



**d+b facades**  
OVERCLADDING SPECIALISTS

Rotherham College  
Eastwood Building





## PROJECT SCOPE

Included insulated aluminium rainscreen overcladding (some with integral louvres and fitted plenums), timber/aluminium composite high-performance windows, new glazed entrance screen and new main entrance canopy, new aluminium glazed doors at ground floor level and overcladding of plant rooms.

To comply with grant-funded capital spending requirements, the College needed to minimise the lead-in to commencement on-site. They achieved this by early appointment of d+b facades and applying rate transposition from comparable projects enabling significant time and cost savings.

*"The college has carried out a number of internal refurbishments to bring the internal facilities up to a very good standard, the building was now let down by the external views and lack of double glazing and insulation. After researching the market and looking at local cladding projects it was decided to engage d+b Facades to externally clad the entire front half of the Eastwood Building at the Rotherham campus and give it a much needed face lift.*

*Works began in July 2015 and were completed by the end of December that year, the project was carried out during holidays and term time which required close discussion and negotiation between client and contractor. With very tight time schedules being imposed by the client to ensure minimal disruption to classes and college life in general, it became a balancing act which d+b managed well without a hitch while maintaining the quality finish required throughout the project. During the project restrictions were placed upon d+b about noise, access to site and working times, all of which were agreed and managed without impinging upon the programme or completion dates. The internal works carried out following the installation of the windows proved to be far more complex than originally thought and caused more than a few headaches along the way but fit and finish were very good. During the internal works the college discovered that features of the building that had been hidden were opened up by the removal of the old windows, this has made a massive impact to the rooms making them seem much lighter and bigger, not to mention a lot warmer!*

*During all the works the college and d+b have worked very closely together to ensure that we stay on target, the working relationship has been one of the best I have encountered with nothing being too much trouble and no request for information or impromptu meeting not willingly accepted. In short, as client, this has been one of the most complex but easiest projects I have done for the college, they have turned my old concrete eyesore into what appears to be a brand new building, I couldn't be happier."*

**Andrew Newton**, Head of Estates,  
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**TYPE OF CONTRACT** JCT D&B 2011 **CONTRACT VALUE** £1.20m

**PROJECT DURATION** June 2015 to January 2016















