



SGS WISE

South Gloucester and Stroud College selected Elite to provide a new gatehouse for its 'WISE' campus - the West of England Institute of Specialist Education.

The college needed a modern, welcoming façade for the state-of-the-art vocational centre for sports and the arts, and we jumped at the opportunity to bring this unique building to life.

Client:
South Gloucester and Stroud College

Specification:
A uniquely welcoming gatehouse

Timescale:
2 weeks (on site)

Key feature:
'Floating' roof structure



THE PROJECT

The six-metre square building was constructed in our factory in two sections before being transported to site to be finished and installed. The brief called for an unusual configuration, with integrated supports for the timber canopy which appears to 'float' above the structure.

Full-height glazing wraps two sides of the gatehouse, allowing plenty of natural light into the administrative space inside, combining perfectly with the Siberian Larch cladding and aluminium panels to create a high-end aesthetic.

The building is kept warm via an air source heat pump, which offers a lower carbon impact than a traditional boiler, helping to future-proof the structure.

We were delighted to work on such a unique project for the SSG site. Re-imagining the roof design by integrating the glulam timber canopy structure really enhanced the look of the entrance building to the site.

Marcus Sutcliffe
Managing director, Elite Systems

THE RESULTS

The new SGS WISE gatehouse is proof that modular buildings can be anything but standard, acting as a warm and modern welcome for visitors to the campus thanks to its striking floating roof structure and effective use of glazing and natural cladding materials.