



New Sports Centre, Holly Hall Academy, Dudley

The creation of a new sports hall, aids the development of generations of students

Value £1.5 million

Client The Holly Hall Academy

Timeframe July 2013 - March 2014

Structural Engineer Ridge & Partners LLP

Scale 14,400 sq. ft.

Architect Robothams Architecture

The sports hall building is a steel frame construction with precast concrete floors. Vibro piling and grouting were used to combat the poor ground conditions, typical for the area due to the history of mining in the region. The site itself is set on an old colliery mine.

The hall contains space for four badminton courts and a full-size basketball court. Space for netball and handball courts were also created as an additional instruction from the academy.

A new fitness suite packed with modern gym equipment was also installed alongside changing rooms. Staff use the gym area in lessons teaching children about healthy living and keeping fit.

This development has brought much needed new facilities after the existing sports hall and changing rooms suffered severe water damage in recent years, incurring thousands of pounds of running repairs.

We have carried on the success of our previous involvement with Holly Hall Academy where we constructed a new teaching block. From 2014 the academy run the 'Deeley Sports Personality of the Year' for outstanding students following a donation by Deeley to the academy.

Principal, Mr Graham Lloyd: *"We opened the Centre to students and the delight and amazement on their faces as they experienced their new facilities for the first time was a joy to behold. Deeley built our Technology Suite in 2005 and so we knew we would receive a good service, but this project has been outstanding and is a great credit to the people you employ."*