



The first quarter of 2015 has been hectic (in a good way) with a number of excellent projects underway.

We have been working in very diverse and interesting sectors. We have been delighted to complete projects for Dumfries and Galloway College, Clyde Space, HMYOI, Polmont, Skypark, Mercantile Chambers Building along with a wide variety of other contracts.

Back to college for akp

Dumfries and Galloway College

Dumfries and Galloway College has a reputation for delivering quality education and training annually for over 9,000 students.

Akp built a new 3 storey commercial kitchen catering facility and restaurant within the existing College building. The facility will be used as a teaching aid for the new catering courses at the College. In addition, the restaurant will be opened to the public for use on special occasions.

To accommodate the new structure we demolished part of the existing library. We then installed new foundations and created structural steel and plasterboard external walls to create a self-contained working environment. This programming and sequencing allowed the College staff and students to continue operations whilst while we continued with the internal fit out.

The top floor now has an adjoining link bridge to the new Principals suite, with refurbished offices and meeting rooms.



akp aiming high The Skypark

The Skypark office development in Glasgow has been busy.

We handed over offices at SP1 and completed a fit out for Land Engineering. We have carried out various projects within SP5 and a new main entrance has had a total transformation. We carried out major structural works, new soffits, specialist lighting and glazed walls. SP5 common areas and some suites were stripped, refurbished and new toilets and shower rooms formed. The common areas were upgraded to provide a bright and welcoming feel.

Trampolines and dodgeball, not an everyday job

Airspace



Airspace is Scotland's first trampoline park contained within a 35,000sqft facility with 100 interconnected trampolines, three dodgeball areas, two slamball hoops and one giant arena packed with somersaulting parkour specialists.

akp was challenged to turn an empty leisure unit into the exciting and successful play zone. This meant that a new mezzanine area to house the mechanical plant and a storage area was built.

On the ground floor we constructed a new café, food preparation, office, toilets and bespoke reception desk. Associated full M&E installation was carried out, featuring bespoke lighting, PA sound system, AHU ventilation and toilet facilities. In addition a raised steel access floor was installed over the 35,000sqft area to house the trampoline, dodge ball and slam ball hoop areas. We coordinated this installation with the client and the delivery of the trampolines from America.

We carried out alterations to the main entrance, installing a roller door & shop front. Hard landscaping completed the external works. The successful completion of the project meant that we have been asked to complete a second phase expanding their offering.

Creating surroundings to encourage innovation

Clyde Space

Clyde Space is an award winning supplier of pioneering small and micro spacecraft systems based in Glasgow. They have just celebrated 10 years of successful business.

This project comprised of totally remodelling the suite into an excellent office, clean room and workspace for the client.

The main area was altered to open plan and we built small meeting rooms with glass partitions around the perimeter. This ensured that the area used as much natural light as possible. We fitted out the new kitchen/breakout area making it aesthetically pleasing, open and accessible.

The clean room was built using full height glazed screens and antistatic floor paint was applied. Double air lock doors and hepa filters were installed.

Clyde Space employed a Glasgow graffiti artist directly to do the murals.



Art Nouveau

Mercantile Chambers



Mercantile Chambers is a Grade A Listed building, designed by James Salmon Junior, in the heart of Glasgow's central business district. The four female figures sculpted represent industry, prudence, prosperity and fortune. Mercury, roman god of skill, eloquence and trading sits above the entrance.

Following a successful office refurbishment project by akp the MRC Pension Trust commissioned the company to complete major works to the envelope of the building. Taking into consideration that the building was art nouveau with an A listed façade we completed a total refurbishment of the windows, external stone and roof works. The building was live throughout and was carefully project managed to ensure minimum disruption to the tenants.



Design & build in sensitive areas

HMYOI Polmont

HMYOI Polmont is Scotland's national holding facility for male 16-21 year olds.

We were employed to carry out refurbishment works to Activities 1 and 2 buildings within HMYOI Polmont.

The project's main challenge was to carry out construction works within a live prison environment. All personnel accessing the site had to have Disclosure Scotland certification and deliveries had to be carefully co-ordinated.

The contract was design and build; therefore thought had to be given to the design versus the security implications. The refurbishment works involved the strip out of part of the ground floor and all the first floor areas, including M&E services, ceilings, partitions, flooring etc.

The area was then transformed to accommodate new learning and development areas including new toilets and bespoke tea prep facilities. We installed teaching rooms with state of the art audio visual equipment, feature flooring, decoration and graphics. A full mechanical and electrical upgrade also took place, including better ventilation and cooling, LED lighting installation, power and data.

In addition, external upgrades to the link walkway between the two buildings and the accommodation block took place. This involved replacing existing galvanised steel panels with colourful polycarbonate panels to provide light.

