

EDUCATION

CURRENT + RECENT EXPERIENCE

Welcome to BrightSpace Architects

We combine design quality and commercial acumen with an emphasis on delivery to create places and spaces that enhance people's lives. Our team works across all stages of the design, planning and construction process collaborating with clients, communities and end-users to deliver uplifting residential, mixed-use, education, leisure and commercial projects.

Whether it's a one-off home or a major urban regeneration scheme, our talented designers bring the same creativity, skill and passion to each and every project. We work from our purpose-built studio on the Dorset and Hampshire border but our projects take us all around the country.



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ABOUT US

BrightSpace Architects is an RIBA Chartered Practice founded in 2010 by Eric Sey, Martin Dobbs, Mark Amey and Dave Evans.

United by a shared belief that good design can elevate everyday places, we set up a creative and collaborative studio that puts people at the heart of our practice and approach.

Our talented team has grown to over 20 architects, designers, technologists and support staff working out of a purpose-built studio in Fordingbridge, Hampshire on the edge of the New Forest National Park that borders Dorset and Wiltshire.

We work on residential, mixed-use, education, leisure and commercial projects.

Our ability to learn from research across sectors and projects, combined with an expansive knowledge of building typologies, construction techniques and procurement processes, means we add value at every stage for all our clients.

We are pleased to say that our clients return to us, again and again, to help them design and deliver innovative yet functional and affordable buildings that exceed their expectations.



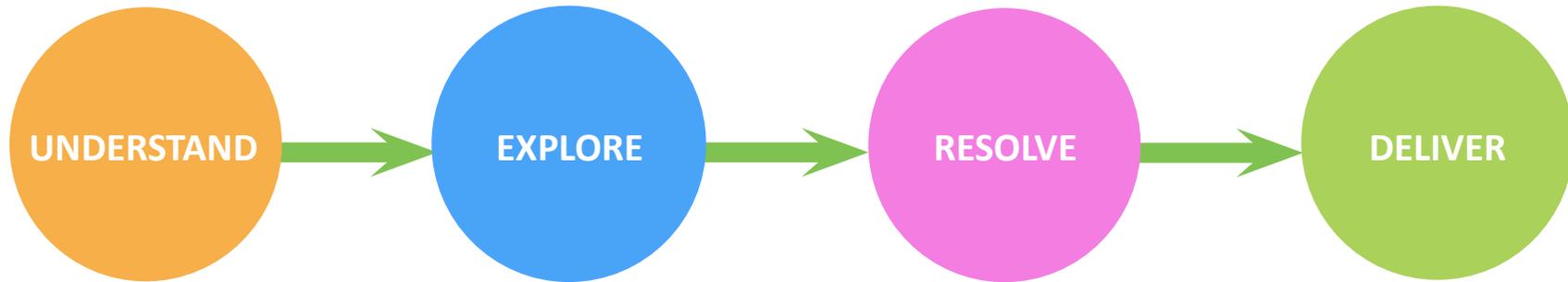
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OUR APPROACH



analyse
the brief, the site and project drivers

listen
to the client, end users and stakeholders

learn
from previous projects and team experience

create
ideas, concepts and options

challenge
options, preconceptions and the brief

test
potential solutions

evolve
solutions in concept and detail

present
evaluate and discuss

agree
the way forward

manage
the process and expectations

control
the programme and project output

fulfill
the project brief and client aspirations

THE DIRECTORS



Eric Sey

Director

Eric, Director and Chartered Architect, has a proven track record in the end-to-end design and delivery of developments, for both public, private and public/private partnerships.

He has been instrumental in the realisation of a number of major regeneration initiatives that have benefitted from his experience in land promotion, negotiation and consultation throughout the planning process, and an understanding of the commercial imperatives.

His primary focus is the realisation of mixed-use urban developments, driven by his passion for urban design, regeneration and placemaking.



