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Above: The control room before the refurbishment  
Left: The new security control room at Aston University

## Did you know?

Thinking Space have now completed over 15 projects for security control rooms at universities around the UK

Find out more at:  
[www.thinking-space.com/case-studies/](http://www.thinking-space.com/case-studies/)

## Refurbishment of Aston University security control room

Thinking Space Systems have recently provided new control room furniture for client's Aston University, following refurbishment of the security control room. After meeting back in 2013, Aston University were impressed with the technical furniture solutions offered by Thinking Space. Their custom designed solutions mean that free-standing desks could be provided which could be easily relocated in the future.

A typical CCTV control room layout was provided, with a two operator console, media wall and supervisor console as well as custom designed storage.

Explained Acting Head of Security, Caroline Bluck, "Aston University recently were lucky enough to work with Thinking Space in refurbishment works of a new Security Control room. Not an easy task when accommodating a room with so much technology, and to satisfy multiple end users".

"This was a complete redesign, with the focus on creating not only a user-friendly space, but a calm atmosphere essential when controlling emergency incidents. It is not always easy to achieve both function and design, but it has been achieved here. I'm confident we now have the base in which to serve our community, and a space our workforce can take pride in".



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## Blog...



Over the month of April, a number of fundraising events were held, raising just shy of £500 for Rose Road. All the staff donned football shirts for a day, including rival teams, and all for charity!

## Appointments...



Thinking Space are delighted to announce the appointment of new International Sales Manager, Darren Allen.

An experienced Control Room Specialist, Darren has worked within the global control room market for the past eight years and specifically working for other console manufacturers in the past.

Darren will be bringing with him a wealth of experience in dealing with international clients as well as designing control rooms. He will also be instrumental in supporting the ongoing growth of international console sales for the company.



See us at...

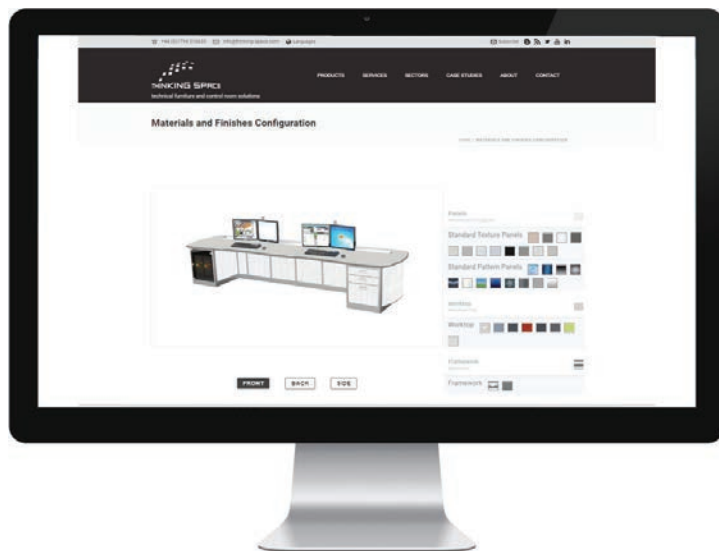
**IFSEC International  
London ExCel  
18th - 20th June 2019  
Stand IF2000**

## Printed panel launch at IFSEC 2019

Thinking Space will be returning once again to IFSEC 2019, with the launch of the new printed panel solution. At stand IF2000, they will be displaying the full possibilities of their brand new printing production line for their technical furniture, now in operation.

Back in December 2018, Thinking Space were awarded government funding from the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership to contribute towards the cost of installing a large flat bed digital printer and lacquering machine into their factory, in Hampshire.

But why?



See our new panel information and swatches at  
[www.thinking-space.com/materials-and-finishes/](http://www.thinking-space.com/materials-and-finishes/)

### Materials and finishes configurator..

Website visitors now have the freedom to choose how their furniture could look using a brand new configuration tool, now available (see photo, above). This will help decide on which colours and designs to choose for panels and worktops, even framework. And soon you will be able to upload your own images to it too! Try it out at [www.thinking-space.com/materials-and-finishes-configuration](http://www.thinking-space.com/materials-and-finishes-configuration)

### Competition time..

To celebrate the launch of the printed panel production line, visitors to the stand will be offered the chance to "take the hot seat" and pose for a photo at one of the consoles, set in a simulated control room environment. In exchange, Thinking Space will be offering one lucky visitor the chance to have an image of their choice printed by the new digital printer, up to 1200mm square. So whether it is a family photo, or motivational quotation for the office, they will print it for you.



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As part of their research and development programme, Thinking Space identified a growing frustration of obtaining finishing materials from European suppliers for the panels that are used to clad the framework of every furniture build. The reliance on a third party, who were at the same time reducing their choice of finishes, led to the concept of printing directly onto the panels, rather than applying vinyl finishes.

The new printer can print onto the panels with textures and patterns, created in-house. These will be added to on a regular basis, incorporating the latest trends in office furniture design, to build up a standard library of popular textures and colour schemes coordinating with worktop colours. Logos and artwork including montages can also be added as an additional service, giving clients complete customisation over the look of their new control room furniture.

### At stand IF2000..

They will be demonstrating some of the more unusual finishes, from complete images wrapping around the desk, to photo montages and gradients on two typical security consoles. The first is a static console, suitable for a single operator. The second is a height adjustable console, which is controlled by Bluetooth on a mobile or desktop app, as well as a discreet control pad on the desk for healthy sit/stand working.



### Testimonials...

"The team of specialists, particularly their Commercial Director, Paul Roberts, were so easy to talk to, I immediately felt at ease. I quickly understood their furniture solutions and knew that I could entrust them to deliver a modern, efficient control room to the timescales agreed".

**JOHN DEER**  
Security Manager  
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

"Working with Jason from Thinking Space was a pleasure, he understood the project brief and engaged with the CCTV operators regarding their comfort and the usability of the desks".

**ANDY BOND**  
Control Room Manager  
Chesterfield Borough Council

"Thinking Space have delivered exceptional furniture solutions within our new control room. Each of our operators now has the chance to alter their own workspace easily for comfort. It is the attention to detail, with privacy screens, cable tunnels and height adjustability that have made all the difference now. The result is that staff are more engaged, focused and productive in this new healthy working environment."

**MARTIN RAINES**  
CCTV Operator  
East Riding Council

"The Thinking Space team are professional and helpful. They explained all that was needed in a clear and precise way which made it easier to picture their vision of our new control room to us. I would highly recommend Thinking Space for your ARC control room furniture, it's made such a difference to the wellbeing and productivity of our staff here".

**KEVIN SUFFOLK**  
Protect-Us Monitoring

