Derby College Industry-led T Level Project

Inspiring the Next Generation

An Industry-Led Learning Experience

Danaher & Walsh Civil Engineering supported an industry-led T Level project delivered at Derby College, working in collaboration with G F Tomlinson and Greenhatch Group. The initiative was designed to provide students with meaningful, real-world exposure to the construction and infrastructure sector, bridging the gap between education and employment.

Delivered over an intensive three-week period, the project replicated the professional environment of a live construction bid and challenged students to think, plan and present like a real construction business.

Students were split into small teams and tasked with operating as their own construction companies. Each team was required to:

- Create a company identity, including name, logo and ethos
- Allocate professional roles such as Civil Engineer, Quantity Surveyor and Bid Manager
- Develop a proposal to repurpose an external space at Derby College's Roundhouse campus
- Interpret survey data and consider design, programme and budget constraints
- Address health and safety, environmental impact and social value
- Present their proposals professionally to an industry panel

The programme concluded on the final Friday with Dragons' Den-style presentations, where teams presented their proposals, responded to questioning and demonstrated their learning. A winning team was selected following the presentations.

At a Glance

Client
Derby College

Date
2026

Social Value

Inspiring the Next Generation

Danaher & Walsh is proud to support initiatives that inspire the next generation of construction professionals. Working in partnership with Derby College, G F Tomlinson and Greenhatch Group, this project highlights the positive impact that industry-led education can have on skills development, aspiration and future career readiness.

This case study reflects Danaher & Walsh's ongoing commitment to social value, education and supporting sustainable talent pipelines within the construction and civil engineering sector.