

SCHUSTER ANNEXE, MANCHESTER UNI

CASE STUDY



Sector: Education

Client: Willmott Dixon

System: Window Pod, Cladding, Fascias & Soffits, Cappings & Perforated Plant Screen

PROJECT OVERVIEW.

The new Schuster Building annexe is home to Manchester University's School of Physics and Astronomy. The four-storey, 2,500m² building has been designed to become a catalyst for excellence in teaching and learning and its construction has helped reinforce the University's position as a world leader in STEM technology. On this striking modern development, JWD were chosen to provide a wide range of architectural aluminium solutions totalling over £300K.

THE SOLUTION.

The project presented a number of challenges, not least because of its busy city centre location. There was also tight access to the site so careful planning and experienced logistical management was therefore essential to ensure that all works ran smoothly. Communication was also key, as the JWD Operatives needed to work closely with other specialist contractors, such as glazers and brickworkers, due to the complex nature of various envelope details.

A comprehensive range of aluminium solutions was supplied and fitted on this project, helping to give it a truly stunning final appearance. Headlining this was the huge, four-storey 'picture frame' perforated window pod which gives the building's frontage a distinctive and futuristic look. Elsewhere, JWD provided the aluminium fascias and soffits, bespoke cladding and wall cappings, and an aluminium perforated screen to creatively conceal the large amount of plant on the roof area.

Overall, this project perfectly demonstrates JWD's diverse range of quality aluminium solutions. All works were completed on time and within budget, leaving both the client and the University extremely pleased with the results.



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