



Ashington Academy Extension

Client - Northumberland County Council

Sector - Education | Completed - December 2015 | Cost £3.75M

Services Delivered

- Project Management
- Quantity Surveying
- All main design team related services

Aura were appointed through the NEPO Framework in July 2014 by Northumberland County Council to provide multi-disciplinary design team services for RIBA Stages 1-3+ for the design of a new Advanced Learning Centre at Ashington High School Sports College (now Ashington Academy).



“Aura provided multi-disciplinary design team services for RIBA Stages 1-3. The scheme was to extend the existing tired high school building into a new secondary facility. Aura’s design not only created the additional space, but rejuvenated the entire front of the building into what looked like a new school from the entrance boulevard”. Lawrence Inkster, Project Manager on behalf of Northumberland County Council.



The brief for the project was to create an Advanced Learning Centre (ALC) to provide a range of flexible, technology enabled individual and group learning spaces for students and staff, SCITT students from Northumbria University, 800+ Adult Learners and the wider community.

In addition to the ALC facility the extension also accommodates new ‘post 16’ study areas, facilities for music and drama, including a drama studio/lecture theatre and a new public entrance to the school as a whole with reception area and admin offices.

“It’s very exciting to see the building I hope students and the wider community will make full use of the fantastic facilities here for many years to come.” Rob Kitching, Principal, Ashington High School / Academy.