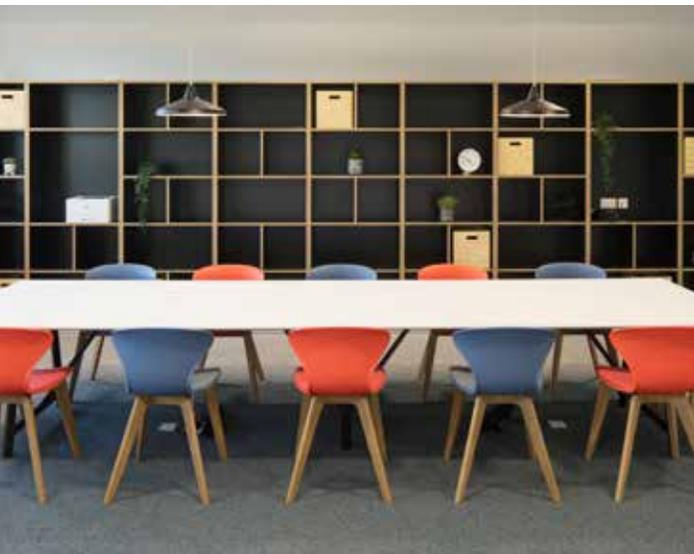




# Ward Robinson

THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO



# INTRODUCTION

## OUR PRACTICE

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Our expertise ranges across a wide variety of sectors from restaurants and hotels to office and residential developments. Founded in 1991, Ward Robinson has developed a rare combination of services supporting clients with the design of their physical spaces and the project management of the delivery processes and costs.

Projects have been completed at local, regional, national & international levels. We have established a trusted reputation, based on our professional design and delivery of projects, and we go to great lengths to understand the needs of our clients and work with them to ensure the completed work exceeds their expectations.

## OUR SERVICES

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### INTERIOR DESIGN

Good interior design helps to build relationships between people and the buildings in which they live.

Our passion for design has been applied to an extensive and varied range of projects and sectors. From outline concepts to detailed design, our wealth of experience, innovation and knowledge allows us to create **exceptional design** that enhances and enriches spaces.

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Ward Robinson has a proven track record of **exceptional delivery** over a diverse range of projects. We have a determination to achieve all project objectives and a commitment to provide outstanding value for money.

These skills alongside practical resources, hands-on experience and the ability to manage each project's priorities, ensure that we are able to deliver consistently to the highest of standards and navigate projects through to successful conclusions.

# CASE STUDIES

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# Yarm School

## School Redevelopment

Yarm, North Yorkshire

Interior design, project and cost management for Yarm School, an independent co-educational school on the banks of the River Tees in North Yorkshire.

This £30million redevelopment of the existing school site has been conducted over multiple phases with varying challenges. Dining facilities, a new teaching block and a nursery, an auditorium and bar, a music school and new sports facilities have been successfully delivered. The redevelopment of the preparatory school site together with new playing pitches and a footbridge over the River Tees (to access the pitches) are part of the next phase in the schools ambitious plans for the future.

Our design team are currently working with Yarm school on the redevelopment of their nurseiy and sixth form sites, having already completed works on the Friarage reception building.



# St Mary's Catholic School

## Sixth Form Centre

Newcastle upon Tyne

Interior design and project management of a refurbishment project for St Mary's Catholic School, an independent academy based in Longbenton, Newcastle. Building on the momentum of its increasing sixth form enrolment, the school needed a new facility that would provide an exclusive area for the students to both study and socialise. Ward Robinson were commissioned to design a space which encouraged a university and workplace culture to prepare the students for the transition into the next stage of their lives.

A series of existing classrooms and offices have been opened up to allow for a social study hub and café breakout area, as well as a silent study room and learning resource centre. Built in facilities include a student managed café, bleacher seating, integrated technology and a range of both group and individual workstations. The materials and colours have been carefully considered across the range of settings to create a light and airy environment, as well as to incorporate the school's colours through the furniture and accessories.

Governors, teaching staff and students have all been enthused by the outcome. The Chair of the Board of Governors described the scheme as 'vibrant, exciting and stimulating' which has 'achieved everything the school was looking for, and more!'



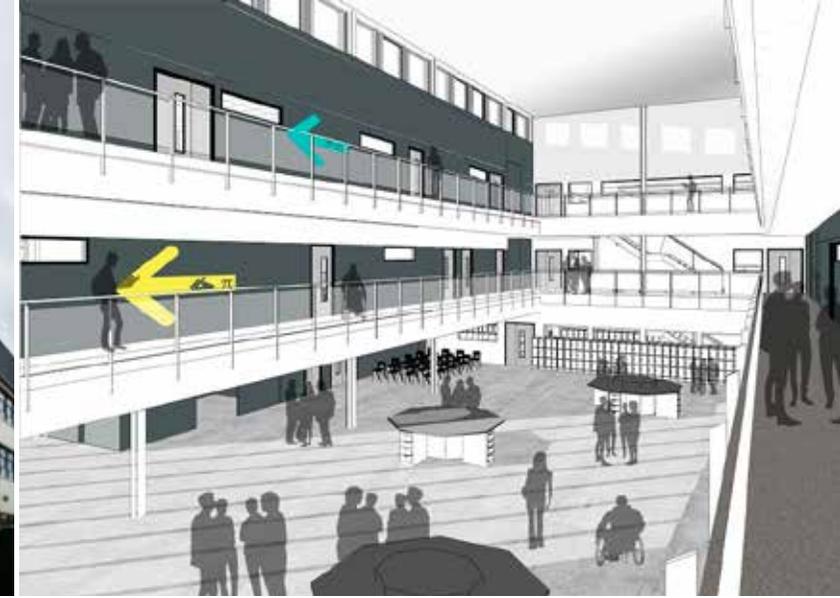
# UTC South Durham

University Technical College

Durham

UTC South Durham is a vocational technology college with a learning hub and high tech classrooms which flank a large engineering hall style atrium. The space was created to reflect the real world industry and to look more like a modern business premises than a school. The main entrance connects directly to the dramatic, triple-height 'engineering hall'.

