

Case Study

Education

Preston College

Facts about the project:

Preston College, Preston, United Kingdom

Architect: IBI Handforth

Contractor: Conlon Construction, Preston

Project size: 200m²

Products: Akusto Wall, Solo Rectangle

The £3 million In-Zone is a new link building and breakout space at Preston College that opened at the beginning of the academic year in September 2014. It connects three existing college premises on the Fulwood Campus, providing an improved student reception area for enrolment, student services and the careers guidance team. Accessibility, connectivity and circulation around the campus have also been improved.

In-Zone is a large, double height space, that acts as a busy hub for the college's students and staff, so both an effective and aesthetic acoustic treatment was crucial to its success. To address this, Ecophon, along with architects, IBI Handforth, worked on creating the optimal acoustic solution for the new space. As well as Solo™ Rectangle for ceilings, Akusto™ Texona vertical panels were specified for walls, in a selection of colours.

This has helped create an inviting space that is both impactful and impressive, and has attracted favourable comments from the MC and the college.

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