

# University of Kent - Eliot College

Materials  
Fixing System  
Main Contractor

650sq.m Marley Eternit EQUITONE Tectiva & Pictura  
Nvelope NV2 & Sika secret fix adhesive  
DCB (Kent) Ltd



Before Refurbishment

BBS Facades were chosen to supply Marley Eternit EQUITONE Tectiva, which has transformed the outdated 1980's University of Kent Eliot College Extension from a drab brick building to a sleek and modern working environment. A positive relationship between cladding contractor Prima Systems and BBS Facades led to this project's specification. The installers knew BBS Facades would be able to source all material at the best price, within the required time frame.







No compromise on style or safety with **EQUITONE**  
Tectiva and Pictura fibre cement panels

Previous developments on the University of Kent site influenced the clean cut design preferred by the architects for the administrative building, unfortunately, the existing cladding product used was unknown. BBS Facades spent time with the architect and Marley Eternit to determine the exact panel – EQUITONE Tectiva in Calico. Each panel is characterised by fine sanded lines and naturally occurring hues, creating a rough but delicate linen surface.

BBS Facades were happy to accommodate changes to the design criteria, including an additional material and colour option. As part of the design criteria the panels were required to align with the horizontal rails of the glazing, originally this was thought to be possible, however, further developments highlighted it was not. BBS Facades worked closely with all parties to ensure a solution was found which satisfied all design requirements by incorporating an additional row of panels at the top of the building for a sharp, clean appearance.

The clean panel lines were expertly cut by BBS Facades to ensure accuracy and save time on site. The fabrication and delivery service available meant Prima Systems could rely on the panels being delivered ready for installation in a timely manner.

Design was key with this project and therefore an Nvelope NV2 helping hand system alongside SikaTack secret fix adhesive was used. Secret fixings allowed for a clean uninterrupted façade.

Marley Eternit EQUITONE Tectiva through colour fibre cement panels come with a highly favourable fire rating of A2-s1, d0 which means it is suitable for all facade applications.

*Photos courtesy of Prima Systems*

BBS Facades is one of the UK's leading distributors of external cladding panels and fixing systems. BBS Facades offers personalised fabrication services to suit almost any requirements, with shaping, drilling, bevelling, cutting and finishing to your specification. All panels can be delivered to site in perfect condition by our skilled delivery team. With a wealth of experience BBS Facades are able to assist you on all cladding aspects of your next build. Contact BBS Facades today for a quote.