

Designs on Education

The UK's schools and local authorities are discovering that the recent baby boom is leading to a requirement for additional classroom space and resources. One joinery manufacturer is offering a quick and hassle-free way to meet this demand with its new range of carefully designed structures.



With more than 90 years of experience Scotts of Thrapston has launched a core range of single and double classrooms. But these are a far cry from the bland, inadequate demountable buildings crudely erected throughout the last few decades.



“We believe that the ideal learning environment begins with a building that inspires and motivates by its architectural form,” explained Scotts of Thrapston business development manager, Philip Goldstone.

“To achieve their full potential, pupils need to feel comfortable in their environment and be able to access educational resources effectively and safely.”

Philip says that all aspects of design have been considered in the Scotts of Thrapston range, including acoustics, which research has proven to have a profound impact on both children’s learning and staff performance.

All other aspects of comfort have been thought out, including light, ventilation and temperature.

Philip added: “The right amount of light, both artificial and natural, is crucial. We advise on door and window positions based on a building’s orientation – avoiding light from south facing walls which can result in uncomfortable solar gain in summer and western aspects can lead to unpleasant glare on winter afternoons.”

Scotts’ education buildings also place a strong emphasis on space with high mono pitched ceilings to provide a feeling of spaciousness, setting them apart from alternative structures.

Northamptonshire-based Scotts can advise on internal furnishings, room arrangement and layouts to optimise the space, while making sure the building fits in seamlessly with its surroundings and exceeds energy efficiency targets.

Additional features which can be added to the classrooms include lobbies, cloakrooms, washrooms and stores.

“The beauty of Scotts’ education buildings is that they can be completely tailored to suit the proposed setting and will be designed to precisely meet the end user’s specification,” said Philip.

“Whether there are special needs requirements, accessibility issues or existing structures to take into consideration, our dedicated team will work with the education provider to ensure all needs are met resulting in a sustainable, cost-effective and maintenance-free solution.”

An expert team will take on the entire project, including design, construction and landscaping, followed by a thorough aftercare service. A finished building that will stand the test of time will be ready for use within five months of the initial enquiry.

Scotts of Thrapston also manufactures equestrian buildings, pavilions, and specialist timber products such as summerhouses and garages.

For further information or to request a free, no-obligation consultation visit www.scottsofthrapston.co.uk or call Philip Goldstone on 01832 732366.

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