

HAMMERSMITH ACADEMY, LONDON
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The Hammersmith Academy in London is a co-educational school and 6th form specialising in creative and digital media and information technology. The state-of-the-art four storey building boasts facilities including a theatre, sports hall, library, fitness suite and digital editing and IT suites.

Guttercrest Limited was involved from the conception stage of this building, working closely with the architects to design and engineer the complex bespoke aluminium cladding to the projecting eaves blades. Guttercrest devised a wraparound cladding solution, providing the eaves with bold symmetrical lines around the whole building and giving it an imposing feature.

Guttercrest also designed and manufactured the aluminium rectangular column casings which are all around the building, together with all the aluminium copings and the aluminium fascia soffits to high-level and walkway soffits; all of which were polyester powder coated to specification.

The site chosen for the Academy was a challenging one as there was very limited external space other than a multi-use games area. Thus the Academy accommodation had to be housed on four floors – the sports hall is on the second – and the curriculum had to be designed in such a way to offset any shortcomings as a result of the lack of external recreation space.

The architect was BHM Architects Limited and the main contractor was Wates Construction.



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