Martin Dobbs

Director

Martin is a Chartered Architectural Technologist and Building Engineer with over 30 years' experience designing, detailing and delivering buildings in a variety of sectors.

With a passion for producing high quality, well detailed buildings, Martin enjoys working closely with contractors from early design stages through to completion on site, helping to ensure delivery is within budget and on programme.

His expertise includes all aspects of residential (from bespoke one-off homes to strategic masterplanning), historic and listed buildings, hotels, commercial and education projects.



Mark Amey

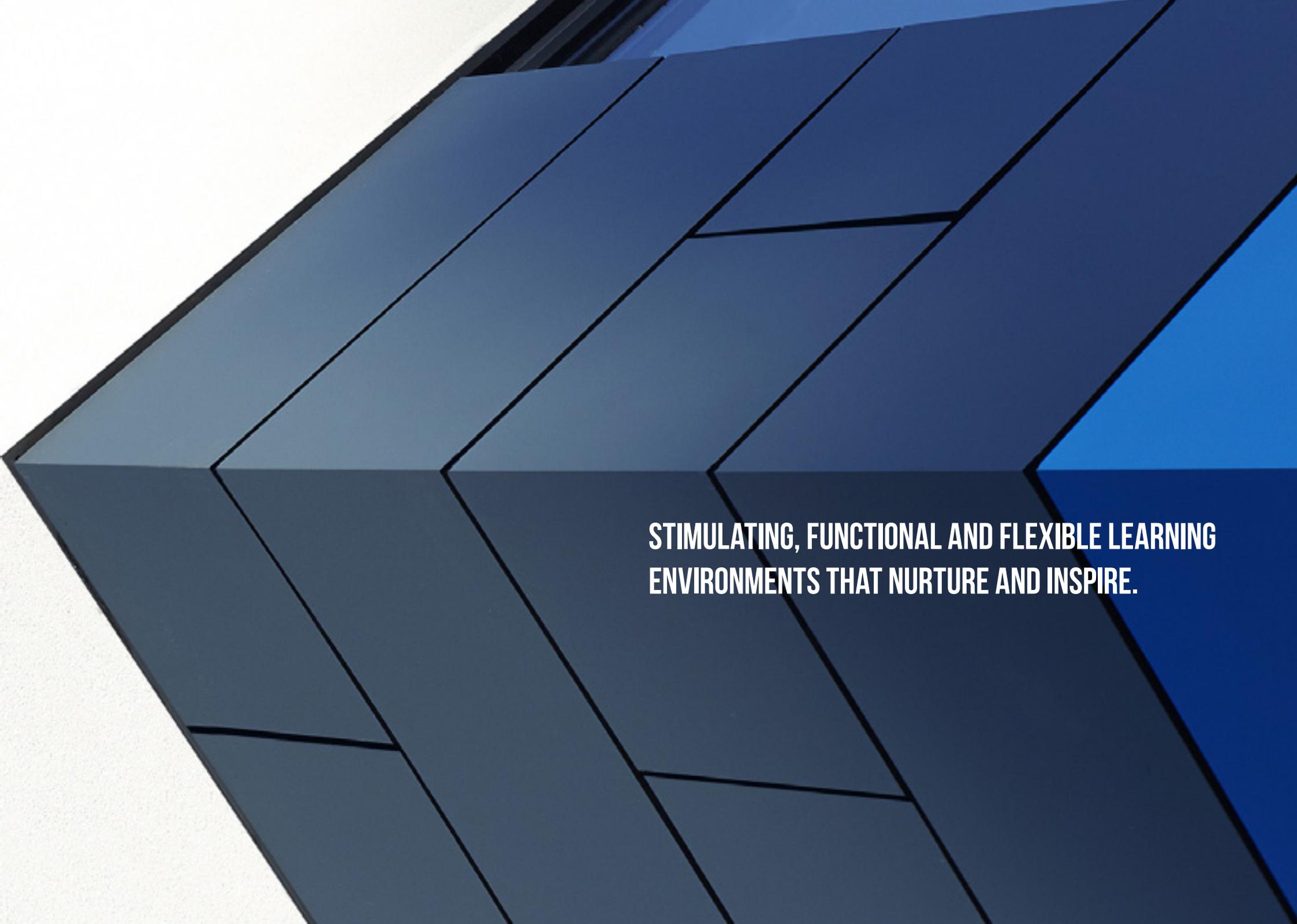
Director

Mark is a Chartered Architect with over 15 years' in the profession. He has a wide range of experience in the commercial, mixed-use, residential and education sectors, with special expertise in designing and delivering hotel and leisure projects.

Mark has been responsible for designing and delivering a wide variety of projects across the UK – ranging from Madeira Road Student Accommodation in Bournemouth to multiple schemes for BLOC Hotels across London and Birmingham. He has a passion for producing high quality, well detailed buildings and enjoys working closely with clients and contractors to ensure efficient delivery.

OUR TEAM



The background features a complex geometric pattern of overlapping, semi-transparent blue and white shapes. The shapes are primarily triangles and quadrilaterals, creating a sense of depth and movement. The colors range from a light, almost white blue to a deep, dark blue. The overall effect is modern and architectural.

**STIMULATING, FUNCTIONAL AND FLEXIBLE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENTS THAT NURTURE AND INSPIRE.**

EDUCATION

We've worked on a range of education projects from early years to higher learning. Our experience covers new-build and refurbishments across a variety of scales and stages, from master-planning to the specifics of individual learning spaces.

