

## Unleashing Creative Mastery with HIMACS at the Latest Rycotewood College Student Competition



Following the resounding success of the 2022 edition, James Latham reaffirms its commitment to fostering innovation and design excellence by once again supporting the **Rycotewood College Student Competition**. The renowned HIMACS distributor in the UK has generously donated a substantial quantity of HIMACS, spanning a diverse spectrum of colours, empowering students to showcase their skills when working with cutting-edge and unconventional materials to meet an intricate creative brief. This year, the challenge for Rycotewood's talented students was to explore the dynamic interplay of colour and curve within the overarching **theme of storage**.

This year's competition unfolded as a true spectacle, presenting a collection of extraordinary pieces that eloquently demonstrated the students' capacity to adapt, experiment, and transcend the boundaries of traditional furniture design.

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## Creative Mastery with HIMACS

**HIMACS** winner **Joe Fortune** emerged triumphant with a visually striking and artistically ingenious shelving unit designed for indoor plants. **Fortune pushed the boundaries of HIMACS, showcasing the material's thermoformable nature through smooth, delicate twists seamlessly joined.** Notably, CNC technology was employed to carve out intricate holes within the curved pieces, reminiscent of the cellular structure of a leaf. The judges were captivated by the technical prowess displayed, from seamless curvature and invisible joints to extensive cut-outs, showcasing HIMACS' ability to surpass initial expectations, creating visually stunning and functional features without compromising structural integrity.



Commenting on his experience working with HIMACS, Joe Fortune stated, *"HIMACS's ability to be heated and twisted without visual or structural compromise proved the perfect material to achieve what was, from the outset, a very ambitious design. The results speak for themselves. Personally, I was pleased with the seamless joins I was able to achieve, creating an appealing visual continuity within the finished piece."*

## Raising the Bar

**Emma Harris** received commendation for her chic drinks cabinet, a sophisticated fusion of **black HIMACS** and **solid oak** resulting in a cool, contemporary piece of furniture. The addition of a mirrored interior added an extra touch of luxury, earning praise from the judges for its refinement, harmonious combination of textures and colours, and demonstration of Harris's adept understanding of HIMACS' versatility.



Expressing his enthusiasm for the competition's success, Josh Hudson, Furniture Lead at Rycotewood, stated, *"We're thrilled to witness the tremendous growth of the students in their ability to work with new materials, as demonstrated through the ambitious and captivating pieces submitted for this year's keenly-anticipated and hotly-contested competition. Partnering with James Latham and HIMACS has been fantastic, and our ongoing collaboration allows the students to push their creative boundaries and showcase their talent to the full."*

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Rycotewood College Students Competition

**Location:** Oxford, United Kingdom

**Design:** Joe Fortune (HIMACS Winner), Emma Harris

**Material:** HIMACS S022 Black, S028 Alpine White

**HIMACS Supplier:** James Latham

**Photography:** Josh Cameron, Feed Me Content



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## HIMACS Solid Surface

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HIMACS is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high-performance wall cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for quality, aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering many advantages over conventional materials.

HIMACS provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First, **HIMACS Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation in the history of Solid Surface since its inception in 1967. And now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra** combines the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades – exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HIMACS is made using a next-generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser surface that is even sturdier, more homogeneous and more durable, and with better resistance and superior thermoforming results.

HIMACS does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognised certificates attest to the quality of HIMACS in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for the Alpine White S728 colour.

HIMACS offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.



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