

Oxford Brookes University chooses Style for new Building



Oxford Brookes University's Clerici redevelopment saw the University's former main entrance building transformed into a hub for teaching, learning and study, with thirty teaching rooms, a collaborative lecture theatre, social learning spaces, and other exciting facilities.

Working with architect, Ostic + Williams, and contractor, McLaughlin & Harvey, Style was specified to divide the new Sir Kenneth Wheare Hall using a Skyfold moveable wall.

Skyfold is the ingenious, vertically rising, fully automatic, acoustic moveable wall housed discreetly in a ceiling cavity, and descending gracefully at the push of a button.

To sub-divide a room of this size, the Skyfold is 18.8 metres wide with a clear opening height of 7 metres, making it an enormous task requiring the very best in technical ability, project management and health and safety; the final solution becoming a real showpiece in a chic bone white finish.

"To be chosen for such a high profile installation is always an honour," said Julian Sargent, Style's group managing director. "The Skyfold is absolutely perfect for a room of this type, taking up no floor space at all when not in use and lowering into place to divide the room.

"It also delivers an acoustic seal of such quality that concurrent events can take place either side, completely undisturbed."

Style is the exclusive UK partner to Skyfold which has seen huge popularity in universities, schools and colleges. It is also used extensively in company board rooms, hotels and conference centres.

