



# National Panel Special Award

*Selected by National Panel members as their favourite scheme from this year's Award winning projects*

## The Marshall Building, London School of Economics and Political Science

*Westminster, Greater London*

*Client*  
London School of Economics and  
Political Science

*Architect and Lead Consultant*  
Grafton Architects

*Main Contractor*  
Mace

*Structural Engineer*  
AKTII

*Services Engineer & BREEAM*  
Chapman BDSP

*Landscape Architect*  
Dermot Foley and Associates

*Cost Consultant*  
Gardiner and Theobald

*Project Manager*  
3PM

*Acoustic Consultant*  
Applied Acoustic Design

*Universal Design Consultant*  
Buro Happold

*Archaeologist*  
MOLA

*Catering Consultant*  
Tricon

*Design Manager Support*  
Plan A

*Ecologist*  
Middlemarch

*Facade Consultant*  
Billings Design Associates

*Wayfinding & Transport Consultant*  
Steer

*BIM Consultants*  
Bim Technologies

*Planning Consultant*  
Turley

*Performance Consultant*  
Sound Space Vision

*Fire Engineering*  
Chapman BDSP

*Approved Building Control Inspector*  
Meridian

*Geotechnical Engineer*  
Soiltechnics

*Sports Consultants*  
Space and Place

*Glazing Subcontractor*  
GIG

*Working/Learning Environment; Loose  
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment  
Consultant*  
Burwell Deakins

*Lighting Consultant*  
Chapman BDSP with Wide Angle  
Consultants

*Rights of Light, Daylight & Sunlight  
Consultant*  
Delva Patman Redler

**From Lincoln's Inn Fields to the intricate urban grain to the south, The Marshall Building responds sensitively to its context, while adapting to maximise natural ventilation, daylight, terrace gardens and city views.**

Spaces for sport, teaching, study, research and the arts are volumetrically and structurally interwoven, with tree-like structures transferring the structural spans required to accommodate the diverse brief. Under these branches the Great Hall, a new social space for the university is created, accessible to all, generously engaging with the wider public realm.

The forecourt to Lincoln's Inn Fields and the generous entrances and newly pedestrianised street to the south are landscaped in Yorkstone, and create shelter, seating and a vibrant public realm. Careful study of Lincoln's Inn Fields was undertaken to find an appropriate scale and expression to address the formal square and create a new front door for LSE to the city. As

part of the university's commitment to sustainability, reducing waste and energy use across the campus, the Marshall Building has achieved a BREEAM certification of "Excellent" demonstrating that the building is in the top 10% of UK new non-domestic buildings and meeting the project's sustainability objective.

Access consultants formed an integral part of the Design Team providing advice through all stages, together with early consultation with the LSE Network of Disabled Staff and Students, Student Wellbeing Services and representatives of minority students allowed the diverse and specific needs expressed to form part of a holistically inclusive design. A Changing Places facility has been provided with specialised equipment to allow the university to cater for users who may need these enhanced facilities. A dedicated baby changing room is also provided further enhancing social inclusion. The design of the sports facilities accommodates sports wheelchair users to participate in team and individual sports.



*Public Realm Consultant*  
Publica

*Visualisations & 3D Images*  
Picture Plane

*Principal Designer*  
MSAFE

*Demolition/Substructures Contractor*  
McGee

*Precast concrete cladding specialist subcontractor*  
Techrete

*Stone cladding specialist subcontractor*  
Putney and Wood

*Concrete specialist subcontractor*  
Getjar

*Design Manager*  
Schumann Consult

*Structural Steel subcontractor*  
Bourne

*Post Tensioned Concrete Specialist*  
EDGE

*MEP Subcontractor*  
Dornan

*Joinery/Doors/Acoustic Linings/ Timber Ceilings,  
Toilet Cubicles/Fitted Furniture*  
Swiftcrafted Ltd

*Soft Flooring/Tiling*  
Loughton

*Dry Lining (Plasterboard Partitions, Suspended  
Ceilings, SFS*  
I & S Ltd

*Polished Screeds and Terrazzo subcontractor*  
Lazenby

*Squash Court Fit-Out*  
Courtcraft

*Blockwork subcontractor*  
Swift

*Roofing*  
ITech ltd.

*Raised Access Flooring subcontractor*  
Kingspan

*Metalwork subcontractor*  
Delta Fabrications

*Painting & Decorating*  
E Poole

*External Works*  
Realtime Ltd

*Glazed Screens subcontractor*  
Optima

*Lifts*  
Titan

*Loose Furniture  
& Bespoke Furniture at Ground Floor*  
Showcase

*Sports Flooring*  
Central Flooring



Images: Nick Kane

### **Judges' Comments:**

*“The building is exceptional in its contribution to the experience of its users and to the urban context which it helps to define.”*

*“The Marshall building is definitely a world class work of design.”*