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# a shining example



**The expertise of Taylor Maxwell is shining through at one of the East Midlands' most impressive new education centres.**

The Landau Forte Academy, Amington for 11 to 16-year-olds and the Landau Forte Academy, Tamworth Sixth Form opened their doors to pupils in September 2011.

The academies, built on two separate sites to replace the oldest school in Tamworth, saw Willmott Dixon take on the role of main contractor. **TM's** long-standing relationship with them meant we were approached directly to talk with the architects Aedas on behalf of Willmott Dixon, to ensure the right materials were provided.

Aedas had specific requirements which we were able to meet quickly, and within budget, thanks to our unrivalled knowledge of the market.

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“We were the supply chain partner with Willmott Dixon and they asked us in August 2008 to speak to the architects about the materials required for the design,” explains TM’s Adam Casey from the Birmingham office.

“Aedas wanted to use a smooth-buff brick, complemented with terracotta blocks in a particular size. It was our job to provide the materials within budget and the architects’ design criteria.

“The specifications were quite specific, so there were only so many options available to us. They had a vision for what they wanted, but didn’t know the specific product. We were able to provide the material to suit that vision.”

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The first load of materials were delivered by **TM** in August 2010 with the final batch appearing on site in June 2011 - ready in time for the institutions' grand opening for the start of the 2011/12 academic year.

A mix of Ibstock brick and Ibstock **Fireborn Terracotta Blocks** were provided. The Fireborn bricks are a unique product, which allowed the architects to demand a specific size - in this instance, a wide, slim 440x102 block - and different colours.

The same brick was used on both schemes, in smooth pearl white, while the same-size Fireborn blocks were used but in a different colour for each site - in smooth grey on the Landau Forte Academy, Amington, and blue on the Landau Forte Academy, Tamworth Sixth Form.

TM has worked with Willmott Dixon on a number of similar projects in the region over the last few years, including the impressive Birmingham Institute of Art and Design - a purpose-built, city-centre facility to house the world-class provision offered by Birmingham City University.



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