



# Harris Girls Academy, Bermondsey

## modernisation of 1960's FE college

Sprunt was appointed as architect and lead consultant for the stage 2 construction phase for the development of the Harris Academy in Bermondsey.

The aspiration for this Academy was to provide a centre for education founded upon a culture that embodies high achievement.

Our role was to act as Lead Design consultant, protecting the integrity of the initial design; manage and direct the whole design team—M&E, Structural Engineers and FF&E and provide quality production information to ensure the project met the aspirations of the Academy's stakeholders.

The scheme includes an existing brick built Victorian school which was extended in the 1990s. The extension included a new dining hall; a 1960s concrete, purpose built eight storey tower block; a two storey music

performance block and single storey sports hall, none of which met the required aspirations.

The scheme proposals for the Academy provide a modern, inspirational and safe campus, which will encourage learning and self development as well as encompassing new methods of study and teaching.

This illuminating and expansive new development will have specialist facilities for business studies and ICT teaching spaces as well as design technology facilities including food rooms; 3D materials workshops; 2D and 3D art rooms and textiles teaching areas. Music and drama facilities include music teaching and recital rooms, drama and dance studio and a large multifunctional hall.

The academy design also provides a special education needs (SEN) resource area and a learning resource centre (LRC).

**Location:**  
Bermondsey, London

**Client:**  
Harris Academy Group

**Project:**  
Modernisation of Existing secondary school

**Value:**  
£8.5million

**Status:**  
On site

“A project which brings together 21<sup>st</sup> century education with the problems related to Victorian and 60s buildings.”