

Strata Panels

contract furniture manufacturers

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Queens' College Cambridge Selected Cambridgeshire based, **Strata Panels** to design and manufacture furniture for over 100 student bed rooms.



Queens' College - The Mathematical Bridge

Buying direct from the manufacturer – Strata Panels

Helen Heath, Queens' College's Head of Housekeeping, wanted a local furniture manufacturer to come up with a solution of making bespoke contract furniture that would fit in with the historic feel and dark timbers of the 1911 built Queens' College Dokett building, as well as a more modern looking style Queens' College Cripps Court built during the 1970s. Strata Panels based a short distance along the A14 just north of Huntingdon responded to the challenge having made student furniture for over 15 years.

"Strata's Mark Garrod listened to the brief and produced sample pieces of furniture that met our exact criteria and at competitive prices." - Helen

Both designs were made using European Oak veneered MDF, the furniture for the Queens' College Dokett building had oak crafted edges that were machined to give the detail a period look and were stained dark brown to match the exposed timbers and wall panelling which gives the building its character. Handles were sourced from India that complemented the furniture's appearance and completed the antique look. The furniture for Queens' College Cripps Court had 26mm thick oak veneered carcasses and was finished in a clear lacquer.



Queens' College Docket and Cripps furniture styles by Strata Panels

Queens' College Furniture Project – Strata Panels

Strata produced wardrobes, desks, desk pedestals, chests of drawers, bookcases, under bed storage drawers and bedside cabinets for 43 rooms in the Queens' College Docket building and 64 rooms in Queens' College Cripps Court.

Working closely with the college, installation time was compressed to fit in with building contractors and the start of the autumn term. By working weekends and late into the nights Strata Panel's own team of installers completed the 107 rooms in just over a week. Smaller items such as bedside cabinets and storage drawers were delivered pre-assembled, whereas the larger items were assembled in situ.

Babis Karakoulas, The Domestic Bursar for the Queens' College, on seeing the furniture after it had been installed, complimented Strata on how well the appearance fitted in with the age and character of the Docket building.

Cambridgeshire's contract joinery best kept secret – Strata Panels

Strata Panels are small enough to be flexible and able to meet individual requirements, yet large enough to cope with the volume roll out. Hot on the heels of completing the project at Queens' College, Strata are now manufacturing furniture for a new student accommodation block in Central London comprising 142 bedroom sets.

Strata Panels take pride in manufacturing for schools, colleges, universities and hotels throughout the UK

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