



Refurbishment of Dormitory Block

PROJECT TITLE	Refurbishment of Powell House
CLIENT	Trustees of Downside Abbey General Trust
ARCHITECT	NVB Architects
CONTRACT VALUE	£206,381
DURATION OF WORKS	8 weeks
COMPLETION	2nd September 2011
PROCUREMENT METHOD	Tender
CONTRACT NO	1556

Powell House comprised two buildings joined together by a timber-framed, covered walkway / link corridor. Building No.1 is a two storey construction, which originally comprised open plan dormitories, while building No. 2 is a single storey construction and originally comprised toilets, showers, changing facilities and a laundry room. The refurbishment works comprised removal of all ceilings, floor coverings and the covered walkway. The open plan dormitories were divided into smaller rooms to accommodate between 4 and 8 pupils in each section. New mechanical and electrical installations, painting and flooring was completed throughout. The toilet and shower cubicles all had new furniture fitted and the existing laundry was converted into a TV room for students. Existing accommodation used by the House Master was upgraded with new mechanical and electrical installations, painting and flooring. A new roof was constructed for the link corridor and new curtain walling constructed at each end. The works took place during the summer holidays, although the school was occupied by a summer school. The timescale for the project was very tight. However, with careful planning prior to the works commencing and fortnightly client progress meetings during the works to discuss and resolve any issues, we were able to meet the deadline.