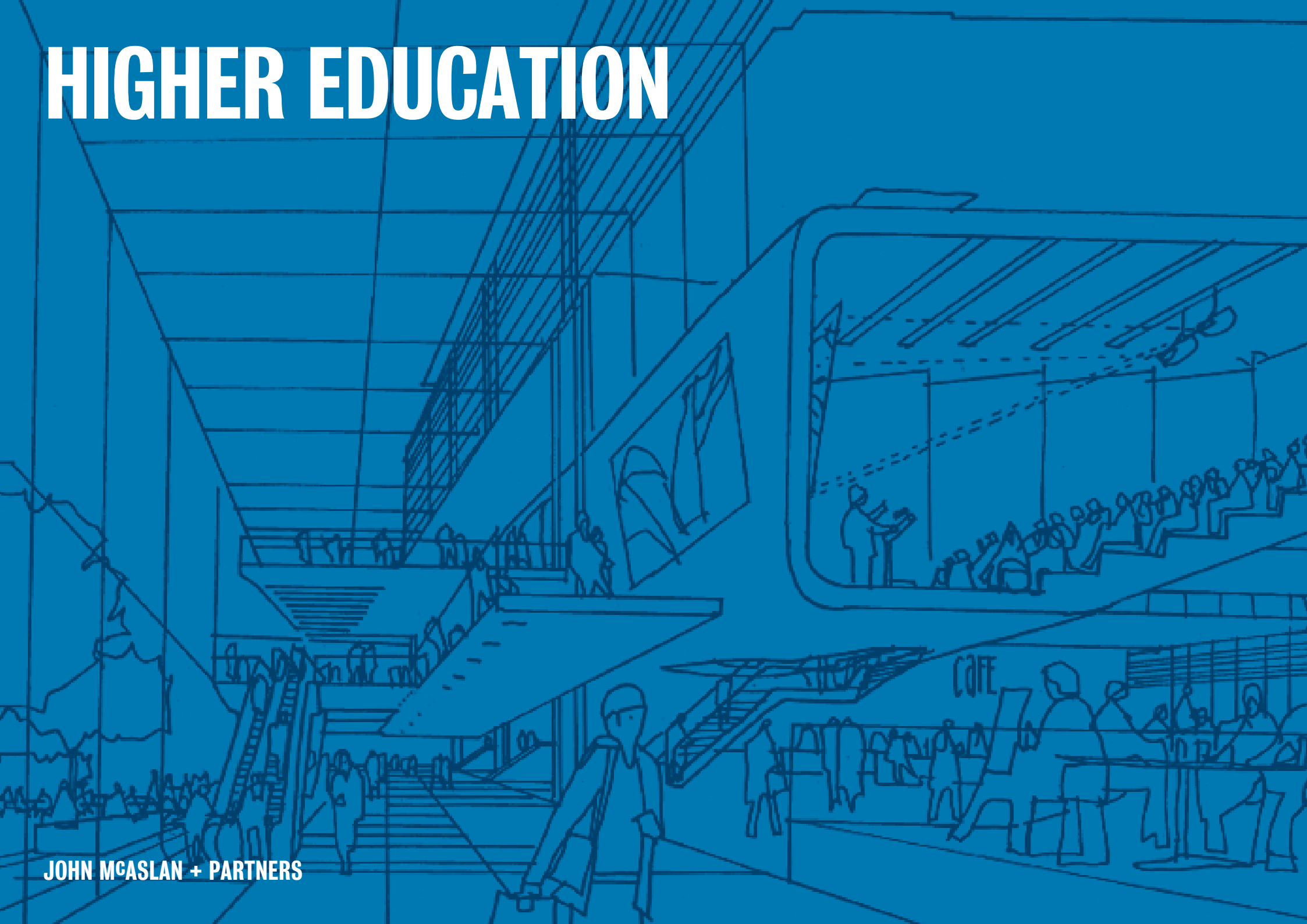


# HIGHER EDUCATION



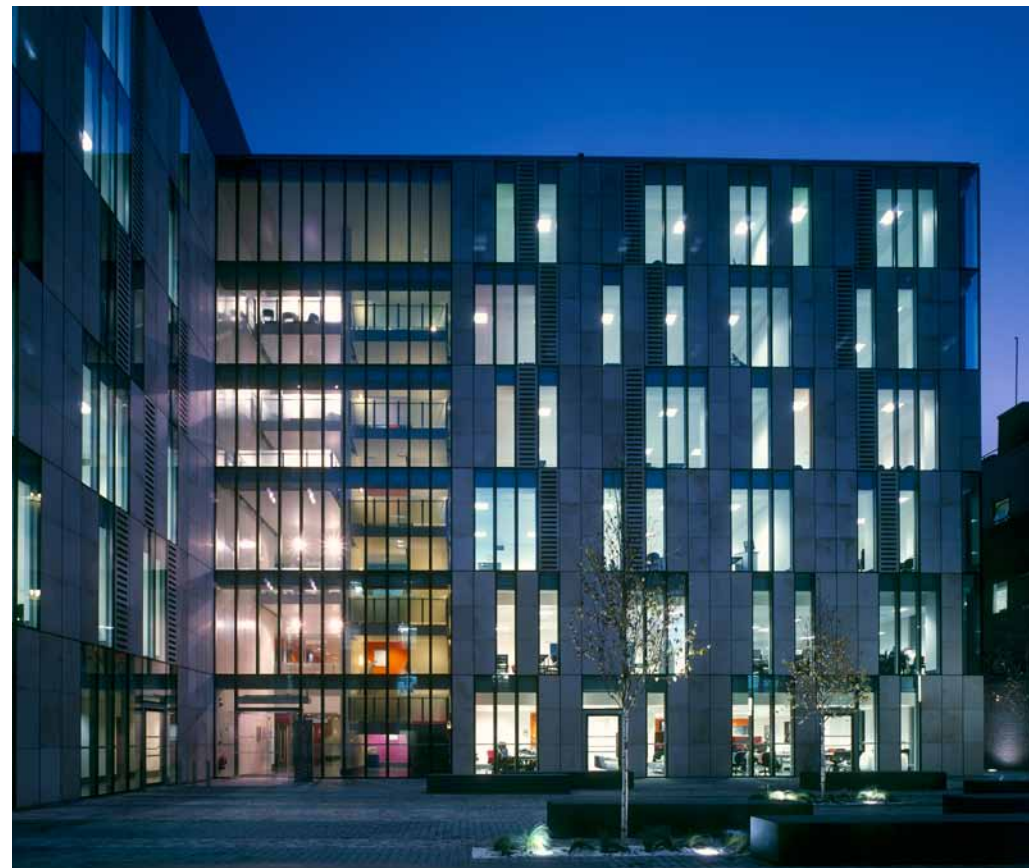
**JOHN MCASLAN + PARTNERS SPECIALIST EDUCATION TEAM HAS DELIVERED PROJECTS AT EVERY SCALE FROM SCHOOLS THROUGH TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONS.**

**IN THE UNIVERSITY SECTOR, WE HAVE CREATED DETAILED MASTERPLANS SETTING OUT THE PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE GROWTH, DELIVERED MAJOR NEW GATEWAY BUILDINGS, AND INTERVENED TO RADICALLY IMPROVE EXISTING BUILDINGS. WE HAVE ALSO COMPLETED SPATIAL ANALYSIS AND RATIONALISATION STUDIES HELPING UNIVERSITIES TO UNDERSTAND AND MAXIMISE THE POTENTIAL OF THEIR ESTATES.**

**IN EXECUTING OUR PROJECTS WE DRAW ON OUR EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE SECTOR. WE TAKE ACCOUNT OF EVOLVING TEACHING AND LEARNING CONDITIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE EVER-CHANGING REQUIREMENTS OF UNIVERSITIES TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS. WE PRODUCE SCHEMES THAT ARE INHERENTLY SUSTAINABLE, FLEXIBLE, HIGHLY EFFICIENT AND PROVIDE EXCELLENT VALUE.**

**OUR SPECIALIST HERITAGE, LANDSCAPING, MASTERPLANNING AND INTERIORS TEAMS CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIVERSE SCOPE OF SERVICES WE OFFER.**

**WE BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CLIENTS IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR ASPIRATIONS AS A MEANS OF DELIVERING SUCCESS. THE CONTINUING RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH SOME OF COUNTRY'S LEADING INSTITUTIONS ARE EXEMPLARS OF THE QUALITY OF SERVICE WE PROVIDE.**



## **KINGSTON UNIVERSITY, LONDON**

JMP's work at Kingston University is an exemplar in our ability to handle the complexities of working on ambitious, rapidly executed Capital Building Programmes.

Appointed to a multi-disciplinary team on a five-year framework, we have delivered three new buildings, a masterplan and major improvements to the public realm across the multiple campus site. All were born out of a comprehensive estate strategy review undertaken by

JMP which mapped the existing building stock identifying key projects for enhancing both the performance and perceptions of the University's estate.

The stone clad John Galsworthy Building, the largest of the practice's commissions at Kingston, sets a new benchmark in the quality of the built environment at the University. The £14.5m scheme provides a wide range of flexible teaching spaces for over 2,500 people, with complimentary social

and IT spaces. The centrally programmed teaching (CPT) facility has raised the standards of the University's teaching accommodation while maximising efficiency across the estate.

A newly created public space outside the building dramatically improves the setting of the surrounding Campus. Executed in high quality materials the square creates a new social heart for the University's diverse community.



## LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

An unbroken stream of projects at Lancaster University's campus by John McAslan + Partners (JMP) has formed a remarkable design odyssey. Amongst our five completed projects we have delivered three BREEAM excellent ratings and two RIBA Award winning buildings for the top-ten nationally rated institution.

