

Case Study: **Derby College**

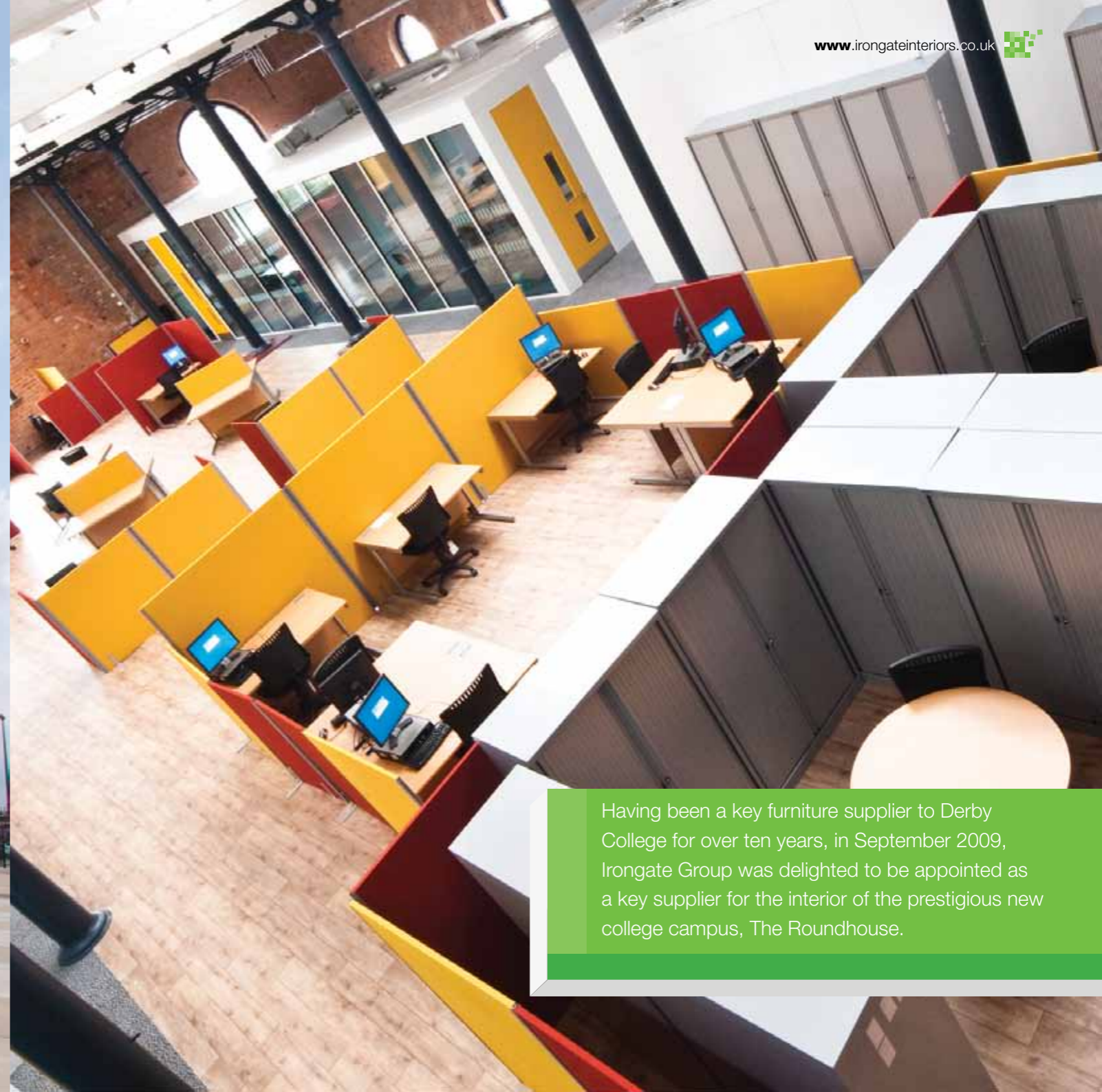


