



Duns Primary School

Development Partner: **Hub South East Scotland**

Client

Scottish Borders Council

Project Value

£8.6m

New School Opened

August 2017

Main Contractor

GRAHAM Construction

Architect

Aitken Turnbull Architects

Project Type

Design and Build



The new Duns Primary School has replaced the town's old Primary which had been in the same building for 137 years...

Rather than a complete new build project, Its tranformation involved the refurbishment and remodelling of the B-listed former Berwickshire High School on the edge of the town in Langtongate and opposite the new High School.

The project delivered a spacious two stream primary school for the town, in addition to space for the nursery and the Berwickshire Locality Support Centre for children with additional needs (previously delivered across various sites).

The old High School had lay dormant since 2009, so the task of repairing and upgrading, was a challenge, especially given its listed status. The renovation involved a mixture of

of demolition and remodelling and the end result, is a fresh, modern and high quality facility which still retains many of its original features.



"We are absolutely delighted with the provision here. We really have managed to blend the old with the new."

"What Scottish Borders Council, Hub South East and GRAHAM Construction have managed to create here for us is just amazing. Children are delighted with it, staff are overwhelmed and we're just so grateful to have such a beautiful place for the children to learn in."

Leanne Stewart, Head Teacher
Duns Primary School



During construction, a number of community benefits were delivered. These include:



As well as:

- 96 work placement days
- 1 graduate place
- 6 apprentices/trainees

You can see a glimpse inside the new school from a video shot on the first day of opening - <http://www.hubsoutheastscotland.co.uk/projects/completed-projects/duns-primary-school>



“There’s so much space”
“Wow. I love it!”
“ It’s so different to our old school”

Pupils after their first day in the new Duns Primary.