

Case study: Franklin-Wilkins & IoP Libraries

Project Brief

Responding to the needs of King's College students and members of the Learning & Teaching Space Improvement Board, all libraries had to provide modern, flexible learning spaces that could be used in a number of ways.

Solution

Modern, flexible working and social spaces were needed to transform the libraries into multifunctional technology-rich study environments with expanded silent study areas. New study zones give students a choice over how and when they work. Social seating areas encourage collaborative work. Group study rooms and meeting pods can be pre-booked using touch LCD screens, quiet spaces offer areas for concentrated study and the information hubs offer students a broad range of services. Flexible learning is here to stay.



Implementation

In the months running up to building handover, JPA worked closely with the key stakeholders to finalise furniture specification, fabrics and finishes. Installations were phased in order to keep site disruption to a minimum over the busy summer months and effective lines of communication therefore essential.

Involving students in the change process proved to be an effective strategy and feedback on the new areas has been extremely positive, endorsing Franklin-Wilkins as a 'fresh and modern library that is simple to navigate and a flexible working environment'.