Collaboration and consultation is key to creating successful learning environments that teachers, governors, students and the wider community love. To get it right and truly enrich the lives of the people that use these spaces every day, we work closely with stakeholders listening to their needs and understanding their vision to create places that will stand the test of time.

GODOLPHIN SCHOOL

LOCATION

Salisbury, Wiltshire

CLIENT

Godolphin School

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Ongoing

PROJECT LEADER

Dai Hannaford



BrightSpace is currently working with Godolphin School, Salisbury, to improve and enhance their Science & Technology facilities.

The proposals also considering future expansion and remodelling of the school's Performing Arts Centre.

The overriding brief was to help them raise the profile of their 'STEAM' subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths) and in their initial brief the school had identified a site central to the existing buildings for the relocation and expansion of their Science and Technology subjects.

However, early on in our analysis of their initial brief, we identified the opportunity to significantly improve their Science and Technology facilities in their current location, through the addition of another storey and some minor internal remodelling, which then released the school's suggested site at the heart of the school to create an exciting opportunity for a central 'hub' for students and staff.

Ideas for what this central 'hub' might be are being explored but they are likely to be centred around shared facilities such as a new Learning Resource Centre, Lecture Hall, Multi-use/flexible open spaces and tech-enabled teaching spaces.

This space will give the school a 'wow factor' that will set them apart from their competitors and will also serve as an impressive shop window for the work of the students.

