

Laboratories & Classrooms



The Haberdashers' Aske's School for Boys in Elstree had, prior to the construction of this building, a very extensive catalogue of system built classrooms and facilities. Known as "Laingspan" it is a system of post-tensioned concrete interlocking blocks. As with the standard of construction at this time deterioration had meant that the post-tensioning was likely to decline and the School decided to embark on a programme of replacement of much of its building stock.



Haberdashers' Aske's School

Top: Brise Soleil
Bottom: External view



The first building in the programme (and in order to replace the buildings in the worst condition) was the science department. Having undertaken a comprehensive financial analysis it was discovered that the re-housing of the entire science department (some 19 laboratories) in a temporary facility for just over a year in order to undertake the project as one phase, was economically attractive. BH&M therefore **completed the necessary approvals for a new 'science city' in temporary accommodation on one side of the site while the new 'Aske Building' was constructed. This building, which consists of some 19 laboratories, mathematics and geography classrooms, also houses a new staff common room and a lecture theatre.**

It completes the northern side of one of the quadrangles of the School, and the remaining Laingspan buildings form part of the Master Plan which BH&M is considering with the School for future redevelopment.

Top: Entrance
Middle: Classroom
Bottom: Laboratory