



# Smarter Space at Lordswood Girls School (LGS)

Located in Birmingham.

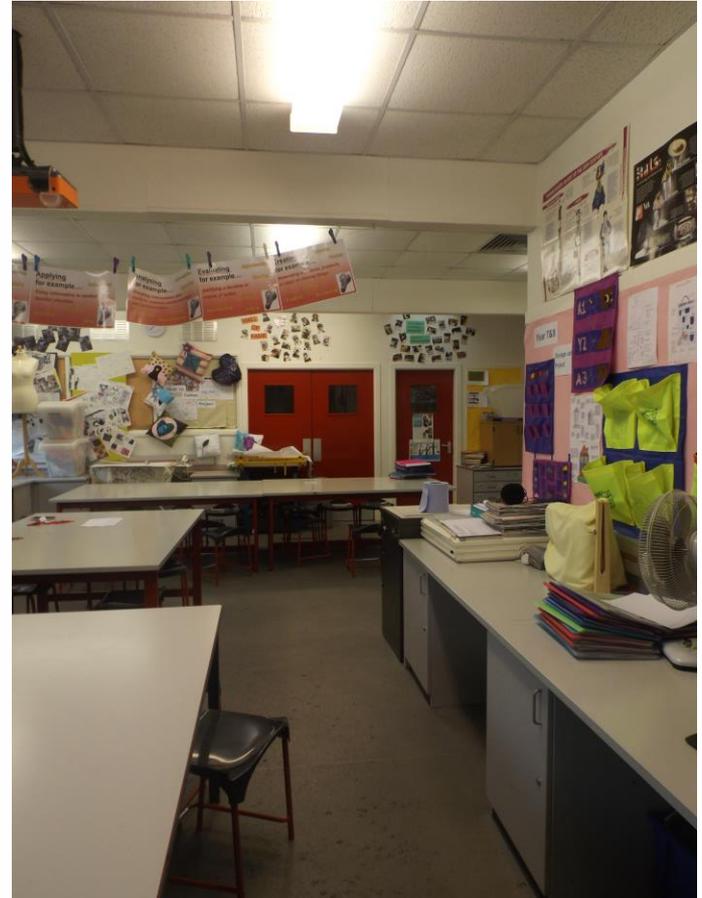
# Introduction to LGS

- Lordswood Girls' School is an outstanding school located in Harborne, Birmingham.
- Established in 1958
- LGS is a single sex state school with a co-educational sixth form. The school draws its students from a very wide range of backgrounds, including some areas of significant economic disadvantage.



# The room before

- Referred to as S1. Located on the second floor of the school.
- An old technology room but no longer needed by the department.
- It is now needed as a multi use classroom for all subjects to be able to teach in it.
- The storage cupboard would take up a lot of space in the room making it cramped.
- It was difficult for some students to see the board, depending on where they sat in the room.
- Tables were very big and took up a lot of unnecessary space.
- Stools with no back support

