



Creating and adaptive dual purpose environment for both tutor-led instruction and computer based work

The Brief

With outstanding facilities, excellent pass rates and the only college in Birmingham to be awarded with Beacon status, in recognition of excellence and innovation, South & City College

Birmingham offer 100's of courses from Level 1 to higher education for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

After visiting our Birmingham showroom and viewing a Manual Versatile 'V' desk, South & City College Birmingham decided that TOP-TEC desks were the best solution for them, making maximum use of their classroom space, and ultimately their lessons.

The Solution

TOP-TEC was given a brief to incorporate desks, computer enclosures and monitor mounts into the college's classroom. Measurements were taken of the classroom and equipment, enabling a bespoke build to meet their exact requirements.

"We've been looking around for desks to suit our lessons which include computer based work, group discussions, paperwork and presentations. When we were invited to see a prototype of the Manual V desk we were immediately impressed and ordered 21 of them."

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Director of ICT

Room plans were also provided to ensure accurate location of desks.

The desks are designed with an in-built pod, which contains a mounted computer monitor, keyboard and mouse. They maintain a flush working surface when closed and latched.

At the pull of a lever the desks convert to a fully equipped ICT station, providing pioneering versatility that allows classrooms to be used for multiple functions and activities.

The Outcome

Customised to meet their exact requirements the Manual Versatile Desk range designed, manufactured and installed by TOP-TEC provided the solution. The mix of a flat work

Key Features of Manual Versatile Flip-Top desks:

- Rooms convert from IT suite to standard classroom in seconds
- Secure storage of monitor, mouse, keyboard and computer
- Available in single or double units and a range of colours and styles
- Easy and effective cable management
- High quality robust construction



Active Learning Space



surface that converts to an ICT station added true multi-functionality to the classroom. As security is an integral part of the desks design the maximum use of room space could be made.

The Outcome

“The desk is much better quality and value than other versions we’ve seen and it can also be custom made to suit the classroom.”

Lessons can now reach their full potential – the converting tables mean we can quickly switch from one activity to the next. We are also very pleased to have supported a Birmingham firm. We’ll definitely be ordering some more of the desks for the rest of the College.”

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