



Ropemakers Academy Win Two Honourable Awards

Constructing Excellence SECBE Award 2021 & Sussex Heritage Award 2021

Ropemakers is a free school specialising in student's social, emotional and mental health as well as ASD support (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).



The SECBE award recognises the project team's outstanding customer satisfaction and collaboration throughout the whole project. This award commends continuous dedication and high standards of engagement with clients Beckmead Trust and East Sussex County Council, whilst prioritising the student's and staff's needs to ensure a safe environment and exceptional specialist teaching facilities.

Continuing our celebrations, we received the Sussex Heritage Trust Public and Community award. This reflects the highest quality care and design of newly built projects, with the ability to provide exemplary facilities for the community.



The Sussex Heritage Trust also recognise conservation efforts. Careful design and consideration were taken to minimise any potential impact to the site's existing ecology, including wildlife such as newts, bats and birds.

The three-storey school provides space for 80 students aged 4-16, and caters for children with SEMH and ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder.) This project forms part of East Sussex County Council's wider strategy for providing specialist teaching facilities across the county, being run as a free school by The Beckmead Trust.



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**Dr Jonty Clark OBE, the CEO of The
Beckmead Trust, said:**

"In all my years I have never seen a design that takes the needs of the children so seriously, I can clearly see the care and attention that has gone into the design."



Ropemakers Academy includes an outdoor games court and playgrounds, with internal primary and secondary teaching areas complemented by specialist therapy facilities.

The school is situated on a 2 hectare sloping field, which required significant regrading and drainage works due to the geology of the site. Careful consideration was taken to minimise any potential impact on the site's

existing ecology, including newts, bats and birds.

**Simon Hawthorne, The Ropemaker's
Academy Beckmead Trust Headteacher**



comments:

"Absolutely amazing news!! What a fantastic honour, this shows what great collaboration can achieve... and ultimately

brilliant for our kids to know that they are at an award winning school."

This Ropemakers' Academy provides a welcoming, high-quality environment, supporting both pupils and staff in a new bespoke setting.

For more information about this project please visit:

<https://www.eearchitecture.com/project/ropemakers-academy/>

For more information about The Beckmead Trust please visit: www.beckmeadtrust.org