



An exterior monolith prominently displays the College corporate identity. This is an important detail for an institution which is spread over several sites.

Wigan and Leigh College

Since the amalgamation of Wigan and Leigh Colleges in 1992 the new institution has undertaken a development programme, both new build and the refurbishment of existing premises, involving seven sites in all.

Working in close collaboration with the college services team, Modulex is providing consultancy and sign systems for this important ongoing project.





Effective wayfinding is essential to the smooth running of a public facility like the College, where many users may be unfamiliar with the layout. From directories to destination signs, wall-mounted or suspended, this Modulex system provides the right information at the right time, in the right place.



Business challenges

The College has inherited a mixed portfolio of sites, with premises of varying ages. Some have suburban settings with exterior areas while others are located on town centre streets with more than one entrance, making both security and wayfinding difficult.

Internally, as is often the case in educational facilities, change is frequent and the services team must deal with the usual problems of damage and general wear and tear.

Government policy, aimed at optimizing return on investment in education, currently encourages the increasing use of school and college facilities by older people and those of varied ethnic background, introducing new user groups and language issues to the field of educational sign design.

All of this requires a thorough knowledge of the subject and access to reliable products.

Solutions

The unprecedented investment in education currently under way in the UK is providing Modulex with useful experience

in the signing of educational facilities. This expertise has been deployed in Wigan and Leigh where key concepts of hierarchy and rationalization are being introduced. The success of initial projects and the ongoing collaboration have allowed the team to develop a simple and cost-effective solution for all the Wigan and Leigh College sites. Functionally flexible and visually consistent internally and externally, the Modulex Pacific range has proved capable of adapting to different layouts and architectural styles.

As the programme continues the Modulex consultants are gaining valuable insight into the needs of the client. Communicating new requirements, re-ordering and maintenance are getting easier to deal with, leading to real efficiency of procurement.

Benefits

The continuity of the relationship with Wigan and Leigh College has achieved significant savings in time and money. The flexibility of the sign system is easing the problems of change and replacement, and ensuring consistent application of the College corporate identity.

And most importantly, effective signing helps ensure a positive experience for the user, supporting the College in its goal to improve the efficiency of its facilities and provide the highest standards of education.

The Modulex consultants have taught us a lot about signage in the course of this programme.

They are helpful and knowledgeable.

The product is good too - a flexible and robust system

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