Since delivering the campus development Masterplan in 2006, and commencing the design of the innovative Postgraduate Statistics Centre the same year, we have delivered a range of facilities for

the university. These have included academic, administrative, social and pastoral spaces responding to the diverse needs of the institution. All have been rooted in our increasingly detailed physical and operational understanding of the 200-acre site.

2009 saw the completion of the Learning Zone; a radical remodeling of an existing building to create the university's first 24/7 social learning space, and Grizedale College, which combines a mixture of new build and refurbishment to provide a new university bar and pastoral

facilities supporting the university's collegiate system.

Our most recent addition to the campus, the 4,000sqm Charles Carter Building, provides an efficient teaching and departmental space for the University's 6\* Management School. Delivered for two-thirds the cost of a typical higher education building the bold design and high quality construction, together with excellent sustainable credentials and inbuilt flexibility belie the building's notable low cost.

Most recently, LUHR creates

a dedicated Human Resources centre. Set within an existing building, our proposals carve out the existing deep plan space to create a series of welcoming training rooms and ancillary support facilities.

As JMP director Tony Skipper puts it: "The whole relationship with Lancaster, stretching back to 2005, has become very compelling and highly effective, architecturally and educationally. We take great pride in the trust the University continues to place in us – we do seem to grasp each other's key issues quickly."

## SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES (SOAS), UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

In 2003, JMP was appointed to develop a new masterplan for SOAS and through a comprehensive review of the existing estate we identified a number of key opportunities to help the school meet their ever-increasing requirements.

Typifying the practice's ability to work with important modernist buildings, our most significant interventions to date have been within the University's internationally renowned, Grade 2\* listed library, originally designed by Denys Lasdun in 1972.

Completed in 2006, the Library Terraces project extended the existing facilities providing much needed additional reading and work space. The double height glazed insertions have introduced a new character to the library and enhanced study conditions.

In 2008, leading a multi-disciplinary consultant team, JMP was commissioned to complete a £10m transformation of the main library space. Our proposals will modernise the functional and technical abilities of the existing building; new media labs and study rooms will create a series of flexible learning environments, the archive facility will be updated to meet modern requirements and the incredible atrium space will be fully refurbished.

Split into phases to meet funding requirements, Phase One was completed in 2011.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The University of Manchester, a member of the Russell Group, is Britain's largest single site university. In 2004, JMP was commissioned to masterplan the merger of the former Victoria University of Manchester and the University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology (UMIST) under "Project Unity".

Led by the practice's specialist urban designers, our masterplan sets out the redevelopment of the campus including its assimilation into the surrounding city environs, improved accessibility and an enhanced public realm.



Executed by JMP's landscape team, the public realm works have revitalised the campus' image with the creation of new high quality public spaces and improvements to pedestrian and cycle routes.

In addition JMP's £54m University Place building demonstrates our capabilities to deliver large scale projects with complex, varied briefs. The 30,000sqm project provides a new home to the University's School of Nursing and Institute of Health Science and a 16 storey, 300 bed student accommodation tower.

Fronting onto Oxford Road, and facing the University's Victorian core, a large zinc clad drum creates a bold 21st Century landmark entrance to the campus. Housing new public areas, including a flexible 1,000 seat lecture theatre, catering and retail facilities, our design strategy allows the space to be doubled up as a conferencing centre providing a lucrative income stream for the University.



## MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY (MMU)

In 2000, the MMU commissioned JMP to masterplan a regeneration of it's All Saints' Campus, commencing a productive 10-year relationship between the practice and one of the country's largest higher education institutions.

Our appointment to deliver a new £10m landmark building for the Law Faculty, the Sandra Burslem Building, was completed in 2003. Drawing upon the principles of commercial office design the seven storey building is an efficient and well-lit space, its full height atrium punctured by a playful curving timber drum that houses two lecture theatres. Externally, the building acts as a landmark, particularly from the adjacent Mancunian Way, a busy urban motorway.

Despite the constraints of the tight urban site, the project was built on time and on budget. Remarkably, site works for the 6,500sqm facility were limited to just 12 months.

Space requirements and estates costs and upkeep are key concerns for any university. The decision by MMU to consolidate its estate from seven to two locations triggered our appointment to deliver the University's Capital Project Strategy. Working in close collaboration with faculty heads and the Capital Projects Office, we implemented a three-stage process to analyse potential opportunities and lay out the future development strategy of the University.



A Space Management Plan identified needs against current HEFCE guidance. A Capacity Study mapped these requirements over the University's estate, highlighting opportunities for change. And finally, a masterplan detailing future projects, including timescales and procurement routes, was produced. The resulting documents set out in detail the consolidation of the university and provide a clear framework against which design teams and stakeholders can be briefed.

Born out of the Capital Projects Strategy in 2009, JMP was commissioned to masterplan Birley Fields, a 650,000sqm mixed-use addition to MMU's city centre All Saints Campus. Our design seeks to create the UK's greenest university campus by encompassing the "three zeros" – a carbon neutral footprint, water self sufficiency and no off-site waste disposal.



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