

Centre for Mathematical Sciences

Location: Cambridge, UK

Client: University of Cambridge

Dates: Completed in three phases 1996 - 2003

Size: 19,200sqm

Contract Value: £59M

Awards:

- BCI Major Projects Award
- RIBA Award
- Royal Fine Art Commission University Building of the Year Award
- David Urwin Award

“The Centre for Mathematical Sciences has now been occupied for 8 years. The building’s quality architecture and functionality are highly regarded within the University and by the mathematicians. The Centre for Mathematical Sciences is a great success and I hope there will be a further opportunity to work with Cullinans on other University projects in the future.” John Woods, Project Manager, University of Cambridge



Above: Aerial view of the campus showing the seven pavilions clustered around the central grass-roofed social core.

The Centre for Mathematical Sciences has broken down barriers between disciplines in a working environment highly praised by academics and students.

The new campus was designed to encourage academic dialogue and discovery by bringing together the Pure and Applied Mathematics Departments of the University of Cambridge.

The complex was built in three phases and is made up of seven pavilions; a central social building; the circular Betty and Gordon Moore Library, home to the Stephen Hawking archive; and a gatehouse that forms a dramatic entrance to a new contemporary Cambridge courtyard.

The Centre for Mathematical Sciences has encouraged new research and funding and has had a positive impact on staff and student recruitment.

In a 2002 Post-occupancy Review of Buildings and their Engineering (PROBE) study, the performance of the buildings, together with a high level of satisfaction among academics and students, placed the Centre for Mathematical Sciences in the top percentile, a result endorsed by BSRIA after a subsequent study in 2006.



Above: The social core.