

The new £30 million building will house research facilities, teaching laboratories for postgraduates and undergraduates, enquiry-based learning (EBL) facilities and academic offices for The School of Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science (SCEAS).

Broadstock worked very closely with Stuart Lockwood from the University's Directorate of Estates and Gary Ingham from IT Services to design fourteen bespoke hexagonal dual-purpose desks. The brief for these bespoke desks was that they were to provide six computer workstations each when the central column was elevated and a large discussion table when the central column was lowered.

The central columns were to house six 23" Dell monitors on fully articulated monitor arms to allow full adjustability of the monitors in regards to height and depth from the user. The keyboards and mice also fit neatly into the column.

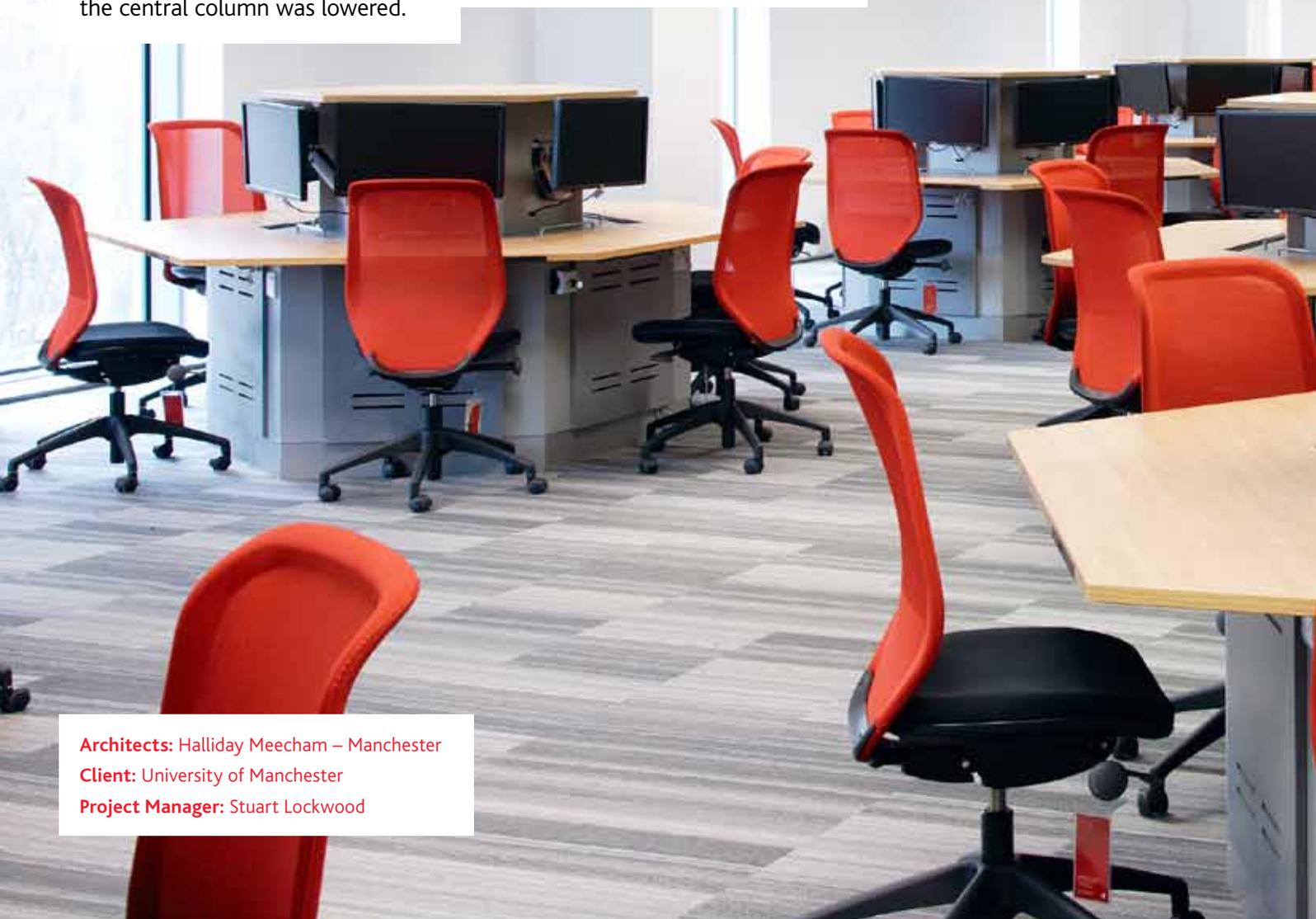
The CPU towers needed to be housed in a secure modesty panel in the base of the unit and the functionality was to be delivered by an intelligent "Freemote" located in the desktop of each position. This allows the PC to be located up to 20 metres away from the user and yet enables them to still use all controls. Each "Freemote" has an on/off button, mic & headphone ports, 2 x USBs and a DVD/CDR Optical Drive.

Each of the 84 positions has an Orangebox 'Joy Mesh' Task Chair with Flame Red Mesh.

Also included in the project was a lounge, flexible teaching space, reception area and staff break-out space.

Furniture supplied included the innovative Fresh chair and soft seating from Orangebox and Connection Seating.

The five-storey, 11,500 square metre building was handed over to the University at the end of February 2012 and is now fully operational.



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