

CASE STUDY

Suffolk Design Sybil Andrews Academy

Location: Bury St Edmunds

Architect: Concertus

Developer: Barnes Construction

Year of construction: 2016

<https://www.concertus.co.uk/projects/sector/education/sybil-andrews-masterplan/>

BACKGROUND

- University-style campus on the eastern edge of Bury St Edmunds.
- Buildings can be adapted as the school grows and to changes in curriculum.
- Designed around the ethos of a 'central heart space'.
- Shortlisted for Design through Innovation and Community Benefit categories at RICS East of England awards.



KEY LEARNINGS

- Engagement with the end user regarding layout and design at an early stage.
- Minimises the use of corridors by maximizing social and group spaces that can be used flexibly.
- The entrance is strongly emphasised through the continuation of structural framing beyond the building line.
- Rectilinear landscape design of the school reflects the local rectilinear field boundary pattern and hedging.
- The western elevation has been designed to create intrigue and interest in the school.
- Courtyard space created for external teaching.
- Heart Building houses 31 Sunsquare rooflights.
- 400 covered and secure cycle parking spaces.