



British Council for School Environments

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BCSE awards celebrate the best in UK school design and construction

The British Council for School Environments (BCSE) has announced the winners of its inaugural awards for best practice in UK design and construction of schools.

More than 140 entries vied for the top slots of the awards, announced at a ceremony at Old Trafford, home of Manchester United FC on Tuesday February 12th. Entries were received from architects, contractors, suppliers, local authorities and schools themselves for submission across 15 categories covering key areas of the design, building and equipping of schools.

Ty Goddard, director of the BCSE, said:

“We’re delighted to have received so many entries for the awards. The quality of entries led to some rigorous debate amongst the judges, and shows that investment in schools is producing fantastic projects which we can be proud of and all learn from.

“Our thanks go to all the architects, construction firms, suppliers, local authorities, schools and everyone else involved in these projects for being willing to invest their time and energy to ensure our children and teachers have inspiring, functional schools to learn and teach in.

“These awards are a big ‘thank you’ to all those helping to make our schools better.”

The finalists and winners are:

Inspiring design – early years

DSDHA for Paradise Park Children’s Centre in Islington, London - **Winner**
Architype Ltd for Brookhill Sure Start & Community Centre in Woolwich, London – Highly commended
DSDHA for William Bellamy Children’s Centre in Barking, London – Highly commended.

Inspiring design - primary school

Studio E Architects for Larmenier & Sacred Heart Primary School in Hammersmith, London - **Winner**

HLM Architects for Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre in Barnsley, Yorkshire – Highly commended

Walters & Cohen for Redbrook Hayes School in Rugely, Staffordshire – Highly commended.

Inspiring design – secondary school

AHMM for Westminster Academy in West London - **Winner**

Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios for Samworth Academy in Leicester – Highly commended

Foster + Partners for Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire – Highly commended

Penoyre & Prasad LLP for Minster School in Southwell, Nottinghamshire – Highly commended.

Inspiring design – best extension to a secondary school

Hopkins Architects for Bryanston School in Blandford, Dorset - **Winner**

Studio E Architects for Townley Grammar School for Girls in Bexleyheath, Kent – Highly commended.

Inspiring design – special needs

B3 Architects for Threeways School in Bath, Somerset - **Winner**

Willmott Dixon for Orchard School in Oldbury, Sandwell – Highly commended.

Best refurbishment/remodel – primary/secondary

Curl la Tourelle Architects for Fitzjohn's Primary School in Camden, London - **Winner**

Hunter & Partners for Crawley Down Primary School in Crawley, West Sussex – Highly commended

Sheffield City Council for Chaucer Business and Enterprise College in Sheffield – Highly commended.

Best school contractor

Willmott Dixon for Orchard School in Oldbury, Sandwell - **Winner**

GF Tomlinson Building Ltd for Netherfield Primary School in Netherfield, Nottingham – Highly commended

J & E Regan (Builders & Contractors) Ltd for Mounts Bay School in Penzance, Cornwall – Highly commended.

Best use of ICT to create a learning community

Pinacl Solutions for Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough - **Winner**
RM Education for Abbots Green Community School in Bury St Edmunds.

Best specialist supplier on a school project

Buro Four for John Madejski Academy in Reading - **Winner**
Whitecroft Lighting for Skanska for Bristol Brunel Academy in Speedwell,
Bristol – Highly commended
Studio Myerscough for AHMM for Westminster Academy in London – Highly
commended.

Greening the school community award

Haverstock Associates Architects/Stepnell Ltd for Whitecross High School
and Specialist Sports College in Hereford - **Winner**
Studio E Architects & Max Fordham LLP for Larmenier & Sacred Heart
Primary School in Hammersmith, London – Highly commended.

Best supply chain on a school project

Manchester City Council for Rolls Crescent Primary School in Manchester -
Winner
Pinacl Solutions for Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough.

Best client team on a school project

Mounts Bay School in Penzance, Cornwall – nominated by Phineas
Manasseh Architect - **Winner**
Larmenier & Sacred Heart Primary School in Hammersmith, London –
nominated by Studio E Architects – Highly commended
Minster School in Southwell, Nottinghamshire – nominated by Penoyre &
Prasad – Highly commended
Whitecross High School and Specialist Sports College in Hereford –
nominated by Stepnell Ltd – Highly commended.

Best school architect

Studio E Architects - **Winner**
Architype Ltd – Highly commended
Penoyre & Prasad – Highly commended.

Outstanding individual contribution

Ged Mitchell, Manchester City Council.

Details of all shortlisted entries, and awards criteria, are available from www.bcse.uk.net.

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Notes to editors:

1. The BCSE 2008 awards ceremony will take place at Old Trafford, Manchester on February 12 starting at 18.30. Journalists are welcome to attend – please contact Ben Furner for details.
2. Judging for the awards was in two stages, facilitated by Sharon Wright of Creative Wit with Ty Goddard from the BCSE as advisor. An initial evaluation panel sat in November 2007 and made recommendations for judging day which took place in December 2007. The evaluation panel members were Andy Beard (architect), Geoff Hardwick from BRE, Hal McLean from Cleveratom and Allan Jarvis from AJ Consulting.

The judges were:

Bernard Clarke, Kent County Council
Paul Morrell, CABE Commissioner
Robert Osborne, Navigant Consulting
Mukund Patel, Department for Children, Schools and Families
Keith Snook, RIBA
Victoria Thornton, Open House.

3. Sponsors for the BCSE 2008 awards are Navigant Consulting (lead sponsor), BRE, Clarus Consulting, Cocentra, Davis Langdon, Environments for Learning, Findel Education Ltd, Mouchel Parkman, The National College for School Leadership, Radway, Steljes and Thorpe Kilworth.

4. The British Council for School Environments (BCSE) is a membership organisation made up of schools, local authorities, construction companies, architects, and all those involved in, and passionate about, designing excellent learning environments.

It acts as a forum for exchange, dialogue and advocacy for anyone interested in learning environments; from educators to policy makers, users to designers, managers to constructors.