



HIGH SCHOOL
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 A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

New Entrance, Denbigh High School, Luton

Client: Denbigh High School

Project value: £78,000

Problem:

Denbigh High School in Luton has an impressive building façade dating back to the 1930s. Very few changes had been made to the main entrance since the time of first construction, and consequently it was in need of modernisation and refurbishment. The entrance hall had dark timber 1930s wainscoting throughout and sets of heavy double oak doors. In addition, the school's reception areas, administration department and head teacher's office needed reconfiguration; the rooms were cluttered and badly laid out following years of being added to with ad hoc pieces of furniture, IT equipment and wiring.

Solution:

PCMS Design carefully examined the potential for making a series of internal alterations with the aim of creating a modern, well-presented entrance hall and improved reception suite of offices. A scheme was devised to remodel the entrance, removing a set of double doors and using bespoke glazing to transform a dramatic archway which leads into the main corridor. A new neater reception hatch was formed with a natural oak counter, and the internal spaces were reconfigured; this included taking down some walls and re-forming new doorways. The timber wainscot panelling had to be carefully adapted and replaced. Construction works were carried out during the school's summer holiday to minimise disruption.

Result:

The entrance to the school has been transformed with glazing, reconfiguration, flooring, lighting and decoration into a much more modern space. Visitors to the school are greeted within a light entrance hall with a new reception hatch, which has also allowed security for visitors and staff to be tightened. Staff are delighted that their working spaces have been improved. Head Teacher Colin Townsend said: "PCMS Design produced a scheme that has impressively transformed our school entrance, whilst at the same time improving the working conditions for our administration staff. The process was well designed and managed, and I could certainly recommend the PCMS Design team for any education site development project."