



CASE STUDY – THE KIMBERLEY SCHOOL, NOTTINGHAM

Innovative Solardome® glasshouse complements forward looking school

The Kimberley School in Nottingham (www.kimberleyschool.co.uk) is a comprehensive school for around 1320 pupils aged 11-18. It became a specialist Technology College in September 2006 and has received significant investment in new facilities under the Government's 'New Deal for Schools' initiative.



In 2007, three bright sparks from the school battled their way through a fiendishly tricky brainteaser as part of the Quorn Brighter Future Memory Challenge and past 170 other secondary schools to scoop first and runner-up positions. Their prize – an innovative Solardome® glasshouse - now provides much needed additional space and complements the school's image as a forward looking technology school.



The Student Council is keen to use their SOLARDOME® Capella (6.11m/20ft diameter dome) as their Council Chamber, and the dome has enough space to seat the Council with ease.

Commenting on the arrival of the dome, Mike Jones, Bursar of the School, enthused: "I am writing to tell you how pleased we are with the SOLARDOME® Capella. Staff and students returned to school to find the impressive structure *in situ*. It is already a hot topic of conversation."

Chris Teal, Head Teacher of The Kimberley School, said: "The pupils' tremendous achievement mirrors the philosophy across the whole school that children do their best and are rewarded for their achievement. The school will benefit from much needed space from the Solardome® glasshouse and the innovative, technological structure will complement the school's image as a forward looking technology school."

The Challenge was part of a larger promotion launched by Marlow Foods, the manufacturer of the range of Quorn products, for secondary schools nationwide. It raised awareness of the impact nutrition can have on the concentration and performance levels of students.

Quorn decided that a Solardome® glasshouse would be a fitting prize due to its ability to inspire young people outside the classroom across a range of different subject areas. Many schools throughout the UK use a dome to recreate 'mini Eden projects' in their school grounds, where students nurture exotic plants and produce their own fruit and vegetables to complement their school meals.

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