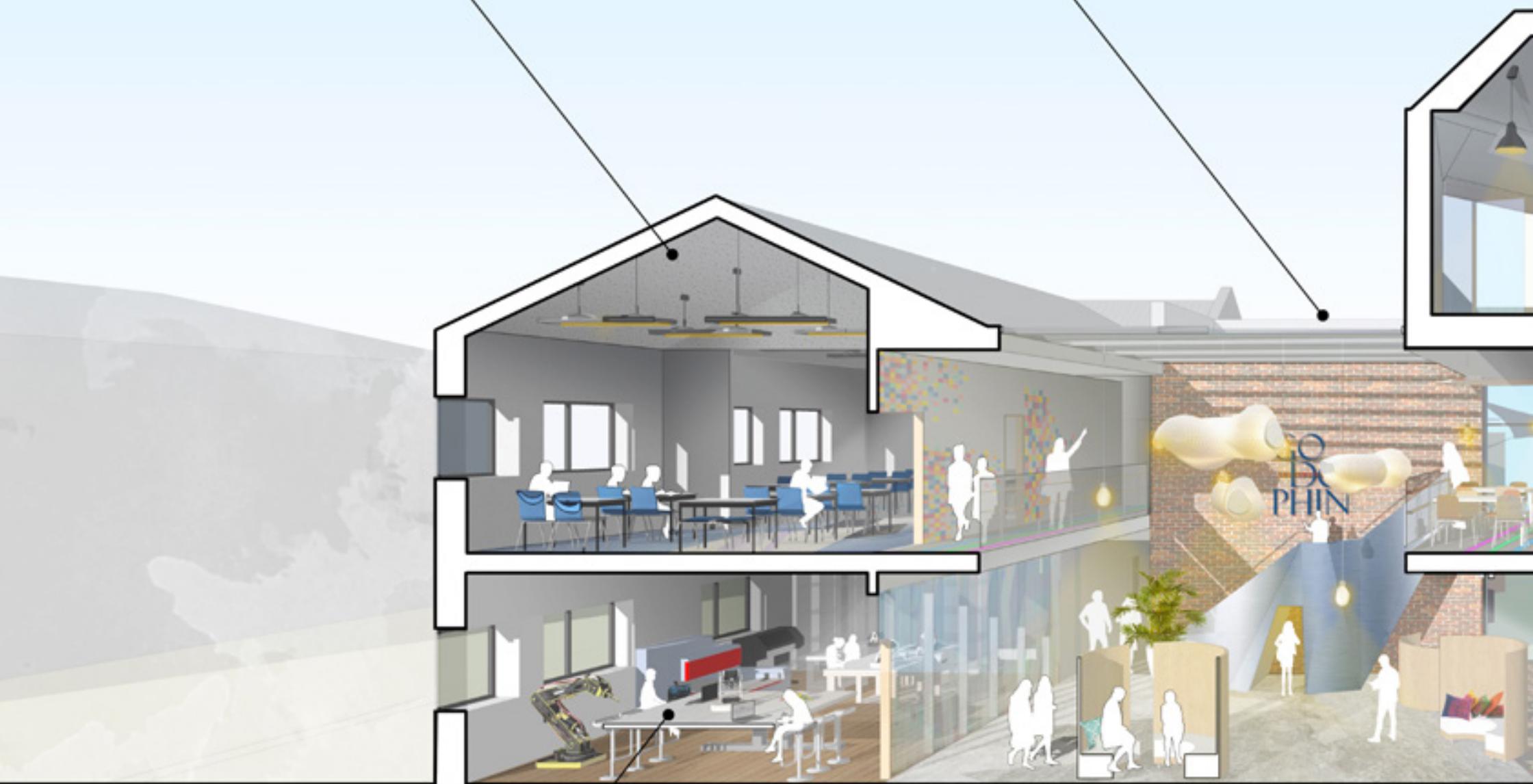
This shared space will also enable and support more cross-curricular learning, will provide improved staff facilities and student services, thereby ensuring that the new-build benefits as much of the school as possible.



MATHS SUITES

MULTI-USE ATRIUM

LEARNING COMM



D&T/STEM LABS

LIBRARY COMMONS

IONS



ICT AND COMPUTING LABS

PERINS SCHOOL - CLASSROOM BLOCK

LOCATION

Alresford, Hampshire

CLIENT

Bentley Projects

VALUE

£2m+

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

Chris Balston

BrightSpace have an established and ongoing relationship with Bentley Projects working with Perins School in successfully delivering both new and refurbishment projects.

Our first project with Bentley Projects and Perins School, working from project inception to project completion, was to deliver designs and working drawings for an 8 classroom Maths block including staff room and support facilities located within the existing/working campus.

The scheme was designed around the use of a SIPs panel system providing a thermally efficient building with excellent levels of air tightness.





