



BPP University: crafting the ideal learning environment

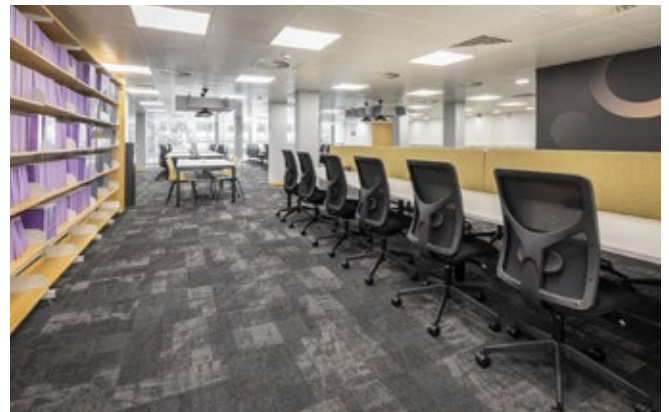
DYNAMIC REFRESH. INNOVATIVE DESIGN. HAPPY STUDENTS.

“Is there a better time than now to refresh our facilities?” That’s the question BPP University asked themselves during the pandemic lockdown, when the number of students actively visiting and working out of physical buildings was at an all-time low.

The answer of course was “yes”.

The University, which counts around 15,000 students across 13 centres in eight locations throughout England (and online around the world), quickly moved to identify suitable buildings for refurbishment.

Innovation and creativity were bywords for a project centred on adapting student spaces in advance of a mass return to in-person learning. Which is exactly what you’d expect from a university that had already made history by becoming the first publicly owned company in the UK to obtain degree-awarding powers.





They also needed a design and implementation partner, which quickly led to conversations with Form Workplace Solutions – due to an on-going relationship that has seen us deliver on a range of diverse projects over a good many years. Basically we know what they want in terms of functional requirements, what they like from a design perspective, and have in-depth knowledge of most of their buildings.

Initial activity focused on BPP University’s Holborn facility, which is their hub for legal training. The brief was simple: help refresh the student facilities and introduce a modern look and feel to the overall environment. In response, we quickly got to work devising plans for the refurbishment – including new flooring designs and the replacement of well-worn furniture that had served the institution well, but was showing signs of wear and tear!

Importantly, branding was also top of mind. This we kept subtle, with an emphasis on providing best-in-class facilities that are consistent with today’s student expectations for a modern learning experience. Doing this meant a clear focus on aspects such as acoustics and space, as well as the provision of more private areas to provide student ‘quiet spaces’.

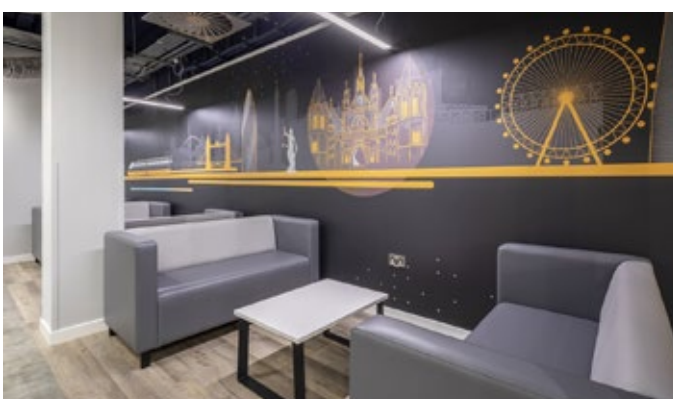
In addition, we also introduced:

- high and low study positions,
- a creative break out facility in the basement – complete with lounge seating,
- a range of large and small tables to encourage further student interactions, and
- ease of access to power for mobile devices.

All of which was imagined, developed, implemented, and signed off in time to welcome students back for the new academic year. Job done.

“We have worked with Form on a number of projects during which they have built an understanding of how we work and how our facilities should look. On this project, we have been able to update our student facilities seamlessly managing the design and visualisation, so we knew what we were getting before they even set foot on site. Form delivered the works on time and within budget.”

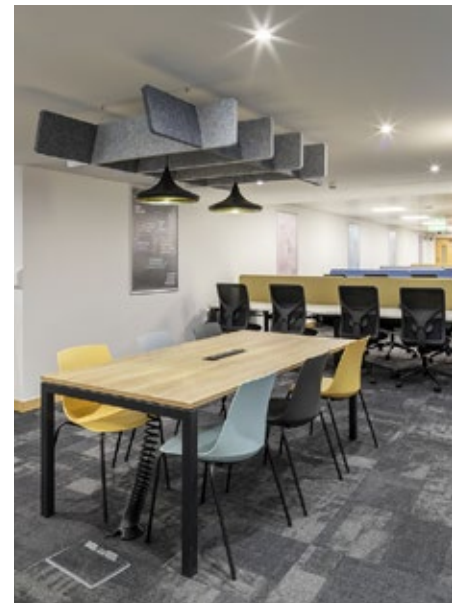
Maggie Parker, Head of Property, BPP University



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Client: BPP University
Project: Legal learning facilities refresh, Holborn, London

- ✓ Interior Design
- ✓ Partitioning
- ✓ Flooring
- ✓ Acoustics
- ✓ Small power
- ✓ Lighting modifications
- ✓ Feature lighting
- ✓ Decoration
- ✓ Branding
- ✓ Flooring design
- ✓ Furniture selection and procurement



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