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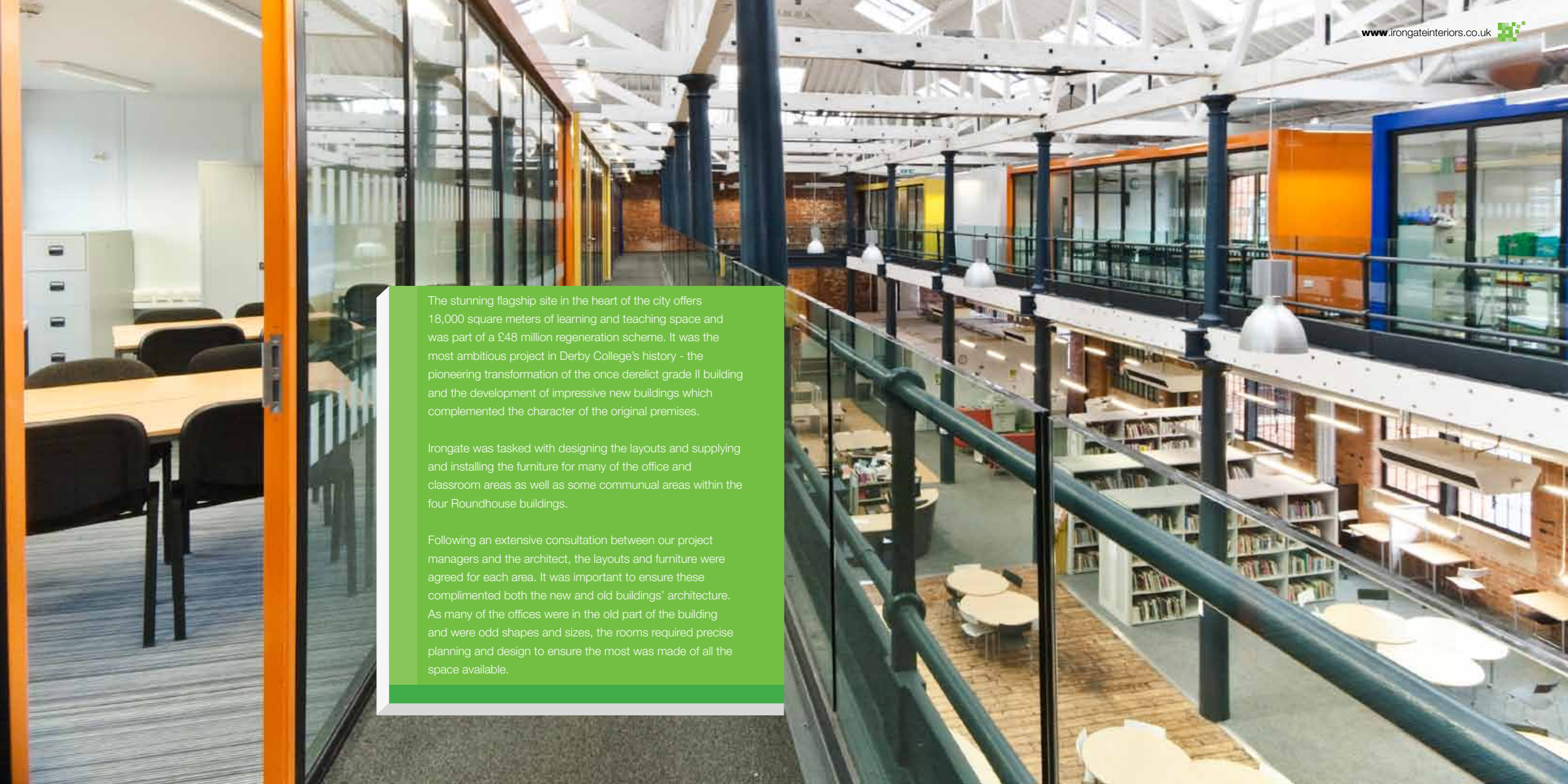


