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Project: The Yorkshire Schools Programme



A vibrant Deans Trust Academy, thanks to FunderMax

Materials:

3,900m² FunderMax Max Exterior in classic Rubinus Red, Carbon Grey and Dark Grey

Fixing System:

Bracket and rail - Nvelope

Architect:

Atkins Global

Main Contractor:

Laing O'Rourke

Brief:

A high pressure laminate solution that would fit the specified budget, but also last the test of time

Challenges:

A 22 week turnaround project meant reliance on accurate off-site fabrication to support a speedier install.

How VIVALDA helped:

Precision CNC and pre-drilling of all panels, which were palletised and delivered in accordance to the requirements, saving valuable time and money during the installation process on-site.

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The latest school to have undergone the FunderMax Max Exterior treatment is The Deans Trust Academy in Manchester, part of a £150 million scheme won by Laing O'Rourke to rejuvenate schools around the Yorkshire region. As part of this Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP), VIVALDA Hull already fabricated and successfully supplied Samuel Lister and Beckfoot upon Heaton in Bradford, both completed on time and on budget.

With the design stamp of Atkins Global, this outstanding and vibrant new building further enhances the school's branding and identity. In the initial design stages, VIVALDA were happy to introduce FunderMax as a high-impact HPL solution that offers an excellent level of durability and longevity - a recommendation that was backed by a credible 'hail impact resistance' testing - whereby solid ice canons are fired on different areas of the panel at high speed. The results indicating zero impact.

With over 100 decors, the architects easily found the right colour pallet for each school under the PSBP scheme. A further advantage for FunderMax was the availability of 4 panel sizes, which proved to minimise waste when calculated through

VIVALDA's in-house optimisation tools. On such a large scale build, minimising waste and therefore cost became an attractive quality that the FunderMax Max Exterior product was able to offer.

Once the façade type and product were established, conversations then turned to the tight schedule for the build. The Deans Trust Academy was completed in just 22 weeks from beginning to final completion. With the help of VIVALDA's pre-fabricated panels and the expertise of the installers, installation proved to be straightforward and speedy, all guided by a carefully planned modular schedule.

Building in the education sector is quite often bound by rigid budgets, which often means compromises on materials and the desired look of the building. Thanks to the innovation in product from FunderMax, these challenges are now becoming a thing of the past: *"Creativity is no longer a 'nice to have', but a pre-requisite, made possible by materials such as Max Exterior and its extensive decor range. This has been a really rewarding project, and despite the tight timelines we've managed to deliver - thanks to everyone's determined efforts."* Paul Hughes, Director of Sales UK

Based on the successful roll-out of three PSBP projects, VIVALDA Hull sights are firmly set on supporting the Manchester Enterprise Academy with 3,500m² of FunderMax Max Exterior.



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