic performance. There had been noise issues in the old canteen where, now the acoustics are controlled very well."

And the overall finished results are exceptional. "It is a complete transformation of what wasn't a very pleasant space at all. We wanted to create something special and it is. Now it's interesting, vibrant and a completely new space with the ceiling as its main feature," said Urszula Halabuz of Fraser Brown Mackenna, Architects and who was closely involved in the project.

The servery area of the canteen was also given the Ecophon treatment. Products from the Hygiene Performance™ range were installed to tough it out against intensive cleaning regimes and hot, steamy food prepping conditions.

"We have another university canteen project currently in progress and will be working with Ecophon products again to create a similar effect," confirmed Urszula Halabus.

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