



# SPOTLIGHT

## Business School Facilities

### **Featured School:**

University of Reading

Henley Business School

Reading, United Kingdom

[www.henley.reading.ac.uk](http://www.henley.reading.ac.uk)

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## Henley Business School Whiteknights Campus

**Construction began:** June 2007

**Open for Business:** Fall 2009, with a further extension opened in Spring 2010

**Size:** 5000 square meters

**Floors:** Three

**Cost:** £35 million

**Architectural Firm:** BDP (<http://www.bdp.com/>)

**Construction Firm:** Costain (<http://www.costain.com/>)

**More Information:** <http://www.henley.reading.ac.uk/about/hbs-facilities.asp>

### Offices:

- 61 faculty offices
- 3 offices for the Dean, Deputy Dean and Director of Administration
- 13 administrative support offices
- 1 office for Research Staff

### Classrooms:

- 4 lecture theatres, including a 275 seat facility with state of the art resources and 3 horse-shoe shaped theatres seating 60 to 100
- 12 seminar rooms, ranging in seating size from 24-40
- 2 IT labs, both seating 22

### Other:

- The building uses innovative and environmentally-friendly heating, cooling and lighting systems and has achieved a *very good* BREEAM rating for its environmental performance.
- The design fosters a culture of openness and transparency with a large atrium providing space for informal meetings, student work and events. It incorporates colored glass and wood to create a highly attractive design, with much natural light. The design team and client won the Best Designed Place 2009 from the architects BDP.
- A specialist business school Academic Resource Centre, the ARC, with:
  - a wide range of books, journals and reports for student study
  - seating for students
  - ports for plugging-in lap-tops
  - electronic faculty search
- A dedicated open-plan 'PhD Deck' with 24 workstations, plus three other PhD student offices
- The 'Index Café', providing refreshment for staff, students and visitors. The Café sells fair-trade products and uses recycled materials for cups etc
- Several bathrooms including shower facilities
- Five faculty kitchens
- Three meeting rooms
- Four break-out areas
- Lift providing access to all floors

