



BELLE VUE ACADEMY

Manchester

As part of the Co Op Academy Group, Belle Vue is a community where pupils from different backgrounds, beliefs, and cultures grow together.

Belle Vue Academy has moved into its newly-built facility. The building has a capacity for 1200 pupils and includes a community hub, practical science laboratories, library, and IT suite, along with a teaching block and adjoining drama block.

They required a versatile and adaptable D&T practical teaching space.



The Co-op Academy delivery team worked with WF Education to plan and implement the Design and Technology facility. The installation included an adaptable workshop and prep room and included mobile work and machinery benches, equipment (including a brazing hearth, ACM 540 Education Bandsaw, bench top metal lathe, PRO CNC Router with F1 Package, PCB engraver, 3D printer, Laser) and a wide variety of hand tools, power tools, and materials. They chose an Onyx Grey finish from the Akira™ colour palette, with accents of blue, giving the room a fresh and contemporary feel.

The heavy-duty and mobile Akira™ system which has future-proofed the D&T facilities, gives teachers and technicians multiple options to change the activity and layout quickly and easily at any point in the future.



The workshop space incorporates a clever mix of traditional static workbenches coupled with Akira™ mobile, machinery workbenches offering Belle Vue Academy a practical space perfect for teaching fabrication.

They required a mix of machinery benches with pillar drills, scrollsaws, and a bandfacer, which includes under-bench extraction where appropriate, as well as useful additional cupboards and tray storage for tools and materials (selected from our TSL range).

'This new facility represents not just bricks and mortar, but an investment in the future of our students and community.'

Scott Fletcher
Headteacher, Belle Vue Academy

