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## Chessington School Scoops RICS London Award

The Royal Borough of Kingston's Chessington Community College scooped top prize at the 2010 RICS London Awards winning first place in the Community Benefit category.

This year saw an overwhelming response to the RICS Awards with a record number of entries worldwide. Chessington College competed against a dozen excellent projects to take the award much to the delight of the Schools supporters, daily users, management and project team.

Paul Raymont of building and property consultants Tuffin Ferraby Taylor who project managed the scheme said "The main philosophy behind the design of Chessington Community College's new facility was to create a complex that meets the needs of delivering dynamic education in the 21st Century. From the outset the aim was to create a space that felt less like a school and more like a community or business centre. This award is testament to the dedication and drive being put in to this scheme by the whole project team, including, IID Architects, Robinson Low Francis, Wilmott Dixon, FaberMaunsell, the school, the local authority and ourselves."

Features of the building include the main atrium, which connects all other areas. The transparent roof creates natural light and the large open space acts as a viewing gallery to all other areas.

As well as being a place for children to learn, the building and its facilities provide a wider service to the community with the sports centre, new multi-use games area, café and bar open to the public outside of school hours. Furthermore the inclusion of a large theatre and outdoor stage area will allow for high quality performances to be put on by both the school and local theatre groups.

Feedback from the school's management team is that the new building has transformed the education experience at CCC with the number of exclusions dropping significantly and behaviour in and out of classrooms dramatically improving.

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