

High Care Hygiene for Modern Education

BPG Creates Gender Neutral Toilet Facilities at Chesterfield High School

CASE STUDY

SECTOR

Education

CLIENT

Chesterfield
High School

Modern built environments will always be subject to changes in policies and safety legislation to demonstrate progress in the methods & procedures that are used. More and more frequently, the spaces in the buildings themselves and the functions they serve are also changing in a similar way.

For pioneering education institutions such as Chesterfield High School in Liverpool this means making some big changes to the facilities that the students require.

Building the Future

BPG is always excited to be involved in projects that have innovation and ambition as part of the brief. It inevitably means that the results and methods of our work will be under much more scrutiny and viewed by a wider audience than usual. Creating gender neutral toilet facilities for Chesterfield High School was a way of ensuring that the school's policy of tolerance and inclusivity is clearly evident in the building itself and the BPG team were ready to make it happen in the best way possible.



Understanding The Challenge

The scale of this project dictated a timeline across 15 weeks meaning the BPG team and any subcontractors would be working inside a live school environment. All of the movements and requirements of pupils, teachers and supporting staff had to therefore be considered. This is always a complex logistical operation for education as the mass transit of pupils across the entire site happens at least five times per day following lesson times and breaks. Coordinating deliveries and the entrance and exits of a workforce & subcontractors means only the strongest lines of communications with the school and caretaking & facility staff will ensure the minimal disruption that BPG works towards.

The initial demolition phase of the project was also tightly scheduled to be as sympathetic as possible to work around open school hours. Our experience and understanding lead the programme of works towards completion without compromising the most important aspect of the school to continue their work with the pupils in the best way.

Scope of Works

Preparation work began with the demolition of the existing gym and female & male WC facilities. This gave us the footprint to construct the new gender neutral WC facilities to the agreed design. Works completed included:

- Installation of structural steels in place of structural walls to allow for a more open space
- Screed all floors
- Apply a resin finish to the prepared floors
- Install partition walls
- Apply all mechanical and electrical works
- Install Corian trough sinks
- Install sensor taps on sinks
- Create and install IPS cubicles with concealed cisterns
- Create the striking mural wall
- Implement hygienic cladding where appropriate
- Create a new Science Lab Technicians store room



A Pioneering Project

The innovative nature of the facilities that this work will provide has made BPG very much a part of the building future for high care environments in education. The Department for Education is due to publish guidance in the summer of 2024 that is expected to outline any exact requirements for spaces such as this in many schools and further education institutions across the country.

We are confident that what we have built is certain to become a showcase example of this work carried out to an extremely high standard that exceeds the client's expectations to provide such an important service.

“Chesterfield High School has taken a pioneering attitude to this challenge, and we are proud to have partnered with them along the way”

Adam Bell, Managing Director, BPG



High Care for Education Guarantee

The BPG High Care for Education Guarantee is developed through our extensive knowledge and experience in this sector. It is only ever awarded when the team are confident that the Building Projects Group standards have been met on all tasks by every team member and subcontractor involved.

This guarantee acts as an instant seal of approval for our clients to know that the BPG methodology and philosophy has been successfully followed on any school or education project.

 HighCarePlus

Let's Talk About Your Project

The team is always happy to talk about what we learned on previous projects. With the education sites subject to new focus in several ways, it's always a good idea to have that knowledge at your disposal.

Contact us to get talking and learn how we can help your school get the most from its next building project.

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