PERINS SCHOOL - PASCAL BLOCK

LOCATION

Alresford, Hampshire

CLIENT

Bentley Projects

VALUE

£2m+

STATUS

Completed

RIBA STAGES

0-7

PROJECT LEADER

Chris Balston



BrightSpace have an established and ongoing relationship with Bentley Projects working with Perins School in successfully delivering both new and refurbishment projects.

Through the same client arrangement as Perins School, BrightSpace were involved with the re-cladding of one of the schools existing 2 storey Scola classroom buildings. The re-cladding works significantly improved the thermal properties and internal environment of the building, as well as providing an aesthetically pleasing envelope which complement the schools colour scheme.





PERINS SCHOOL - HALL EXTENSION

LOCATION

Alresford, Hampshire

CLIENT

Bentley Projects

VALUE

£2m+

STATUS

Completed

RIBA STAGES

0-7

PROJECT LEADER

Chris Balston

BrightSpace have an established and ongoing relationship with Bentley Projects working with Perins School in successfully delivering both new and refurbishment projects.

Most recently completed at the school is a new hall extension which provides 120m² additional space immediately adjacent to the school hall, providing improved connections to the external environment and facilities to serve meals. The design uses a dramatic roofline with large overhanging eaves to enhance the environment and provide outdoor space for students to gather.





