



# universities

## At the forefront of scientific discovery

At the heart of our technological development in today's ever changing society lies the scientific progress made by Universities. The efficient functioning of laboratory space is fundamental to working practices and undoubtedly contributes to the progress of new discoveries.

Over the past decade, the status of many of the country's learning establishments have changed and we now have a wide range of universities with their particular specialisms. As a consequence, many are undergoing transformations major building programs to upgrade the facilities for science and technology. Budgets need to be carefully considered and installations need to be carried out in a cost-effective manner and critical timings achieved. We fully appreciate the needs of this sector.

Working with estates staff, consultants, contractors, end users, we are able to make significant contributions to the project before the manufacturing process begins. In many instances, we produce prototypes and present samples to test any given design. This enables checks to be made and if necessary, changes incorporated before signing off the scheme.

All types of benching is available and advice will be given on "fit for purpose" applications and materials. Whatever the requirements, **Networks'** commitment to Consultants, Contractors and Staff alike is total.



**Image A – Bristol University, School of Chemistry**

- Large teaching laboratories housing 120 students
- Benching design incorporates high volume storage
- Integration of dry services detailed to each position
- Four laboratories in total with colour coded finish
- Design evolved to withstand practical applications



**Image B – Bath University, School of Biological Sciences**

- Annexe to building originally installed in 1995
- Benching design allows flooring to be sealed to frame
- Heating system integrated onto ends of peninsulars
- Overbench shelving to service working positions
- Write up rooms and ancillary rooms also furnished



**Image C – Cardiff University, School of Biological Sciences**

- Part of on going refurbishment of large faculty building
- Trespa tops on cantilever framing with mobile cabinets
- Overbench shelf storage to user design for clear sightlines
- Computer rooms and office fitments also supplied
- Client has commissioned us for more labs within scheme



**Image D – Bath Spa University, School of Chemistry**

- Part of a post graduate research facility
- Solid surface Worktops with integral sinks specified
- Cabinet based structure with kneehole work spaces
- High volume of storage with dramatic colourways
- Visiting Lecturer podium as part of the design brief



**Image E – Swansea University, School of Life Sciences**

- New Clinical Skills facility introduced in 2004
- Microbiologically sealed worktops with seamless joints
- Integral task lighting built into overbench units
- Mobile cabinets easily removed for cleaning
- Design principals applied in new building in 2006



**Image F – Cardiff University, School of Engineering**

- Testing labs as part of geological research program
- Heavy duty benches included for rock density testing
- A number of special fitments design for specific purposes
- Modern materials and colours gives Hi-Tech image
- Flexible storage to suit changing work patterns

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