

landscape architecture: education

Capita Symonds provides a wide range of landscape and urban design services, encompassing education, residential, commercial, infrastructure, public realm and recreation developments.



Education is an important sector for Capita Symonds in the provision of consultancy services in partnership with preschool, primary, secondary and tertiary education. We are leading the way with academies and working with local authorities and central government as well as contractors and delivery vehicles such as PFI. We are thought leaders and opinion formers in education, design and sustainability. We are a founding member of the British Council for School Environments an association where best practice and creative ideas are shared. We continue to deliver an integrated and innovative approach to education through our in-house research and development team and have developed design manuals for our private sector partners. We foster a culture of mutual understanding between built and soft environment professionals, with a wealth of expertise gained from designing primary, secondary, higher and further education level schemes.

Services provided:

- landscape planning and masterplanning
- environmental regeneration strategies
- environmental impact assessment
- urban design & public realm
- social housing environmental regeneration
- historic landscapes

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South Lanarkshire PPP, Scotland

Capita Symonds is delivering Landscape Architecture services to 10 schools as part of the £200m South Lanarkshire PPP programme for Morgan Ashhurst (Amec). Capita Symonds is providing landscape consultancy from inception to completion including initial bid submission, outline design, extensive planning process, implementation to completion and engaged with the end users as part of an extensive process of consultation.



Newfield Special Needs School, Blackburn

The outline brief required the development of a new special school to replace the current buildings at a new location for the provision of national curriculum based education, to pupils aged between 2 and 19 designated as having complex learning difficulties. The building design required a number of class bases, specialised teaching areas, therapy areas and ancillary accommodation, ICT, induction loop and disabled access provision was required for all areas. The project utilised design workshops with attendance by all parties involved in the project; including the end-user, client, design team and contractor. Capita Symonds provided Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Mechanical & Electrical, and Quantity Surveying services.



Childrens Centres, Blackburn

Capita Symonds delivered a multidisciplinary service which included Landscape Architecture multiple Sure Start Children's Centres through the Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council strategic partnership. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council was selected as the overall winner of The Guardian Newspaper 'Public Services Team Award for Children's Services 2004' and the overall 'Best Team Award'. The judges called the project "a clear winner demonstrating joined-up government at its best, linking 12 different agencies to improve services for children".



St Michaels & St Johns, Blackburn

Capita Symonds is providing Landscape Architecture, Mechanical & Electrical, Clerk of Works and Energy Technician services, on the redevelopment of St Michaels with St Johns school for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. The final design created a sustainable self sufficient facility which is one of the few in the area which incorporates a sprint track. The design creates a secure space for children and increases future revenue gained through community use. The sustainability of the site was addressed in its design stage with long lasting, hardwearing materials utilised and a structured maintenance programme put in place. All materials were either re-used or recycled on site where possible and all contractors used in the project were locally sourced.



South Tyneside and Gateshead Building Schools for the Future (STAG BSF)

Capita Symonds has recently embarked on the design of two new schools as part of the Inspired Spaces consortium with Carillion to deliver the transforming education agenda throughout South Tyneside and Gateshead. Capita Symonds is providing design services including, Landscape Design lead consultant, Architecture, Cost Management, Civil and Structural Engineering, Acoustics, Fire and DDA consultancy. The two schools are substantial remodels, the schemes are at early stages with an extensive engagement and consultation process underway led by the educationalists and the design team.



Lancashire Building Schools for the Future (BSF), Burnley & Pendle

Capita Symonds expertise is being used in the delivery of the initial phases and associated projects and to advise and support new project approval and delivery within this joint venture with Lancashire County Council for the creation of a Local Education Partnership (East Lancs. LEP £250m PFI funded BSF programme). Capita Symonds provides partnering and education services, lead consultant for the design team which includes Architecture, Landscape Design, Cost Management, Transport Infrastructure, Civil and Structural Engineering, Acoustics, Fire and DDA consultancy. The BSF programme is delivering the new strategic partnership in East Lancashire which will radically improve the quality of the school estate over the next 10 years. The current phase 1 (of 3 phases) of the partnership is delivering new build school and community facilities on three sites in Burnley and Pendle.

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