



A level of Excellence

seven are very pleased to announce the successful delivery of country's newest Sixth form College, in Rochdale, the first new Sixth Form to be created since 2004.

seven have closely worked with the Learning and Skills Council and multiple stakeholders since 2006 in the development of the BREEAM Excellent, flagship project which was delivered on-time and in budget by contractor, Bardsley, ready for the College's first student intake in early September 2010.

The £19m, 6 storey building provides over 8,000m² of general and specialist accommodation including a state-of-the-art science lab suite, a 160 seat theatre, dance and drama studios, art studios and media labs and a wide variety of flexible, teaching and learning environments, all supported by the latest in collaborative technology.

A sculptural timber-clad staircase rises through the top-lit central atrium space, greatly aiding user orientation and creating a dramatic heart to the college. This arrangement also allows for flexible zoning of the building for varying access requirements over the day and year.

The internal plan configuration is designed to maximize daylight and views out. Glazed screens offer glimpses to outside and into class spaces throughout the College, aiding the passive supervision of students by staff as they move through the building.

Externally, the building derives its form and materiality from the region's great mill buildings, once the engines behind Rochdale's textile industry.

The building will be officially opened by HRH the Duke of Gloucester in October.

