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A SPECIALIST refurbishment company has helped staff at the University of Derby take a relaxing break from the rigours of the working day.

Derby based Elite Commercial Interiors redesigned and reconfigured the staff lounge, creating a cost-effective, high quality and contemporary relaxing environment.

The company, which specialises in commercial environments from design to completion, provided a complete energy efficient interior design solution for the University, which has already proved popular with staff.

Elite's solution included refurbishing the bistro bar and creating a new serving area. The floor of the dining section is fitted with hardwearing, serviceable oak effect vinyl planking, with planters segregating it from the carpeted soft seating area. Complementary materials, soft lighting and a contemporary colour scheme all help to create a restful environment.

The quality of finish throughout is of a very high standard and the choice of materials, décor, lighting and wall art has met with the universal approval of University staff and visitors alike. The lounge is a very popular meeting place and eatery.

Peter Timbrell, managing director of Elite Commercial Interiors, said 'The University wanted to modernise the lounge space and increase the seating area, by remodelling the existing servery and relocating it to create a contemporary, light and airy open plan environment that is enticing both to eat and relax in.'

This is our first turn-key project for the University and has given us the opportunity to demonstrate our creativity flair and quality of finish. We are very much looking forward to developing a long and fruitful relationship with them.

Ian Willgoose, University Director of Estates, said 'The staff lounge in the South Tower was in need of refurbishment and the contractors have certainly done a good job. I'm sure people will find it a welcoming place to take a break.'

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Elite Commercial Interiors are specialists in commercial environments and are developing rapidly through innovative design solutions, style and quality of furniture and quality of workmanship. It offers clients bespoke services, tailored to meet individual requirements and budgets. It has established an excellent reputation for delivering effective business solutions, coupled with the supply of exceptional quality furniture and fully project managed refurbishment programmes. Elite provides a total business interiors solution from design to completion including interior design, acoustic engineering, furniture and refurbishment.

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