



St Martins College, Cumbria

WORK STARTS AT UNIVERSITIES FIRST PROJECT



A flagship £8.5m student centre

The newly created University of Cumbria - which comes into operation in July 2007 - has been given the go-ahead to develop its first new building, a flagship Student Centre.



The £8.5m gateway building has been designed by North West based architects Wilson Mason and Partners and will be the focal point of the University's Lancaster campus. Approved by Lancaster City Council on December 18, 2006, facilities include a 'one-stop' shop, a catering outlet, office space as well as educational areas over 2,795 sq m (30,085 sq ft).

The Centre is designed to be environmentally sensitive by maximising the use of natural ventilation and using local stone and has a 'very good' BREEAM rating.



Alan Williams, project architect at Wilson Mason, comments:

"This is the first project to arise from the new estates strategy for the University and we're really excited about the scheme.

"The space has been designed for practical use by students but the building has such attributes to be a 'gateway' focal point for the campus."

The £5m construction contract is due for completion in August 2008.



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