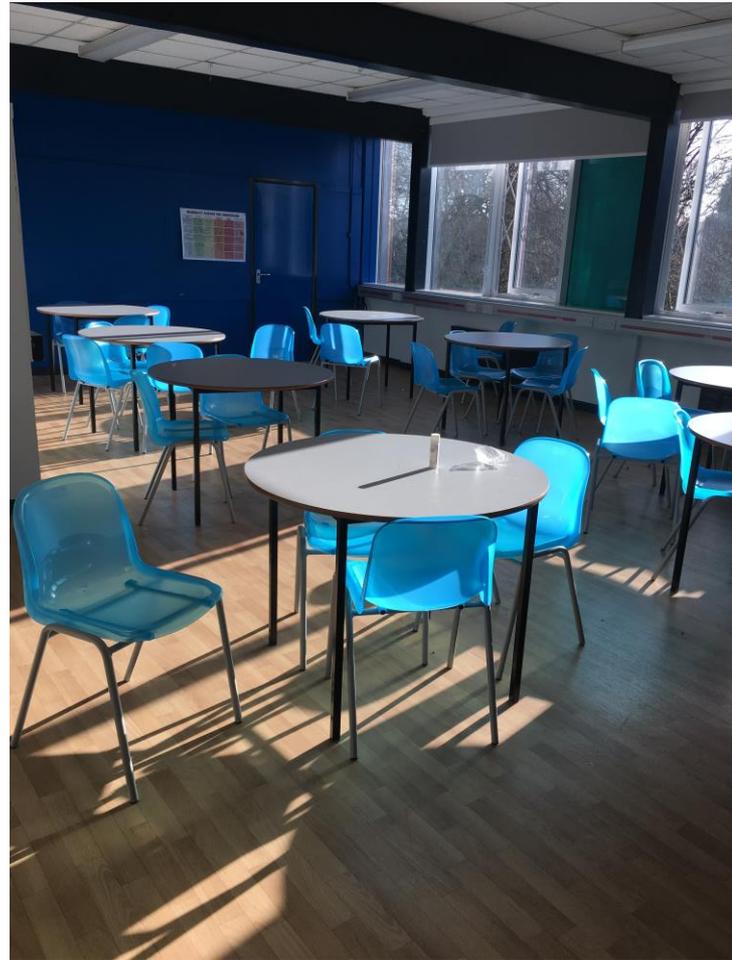
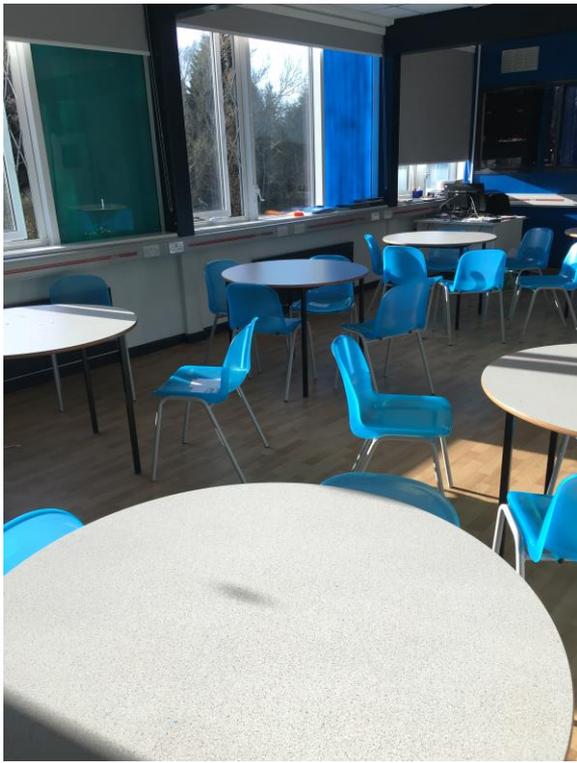


# The design process

- A policy and practice group was established to focus on the classroom.
- It included a variety of different **subject teachers** who taught in the classroom.
- They would meet once a half term to look at the classroom and how it could be improved to enhance teaching and learning.
- The group members information was collated and recorded every meeting.
- A questionnaire was sent out to all the **students** had lessons in the classroom to gain their opinion on how their learning could be improved.
- Their opinions were then collated and taken into consideration when proposals were put forth.

# The room after

- Cupboards removed
- Relocation of the whiteboard
- Relocation of the teachers desk
- New round tables
- New chairs with back support
- Painting of the walls
- New flooring



# The Impact on teaching and learning

- More space for to teacher manoeuvre: better access to students who need support.
- Round tables facilitate group tasks and work.
- A lot more space in comparison to previous classroom.

- Better learning atmosphere and working environment as the room is less congested.
- Room allows for more kinaesthetic activities.

- Room will also be used as a meeting room to conduct CPD as it is spacious.