

# University of York (Phase One)

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## Metal Technology systems used in Scotland’s biggest school

We’re delighted to see the completion of the first phase of University of York’s £130m flagship student accommodation project. GRAHAM Building is using an off-site manufacturing facility to deliver the scheme, enhancing the quality, safety and sustainability of the construction programme. Embracing Modern Methods of Construction, the development includes pre-fabricated sandwich panels, integrating external brick finish with Metal Technology Ltd’s System 5-35 Hi+ **THERMAL** Tilt and Turn windows, which included the development of a bespoke extrusion. The project was fabricated and installed by approved MT fabricator APiC UK. Our System 17 – 50mm curtain walling and System 5-20D Doors were also utilised.

The 1,480-bed project, designed by Sheppard Robson, will help to transform the Heslington East Campus. Student welfare is paramount with the design focusing on harnessing the benefits of the project’s natural, waterside setting. The project has been broken down into 18 blocks that step down from four to three storeys as you get closer to the waterfront, helping frame views of the lake and also embedding the project within the landscape. The strong, simple forms of the blocks, characterised by robust pre-cast concrete and brick, have been designed to be a modern interpretation of the character of the university’s 1960s campus. The simple forms have been shaped to create a series of internal courtyards with a series of covered walkways, a feature of the 60s campus which brings the elements of the project together.

**Client**  
University of York

**Architect**  
Sheppard Robson

**Main Contractor**  
Graham

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**Systems Used**  
System 17 - 50mm  
Curtain Walling  
System 5-35Hi+ Thermal  
Tilt & Turn Windows  
System 5-20D Doors

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