

# NEW COLLEGE STAMFORD

DIGITAL SKILLS CENTRE



# THE OUTLINE

New College Stamford is a further education college based in Stamford. It opened back in 1967 as Stamford Technical College and business and IT is still heavily invested in here as part of their courses, apprenticeships and more.

As with all digital and technology environments, its key to keep up to speed with modern times. It was apparent to Rob Cottrell (Director of IT & Rescources) that their entire 5th floor which is dedicated to this area needed some investment to aid the growth of the skill sets in local employees.

This would also hopefully attract new business for the college, being able to offer quality training as part of the digital sector.

# THE PLAN

After many meetings with key members at the college, we knew this wasn't going to be a small task. The 5th floor alone needed to house x4 classrooms as well as multi functional group spaces which could only be created by completely gutting the space, ripping down the existing partitions and stripping it back to an empty shell.

As part of the 5th floor works to create the new Digital Skills Centre, Rob would need to rehouse his IT team and refurbish the stairwells leading up to the area. This also included 'Melbourne Road' which is a small entrance space at the bottom of the stairs that the college wanted to tie in with the works and turn into another group space.

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# THE WORKS

Over a schedule of seven weeks, we completed the following:

- Strip out of electrics, radiators, furnishings, carpets and existing partitioning
- New ceiling grid
- Partitioning works - including glass
- Decoration works
- Flooring/carpeting
- Electrical and lighting works
- Cladding works
- New exist door removal and installation
- Removal of AC unit
- Raised floor works around the lift
- New handrails & banisters
- Installation of furnishings







# THE RESULT

Local employers, councilors and governors joined the college to officially open the new Digital Skills Centre which now replicates a professional, working agency environment, kitted out with the latest smart technology. The space is bright, bold and inviting, in comparison to the dull and outdated environment that was once before.

This has marked a new era of learning and teaching at the college, and is a commitment to ensuring the college is future-proofed for both the students and the digital skills sector.









# THE FEEDBACK

"It certainly hasn't disappointed. The room itself is a fantastic space to learn and work. There are numerous computer workstations and seating which allows our students to sit comfortably, discuss ideas and learn in a collaborative way."

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