

reading and the amount of after-work schooling that they were doing. The client also noted that the girls were not working with others when they were in the space, as the design and layout didn't cater for this. It lacked inspiration and motivation. Bishop wanted the space to be a 'think tank,' which promoted reading, writing, communication and creativity at the College.

The furniture in the library was mostly grey in colour, extremely bulky and unappealing. Summertown Interiors advised that the furniture needed to be replaced and a new colour palette for the



room needed to be selected. The spaces needed to be opened up, complemented by a revamp of the reception counter with back credenza unit.

Working within the parameters of "fun, inspiring and a team-engaging space," Summertown Interiors' engineers, planners, and designers incorporated a selection of bright, funky coloured furniture such as pinks, greens and yellows which added to the absorbing feel of the design.

Large, comfortable couches were placed in open spaces, offering greater areas for student interaction and relaxation. The Orangebox Boundary couch was placed in the seating area, creating a



"seating circle" to promote team work amongst the students.

Throughout the library, large pillars that were previously dark and drab in colour were painted in apple green and vibrant yellow to open the space and make it more appealing to the students. The colours were chosen to inspire and encourage student interaction.

"Summertown worked within the brief provided by Dubai Women's College to provide the perfect solution. This is yet another great example of how our team has improved the workings of the space by developing a great understanding of the changes that were required. We then executed these changes with the best designers and best craftsmanship available in the UAE, tailor-making this space to a world-class design," says Bish.

The library: An inspiring and team-engaging space