

## Try Before You Buy – Campbeltown Grammar

### User Brief for Our New School

*'a cool design'*

We want a relaxed, open atmosphere. It will be bright and airy. We want a cool design like the Spherical Building in Tokyo, not a big block.

We need up to date technology, equipment and instruments. So we can move around the school and study. Boards you can see in sunlight, sound proofing in music and in drama so we can express ourselves. Comfy seats, new carpets, new furniture, fresh decoration to create a good space, a good atmosphere. No clutter, laid back where you can get work done. Somewhere we're proud of and want to take care of and doesn't feel like a classroom. We need black out blinds to see the board. Controllable heating and ventilation. No lingering smells after experiments or stuffy classrooms where you can't concentrate. Not cold nor noisy when it's windy.

Spaces to study and research with our lockers nearby. A balcony above large spaces so staff can watch over pupils without having to stand right next to them. Secure storage in teaching walls well thought out as badly built in storage is a waste of space. Flexibility. We like our work on the walls, posters and artwork in public spaces and in classrooms. Large displays we can contribute to. Lots of room to do lots of activities.

We want social space for students and for staff. Well located and big enough for everyone. We need a place big enough for everyone to come together where everyone is able to see and to hear. We want to hold fashion shows with a catwalk with moving and flashing lights. Have dance, parties and clubs. We want a stage we can use for drama classes with curtains that open and close easily. Could be a social area for teenagers at break and lunch. Unisex cloakrooms to hang out in with pegs so everything doesn't get muddled up on the floor. Toilet doors that lock and toilets that flush, working taps and soap all the time. We need good personal storage, maybe locker we can decorate ourselves probably less chance they'll get vandalised. Corridors big enough to line up in and that's not too crowded between classes. No nooks and crannies or bottlenecks at entrances and not too many stairs.

A huge sports hall for basketball and football with a good floor and ceiling. Large, clean and dry changing rooms and enough time to shower. It would be good to have a place to have exams as we get chucked out in the cold when they're on. Not your every day canteen, somewhere that gives teenagers plenty of space and they can easily and quickly access the outdoors. Café style would encourage pupils to have a school lunch. A mobile canteen. It worked before. A library we can use for study in free periods and access online. Comfy, relaxing, an atmosphere for reading books and study.

We'd love covered outdoor areas seats and storage. Decking with comfy chairs, tables and plants – would be social and for theory or drama on a good day. A pond to study life up close or even a classroom on the island out on Cambeltown Loch that you get to by bridge - a unique place.

*'Somewhere we're proud of and want to take care of'*

## User Brief for the Try Before You Buy Space

*'A space to make you feel comfortable and want to learn'*

The space should have a relaxed, homely atmosphere. Modern, comfy and casual. Somewhere where you can express your feelings. An open yet sheltered feel with natural light, glass all around. Bright but mature decoration. A room for teaching, presentations, lectures and free periods. Less pressure, like an out of school environment, relaxed but vigilant. Somewhere for a whole year group to gather and divide into smaller groups. Enough space between workstations so there's no elbow bashing.

WiFi everywhere. Moveable smart boards and projectors, computers for classes and casual use. Inflatable screens, whiteboards, wireless keyboards. Clever storage for technology to free up desk space when it's not in use. Places for revision materials and staff resources. Mobile and in wall storage, lockers and somewhere to keep tables and chairs when their not being used. Movable walls.

A "chill out" area with couches we can also use as social space. Don't want to be at a desk all day. Quiet areas for one or small groups to work. A private place. Space for music, drama, dance. An area for gluing, cutting and painting. Sinks and hidden gas taps. Lots of variety, it needs to be used for many different classes.

Unusual furniture and unique things. Artistic shelving, a handprint wall and flag pole. Lots of different kinds of seats. Benches, sofas, beanbags, stools and high chairs. Tiered seating for presentations and demonstrations that can easily move. A big demo bench that can push to the wall when not in use. A red carpet to make you feel famous,

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## Our priorities for the Try Before You Buy Space

1. The space will make you feel comfortable and want to learn.
2. There will be study booths.
3. It will be flexible enough to have at least three groups in the space and it will be easy to bring them together.
4. It will be fitted out with modern, cool furniture. It will have a wow factor and a dynamic feel.
5. It will have a "chill out" zone for pupils who may be overwhelmed by high stimulus.
6. It will be decorated in bright colours.