

JBS Haldane Student Hub

THE BRIEF

The JBS Haldane Student Hub (previously the old Histology Laboratory) needed to provide quality student space for mixed modes of study and relaxation with sufficient capacity for 145 students. It is one of the new student-centred social study spaces which have been developed in line with the UCL Bloomsbury Masterplan to enhance the student experience. Furniture, finishes and textures were put forward by JPA to create a vibrant, stimulating and functional collaborative learning environment.



CASE STUDY





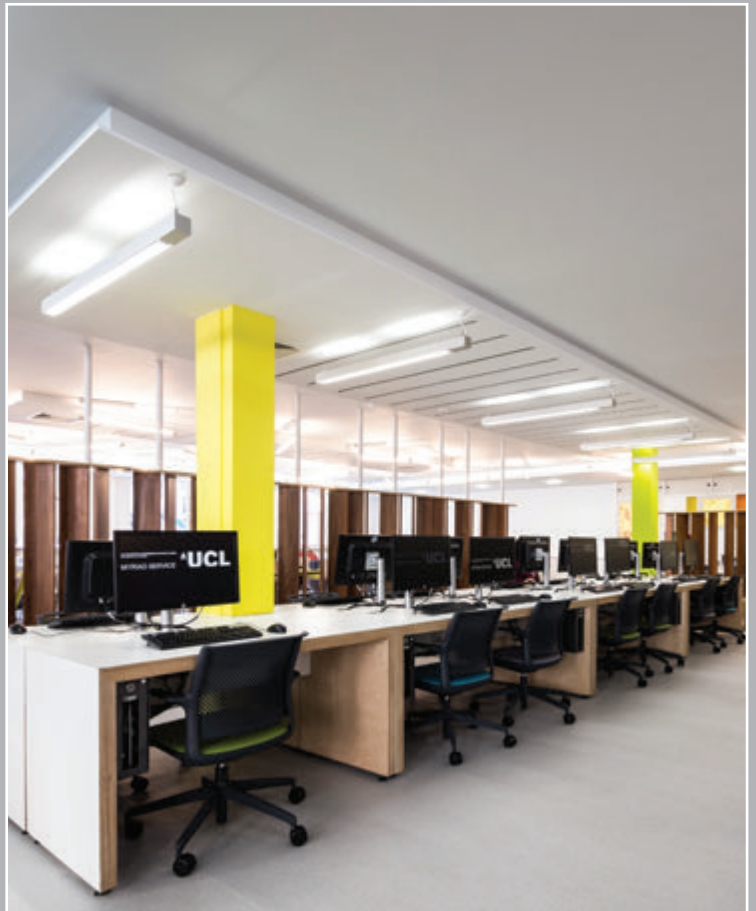
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THE SOLUTION

Working closely with the architect, a palette of green, pink, orange and yellow was chosen for the furniture and feature walls. The large area was divided into zones by a two metre high slatted screens, innovatively recycling the teak benches from the Histology Laboratory. Soft seating areas were located around the perimeter and windows, with two long benches in the centre providing fourteen built in computers and monitors. The south windowless wall includes a number of plectum-learning tables for groups of four to six; and a buffer zone includes more group learning tables and a 'snake bench'. Two small rooms off the main space provide interactive screen study spaces for up to six students.

THE IMPLEMENTATION

With our own delivery and installation teams, the JPA operations department liaised closely over a number of weeks with the Estates Department, Architect and Builder to ensure a smooth transition from building handover to operational status.



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