



Kirkley Hall

EQUANS led on the extension of Northumberland College's Keilder Building, allowing the college to cater for the needs of students with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

In addition to the works to the Keilder Building, EQUANS also built a brand-new equine centre, allowing the college to host bigger equestrian exhibitions and offer new courses for learners.

Based at Northumberland College's Kirkley Hall campus, the £3.2million project allowed the college to improve its offering and cater for the specific needs of students.

The biggest development focused on a state-of-the-art, two storey extension to the Keilder Building. The addition has given the college space to improve and expand the range of SEND services it can offer to students.

New facilities include a sensory room, an innovative life skills area which allows attendees to develop their independence, and an employability hub to support their progression. The additional facilities will allow students to achieve their potential in the best environment possible. In addition to the Keilder extension, EQUANS also led on the construction of a bespoke equine centre to support and enhance the courses Nothumberland College offers.

A 1000m2 steel portal frame arena, the new centre gives the college the opportunity to host bigger exhibitions and competitions in the main show area, which is flanked by a protected viewing area for spectators.

Surrounding that are a raft of new facilities, including areas for animal management and welfare, as well as secure storage areas for pupils to use.

Both projects are key parts in the college's multi-million pound programme of wider improvements across the Kirkley Hall campus, which will offer new and improved opportunities for students and the wider community.

