

Real Value for Money

Case Study: Highgate Wood School



The project at Highgate Wood has provided a relatively modest investment of £4.9m. Yet this has been used to such good effect that it has already made a significant change to the teaching and learning opportunities available. Furthermore it has transformed the look, feel and ambience of the school. This has been achieved through close consultation between the school, the local authority, and the design team.

This good communication provided the right climate for creative thinking and good early

design developed through Watkins Gray International. This is in evidence for example in the design of the LRC or the dining space.

Furthermore, the school demonstrated a willingness to contribute its own funds to improve areas of the school. This brought overall benefits to the whole. The programme's rigorous Variation Control process was well controlled and resulted in the project completing within budget with surplus contingency.