



Education

Bowmer & Kirkland is a privately owned Construction, Engineering and Development Group formed in 1923. From our Head Office in Derbyshire and Regional Offices in Manchester, Sunderland, Glasgow and Harrow, we are able to undertake projects throughout the UK. With an annual turnover approaching £1bn and over 80 years experience, we are the Company of choice for many prestigious blue-chip clients.

United Learning Trust

The United Learning Trust (ULT) is an educational charity, created to manage a number of Academies spread across the country; over the past few years Bowmer & Kirkland have been appointed to design and build several of these Academies on behalf of the Trust. Schemes already completed include Manchester City and Salford Academies. Bowmer & Kirkland have also been commissioned to undertake construction of Park and Springs Academies in Sheffield as well as Stockport and Barnsley Academies - again all for the ULT.

Manchester City Academy

Completed in March 2005, this £18m scheme is the newest place of learning in the Moss Side Area of Manchester. Originally the scheme was for refurbishment of the existing school, however additional funding enabled the scheme to be enlarged to include a new sports hall and Sixth Form buildings. The construction is of a steel frame design with various types of cladding to the exterior face of the building, the roof has curved, angled and flat profiles. The Academy hopes to fulfil a major role in the regeneration of the area by providing learning/training opportunities for parents, carers and others living nearby.



Sandwell Academy

Bowmer & Kirkland were invited to negotiate for the construction of the first Academy to be built under the National Academy Programme. Sandwell Academy - a 10,000 sq. m. specialist Sports Academy. The £21.5m scheme is located in Halfords Lane, West Bromwich (opposite The Hawthorns, home of West Bromwich Albion Football Club) and opened in September 2006. As WBA are one of the main sponsors of the Academy it is no surprise that sports facilities are stunning and include floodlit astro-turf pitches, sports hall, fitness centre along with dance and drama studios.

B&K Project Wins 2006 Awards for Restoration & Conversion



New Music Centre, Uppingham School, Rutland

The challenge was to insert a large building at a delicate junction between the school campus and the town. The location of the music centre site within a conservation area near the market square was highly sensitive as the site included three Grade II listed two storey cottages dating from 1687, and other listed buildings that had to be retained and incorporated into the scheme.

The finished scheme includes a skylit foyer linking the listed cottages to a larger new building containing the recital hall. The rear walls of the cottage which formed one side of the glazed link were partially re-built using ironstone salvaged from the garden walls on the site. This scheme received an accolade in the George Phillips Awards 2006 for Restoration & Conversion in recognition of a development which makes



a significant contribution to the built environment; it also picked up a Merit Award for Craftsmanship 2007 from the Leicestershire Joint Consultative Committee for the Building Industry as well as being shortlisted for an RIBA award.

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Sir Kevin Satchwell, Project Manager, Walsall Academy

New College Block Paves the Way to Extra Courses at Landau Forte



Bowmer & Kirkland have a long history of working with Landau Forte College in Derby and the construction of a new teaching block adjacent to the main entrance to the college is the most recent phase of development that has been undertaken. The building of the new teaching block, together with the Government's recent initiative to promote construction courses within schools and colleges have been the catalyst for a new GCSE course in Construction and the Built Environment; the knowledge and technical expertise brought to the school by Bowmer & Kirkland is proving to be an invaluable resource for the teaching staff. Bowmer & Kirkland are currently assisting the College in the design of a suitable external environment in which practical lessons for this course can take place. An external covered space with natural lighting, wind screens and safe storage of tools will be constructed.

The teaching block itself comprises a two-storey building providing additional teaching accommodation which was required to fulfil the College's future City Academy status. Architecturally the building uses materials and elements of the design theme for the existing college. This includes the provision of a steel frame predominantly enclosed in facing brickwork with concrete floors and stairs and a lightweight metal roof. The first floor is naturally lit from above by patent glazing at ridge level. The circulation areas are designed using fair-faced blockwork with hardwood veneered doors and trims to match the existing. The block has its own identity but follows the strong design theme of the original college.



Historic Roundhouse Project Gets Green Light



Full Steam Ahead for Derby Roundhouse

Bowmer & Kirkland are poised to transform Derby Roundhouse into brand new facilities for Derby College. The final piece of the funding jigsaw is at last, in place, giving Derby College the official go ahead and development of the site is now underway. Trustees of the Heritage Lottery Fund have officially approved the project, awarding a grant for £4.2 million, completing funding for the development, which will open to students early in 2009.

As a Grade II* listed building, in line with English Heritage, many of the Roundhouse's original features will be restored, maintaining the overall character of the building. The development will involve the restoration of the main Roundhouse building, which currently houses a central turntable used to move engines around when the Roundhouse was still in use for its original purpose of repairing steam engines; the nearby newer buildings will be developed as an annex for the college. As well as being the College's flagship site, the Roundhouse will be opened as a visitor centre and social hub for people to meet and learn more about the City's history in line with the Heritage Lottery Fund's requirements.

Steven Chambers, Area Director for Bowmer & Kirkland says: "We are very pleased to hear that the College has been awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and that the project is able to finally start. All our staff are excited by the prospect of working on this scheme; helping to restore the buildings and transforming them into the new College. During our careers we rarely have the opportunity of working on such an historic scheme and it will allow our tradesmen a real opportunity to use their specialist skills."



Bowmer & Kirkland have undertaken more than 80 Education projects in Primary, Secondary, Further and Higher Education facilities providing a learning environment for in excess of 25,000 students



What our clients say...

Sir Ewan congratulated Bowmer & Kirkland on their 'exemplary performance' both on Salford City Academy and on the previous project, Manchester Academy.

Sir Ewan Harper, Chairman, United Learning Trust

"Bowmer & Kirkland are the only Construction Company I have worked with in recent years that has been able to combine the best traditions of building contracting with the demands of current time pressures."

David Hearsom, Estates Manager, Uppingham School

"We have worked with B&K on three major projects. The original build of Landau Forte College, an external extension to the building and an internal re-modelling and extension. The projects have been undertaken whilst the college was in session and in all cases we have found the B&K team to be well organised and efficient, with minimum disruption to our day-to-day operations and constructive in their dialogue with us as the projects developed. Health & Safety performance was excellent and all three projects were delivered on time and within budget"

Stephen Whiteley, Principal, Landau Forte College, Derby

"The performance of Bowmer & Kirkland is most impressive. The Academy opened on time, on budget and to a very high standard. What was most refreshing was the openness and honesty with which the team conducted the construction activities. Bowmer & Kirkland are a professional, efficient and trustworthy company and I have no hesitation in recommending them."

Sir Kevin Satchwell, Project Manager, Walsall Academy

"I am ever grateful to you and your team for working with us throughout the build stages to ensure we achieved such a high quality Centre. I always appreciated your patience in explaining the technical side of the building whilst listening to our wishes/wants. I believe we jointly achieved a great outcome. You should be aware of how much it meant to myself and the staff to be able to gain access to the building a month ahead of schedule."

Olivia Dean, Strategic Director, Joseph Wright Centre, Derby

Recent Education Projects by Bowmer & Kirkland

Derby

New Teaching Block
Landau Forte College

West Bromwich

New City Academy
Sandwell Academy Trust

Eccles

New Academy
United Learning Trust

Nottingham

Teaching Accommodation & Sports Hall
Bilborough College

Uppingham

New Music School
The Trustees of Uppingham School

Manchester

New City Academy
United Learning Trust

Derby

New Student Campus
Cedar House Investments Ltd.

Northwood

New Performing Arts Centre
Northwood College