



Orley Farm School

Remodelling of secondary school at Harrow

Nestling at the base of the verdant slopes of Harrow on the Hill, and surrounded by an Site of Special Scientific Interest and a private estate which is the focus of a construction area, Orley Farm School was always going to present challenges to any development work.

This 160 year old independent preparatory school first invited Sprunt to develop an accommodation strategy to address issues including a number of unsuitable teaching spaces, a poorly organised entrance, a need for better specialist facilities and resident's concerns over traffic. Sprunt analysed the special needs of the school and through consultation with senior staff and specialist teachers developed a solution which unlocked the heart of the school by converting the constrained dining facilities to teaching rooms and designing four new school buildings.

A new purpose built dining room will be located on the previous site of hutted classrooms and an extension to accommodate music and drama teaching is subtly located to the rear of the existing music block.

In addition a new entrance, office and reception area is proposed and new dispersed changing facilities provided, all sensitively designed to lessen their impact on the local environment.

The traffic issues have been addressed by the introduction of a drop off route to improve traffic flows built in grass filled concrete and increased off road parking provision.

Other areas of the school accommodation will be improved during the phased programme of works to ensure minimum disruption to the schools academic life. Building on our award winning reputation for sustainable design, Sprunt has designed all the new buildings to the highest standards of energy conservation and low carbon design.

Once works are complete in 2015 the school will be set for its next 160 years in accommodation fit for the 21st century, and yet harmonised with its beautiful surroundings.

Location:
Harrow on the Hill

Client:
Orley Farm School

Project:
Accommodation Strategy,
Architecture and Landscape
Architecture

Value:
£8m

Status:
Under construction

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