As well as giving students and visitors an awe-inspiring welcome as they enter, it is also a practical and versatile space, able to house massive equipment or work. The school is kitted out with general and specialist engineering equipment such as computer-aided design, science laboratories and workshops.



# Cramlington Library

**Library**  
Northumberland

Attention-grabbing design of a dedicated children's library as part of a library and information centre relaunch in Northumberland.

The design scheme needed to incorporate sufficient storage and display space but also playfully engaging for children of all ages, inspiring them to want to explore the library's facilities.

To attract and intrigue young readers, we came up with a concept of winding shelving and a twisting 'ribbon' which danced around the space and denoted the separate age-range zones. Our design team created niches to foster parent and child interaction, proposed flexible furniture to cater for group and community learning, and made imaginative use of technology such as Xbox based interactive screens projected onto the entrance tunnel.



# Ashington Lesiure Centre

Lesiure Centre  
Northumberland

Comprehensive design of a community and leisure centre development, seen as a real catalyst for regeneration in a challenging area of South Northumberland.

Working as an integral part of the design team, the scope of our brief was huge, requiring designs for the look and feel of swimming pools, sports halls, a gym, spa, soft-play facilities, library and a Council customer services centre.

Our design team delivered a contemporary scheme using durable, flexible materials, not only reflecting the bold architectural plans and the varied uses of the venue but also supporting the Council's aim of streamlining the public's interaction with its services.



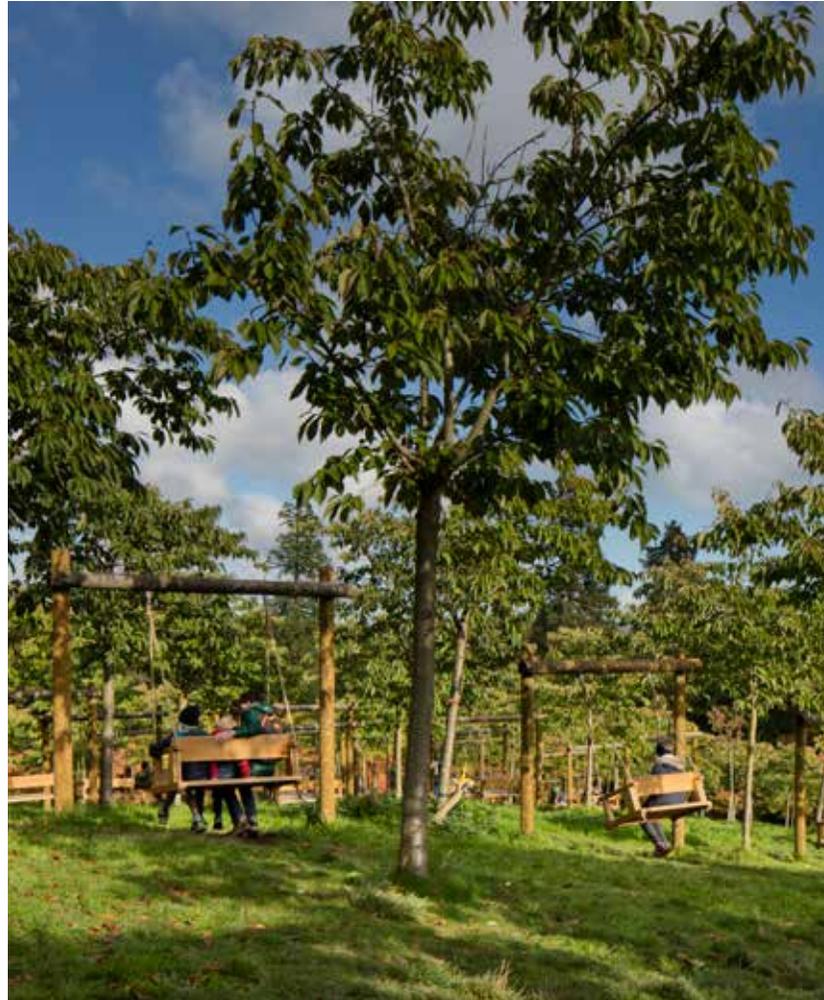
# Alnwick Castle

## Castle and Gardens

Northumberland

Our interior design and project management teams have worked closely with the Duchess of Northumberland and the team at The Alnwick Garden and Alnwick Castle for a number of years on several schemes including the gift shop, garden swings and guest hall.

Our team seamlessly delivered the installation of over 20 beautifully crafted wooden swings on the hillside overlooking the lake below at The Alnwick Garden. Visitors young and old can sit peacefully and enjoy the view or choose to be more playful.



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