



# THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION INSPIRATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTED FOR THE FUTURE

The Institute of Education (IOE) is the UK's leading centre in education and social research and is the only college of the University of London, dedicated to education and related disciplines.

Founded in 1902, as a teacher training college with 58 students, the IOE is now a world-class research and teaching institution, with thousands of students from a wide range of backgrounds.

With 400 world leading scholars in the field of education, the IOE is at the forefront of research and attracts a large share of UK research council funding to support around 250 projects, at any one time.

The city centre campus is an inspirational learning experience and the qualifications awarded are respected by employers across the world.

A staff survey highlighted the need for improved security. The proposed solution was to protect the campus with more secure Access Control, whilst retaining accessibility and maintaining flexible public spaces.

The campus required a multi application security system to include Access Control and contactless smartcards. The Security Management System would need to be supported by an integrated onsite staff and student ID card production system to fulfill the estates strategy for the future.

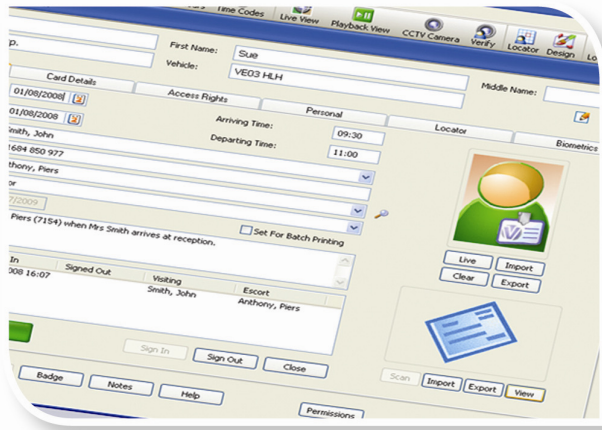
G4S Technology's Symmetry Security Management System's high level of integration and vast array of features was fully aligned with the IOE's requirements. Symmetry would be able to protect their first-class campus facilities and resources including libraries, computer suites, nursery, media suite, lecture halls and seminar rooms.

The IOE's rigorous tender process was well structured and implemented. G4S Technology provided the best overall tender bid presentation and offered the most technically suitable solution to meet the IOE's strict criteria. G4S Technology used their extensive experience within the education sector to support their bid.

When selecting a supplier, the IOE considered G4S Technology's ability to meet lean implementation timescales and budget constraints, along with their longstanding company reputation.

The variety of disparate legacy magnetic stripe card systems in place at the IOE previously, were replaced with a reliable, fully integrated Access Control solution. Mifare contactless smartcards were chosen to ensure the system would last in the longer term.

Due to the large numbers of students and staff processed by the campus each academic year, the IOE chose to procure Symmetry's ID card production suite. The data import and export module was selected to extract data from the college's existing admissions database and relieve the administrative burden of multiple database entry.



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New barrier entry turnstiles were supplied, installed and integrated into the Symmetry Security Management System to protect their library from unauthorised access and tailgating.

The entire installation was meticulously planned, structured and implemented by G4S Technology's experienced team. Since the installation, the system has improved the IOE's multi site security to the benefit of staff, students and visitors.

"Our organisation can benefit greatly from the integration capabilities of Symmetry. Our current photo ID and Access Control solution on doors and turnstiles is working well and we are keen to exploit further opportunities to extend our system as and when required in the future. We also appreciate the reliable and consistent support services from G4S Technology." Head of Estates and Facilities, The Institute of Education, University of London.

The IOE continues to be impressed by the reliability and stability of the Symmetry system and G4S Technology's thorough service support offering.

To maintain future campus security, the IOE have a strategy in place to develop their Symmetry system onsite. Since the initial installation, the system has constantly been extended and expanded.

G4S Technology's continued commitment to research and development and future proofing the system, will ensure that Symmetry will remain the best possible solution for the IOE's planned levels of expansion over the coming years, to meet the needs of their staff and students.

**About G4S Technology**

G4S Technology is part of G4S plc, the world's leading international security solutions group.

G4S Technology designs, manufactures, installs and maintains fully integrated building security systems, protecting everything from small offices and schools to large multi-national organisations and high security Government facilities.

G4S Technology has been providing unified security solutions for over 30 years, delivering 30,000 systems across 80 countries, to mitigate risk and protect staff, premises and assets.

