



Award winning library

The Duston School

The Duston School, in Northamptonshire, is a successful Business, Enterprise and Science Specialist College of 1,300 students. Their revamped library, The Hub, has become central in helping students learn and enjoy the concept of study and work.

What is so amazing about The Hub is that it is a totally untraditional library both in terms of use of space and staffing. A flexible space with furnishings that can be easily constructed and deconstructed – no special tools, no special skills, no strong staff or students required!

Examples of the versatility of the space means that The Hub is now used to host Awards' evenings, parents' evenings, the school Christmas Fair and even a 15m cable stayed bridge as part of a 'Bridge to Schools Session'.

To create a truly welcoming space Demco specified funky furnishings, bright bean bags and multi coloured pods to sit alongside traditional study tables and chairs. The matt black shelving looks stylish and contemporary with a bookshop feel and allow for a good balance of face on display. Individual quick pick display units are placed throughout the library so books are strongly featured but not the sole centre of attraction.

With a 90% occupancy on most days. The Hub has met all these requirements and fulfils the school motto – to make our best better.

The Duston School library, winner of SLA Library Design Award 2012.