Smarter Space at Freebrough Academy

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Freebrough Academy

Freebrough Academy is based in Brotton, near Redcar, in the North East of England.
We have around 800 students and a sixth form.

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The rooms before…

Both rooms a join through a single door
Rooms were originally supposed to be business rooms but were then changed to project based learning rooms

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Rooms became a dumping ground

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2 rooms with an adjoining door and window.

Bright orange and green walls

A projector that faces onto a sliding door - not ideal

Rocking chairs

No space for a teacher desk

Very bright stark lights

Benches running along the back and side of the room

Cupboards above the benches

A lack of space

As the rooms were used for project there was work left all over

No one looked after the rooms

Rooms became a place to put old files and things that had to be stored as there were so many cupboards

Miss match of tables

Round tables where students lost things down the middle

The design process

A team of year 9 students were consulted about the rooms and what they would like to see.

They suggested:

- A colour change
- Soft seating
- Inspirational words
- Funky shelving
- The rooms to flow together
- Make rooms accessible to all

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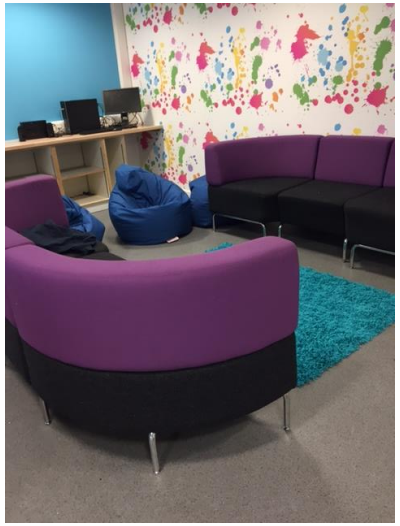
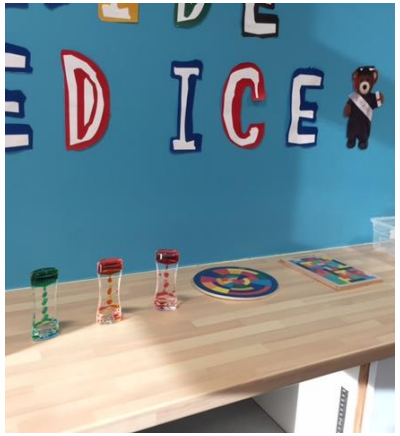
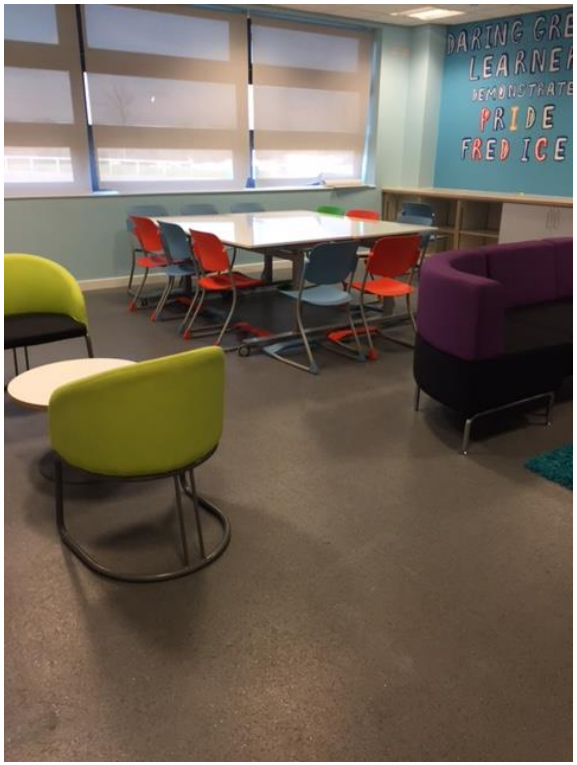
The rooms after –pastoral room







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The Impact being seen

- Room 33 is now being used for our team of pastoral leaders
- It is a space for them to take students who are struggling during the day. We have added bean bags, calming aids, jigsaws, colouring books, coloured light strobe
- It is a space where meetings can take place with students or parents
- It is a space for pastoral interventions.
- It is a space for our 'Freebrough against bullying' team and the 'Daring Greatly' team to meet
- Room 34 is a bookable space which can be used as a drop in room
- It is currently being used for :
- After school for English interventions
- Key stage 3 interventions by counsellors and targeted youth service.
- Year 11 small group intervention lessons.
- Daring greatly learners at lunch time.
- It will become our new year 7 platinum classroom

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