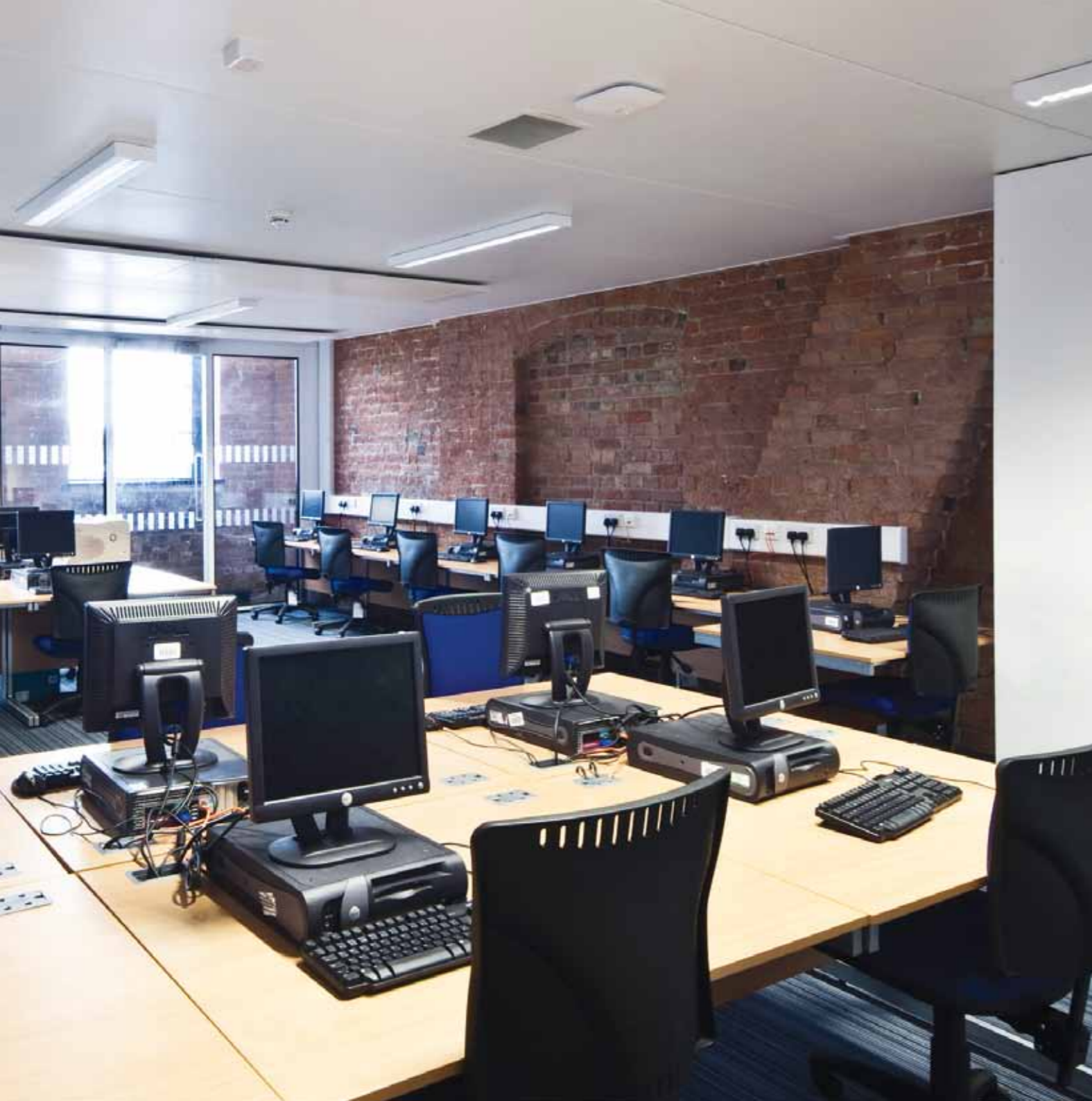
Having been a key furniture supplier to Derby College for over ten years, in September 2009, Irongate Group was delighted to be appointed as a key supplier for the interior of the prestigious new college campus, The Roundhouse.

The stunning flagship site in the heart of the city offers 18,000 square meters of learning and teaching space and was part of a £48 million regeneration scheme. It was the most ambitious project in Derby College's history - the pioneering transformation of the once derelict grade II building and the development of impressive new buildings which complemented the character of the original premises.

Irongate was tasked with designing the layouts and supplying and installing the furniture for many of the office and classroom areas as well as some communal areas within the four Roundhouse buildings.

Following an extensive consultation between our project managers and the architect, the layouts and furniture were agreed for each area. It was important to ensure these complimented both the new and old buildings' architecture. As many of the offices were in the old part of the building and were odd shapes and sizes, the rooms required precise planning and design to ensure the most was made of all the space available.





Whilst encountering many challenges along the way, the fit-out was completed within the required timeframes and within budget despite the sheer scope of the project with furniture being required in four different buildings and on numerous floors.

Simon Clark commented "This was an especially challenging project as we had to install the furniture in building site conditions. The logistics of getting over 200 desks and chairs to the right building, to the right floor in the right room and in the right layout was made all the more challenging because of the conditions we were working under: builders in the way, tight corridors, single steps and lifts not working. There wasn't a lot more that could have been thrown at us!"

All furniture was delivered directly to the site to minimise the carbon footprint and the desking was supplied without the normal packaging to reduce the amount of waste created. Plus, to ensure any issues were resolved immediately, we organised for an oversupply of some items such as spare desk tops to allow any problems to be fixed instantly rather than at a later date.

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