

University Challenge



2012: The refurbishment incorporated Duratrans prints of Hubble space telescope images



2004: The original Nick King design

TV SET BUILD & REFURBISHMENT

We constructed the original Nick King designed set for this flagship quiz show and were contacted almost a decade later to undertake refurbishments, also to the designs of Nick King.

The original set included a central digitally printed panel, along with further panels framed by columns with backlit details and headers, which created backdrops to the contestants' desks. Acrylic panels with graphics hung in front. Monitors and name panels were inset into raised contestants' desks and we also created the presenter's desk with podium along with a central floor-mounted raised lightbox with light running down the radiating acrylic arms.



Plasma ball centrepiece housed under an acrylic dome

The refurbishment required us to re-clad and recover most features, adding illuminated trims, additional acrylic elements, touches of copper laminate and frosted vinyl. We also added new features such as the backdrops and the floor – notable for the inclusion of duratrans prints derived from pictures taken by the Hubble space telescope.

The columns received much attention, being stripped back then re-clad in MDF, covered with marmoleum and given additional back-lit acrylic panels. Headers and the ground row were also recovered, and given an extra trim of copper laminate.

We provided new backdrops of printed graphics on backlit PVC and a new aluminium trimmed centre panel with round rostra and matching round ceiling piece. The laminate on the team desks was stripped and replaced, LED trim added and new lightboxes provided for the team names. A similar treatment was given to quiz master Jeremy Paxman's desk.

The floor was given a whole new look with a plasma ball set under an acrylic dome as a centrepiece. Radiating from this were the duratrans Hubble telescope images, mounted on acrylic and underlit with brand new LEDs.