[TRANS]FORMATION SCHOOL

LOCATION

Khovd, Mongolia

CLIENT

Building Trust International

VALUE

N/A

STATUS

Feasibility

RIBA STAGES

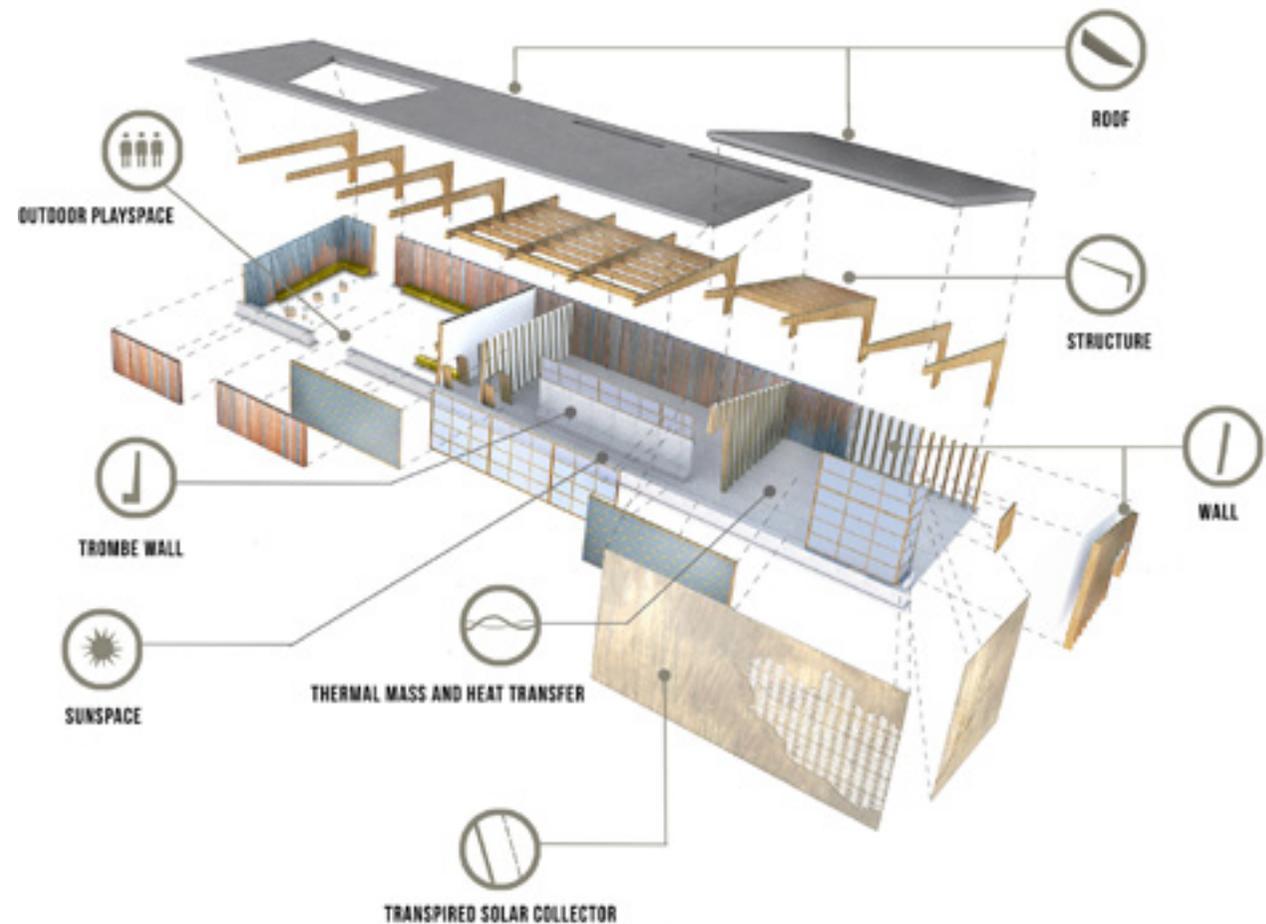
Competition

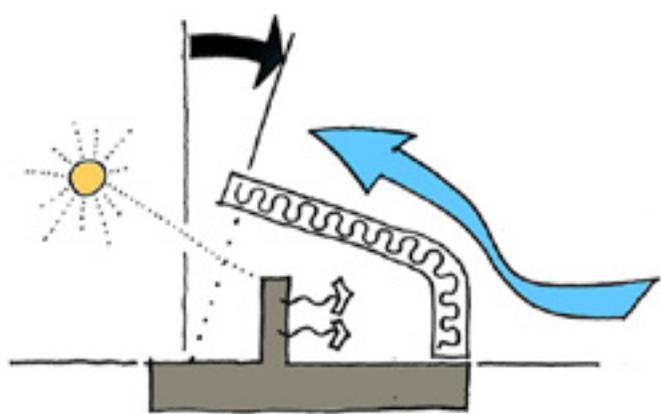
PROJECT LEADER

The Cool School design competition was started by the Building Trust International and called for entrants to submit proposals for the design of an extreme-climate resilient school which, will act as a safe, comfortable, learning environment for 100 pupils for the community in Khovd, Mongolia.

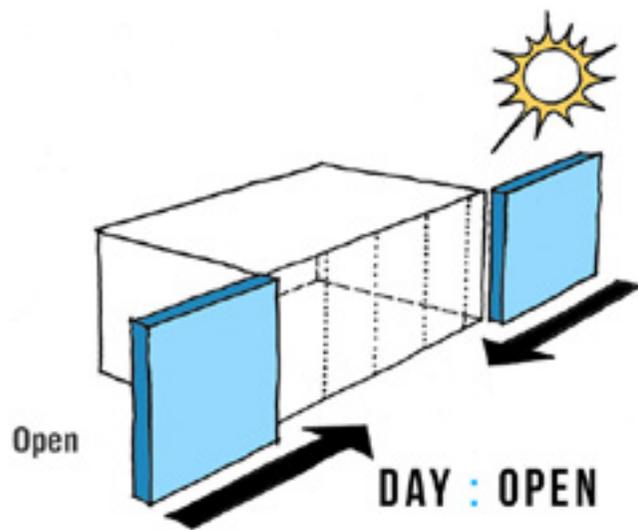
Of the 180 plus international entries submitted, The [TRANS]formation School designed by BrightSpace Architects was one of only 9 entries to be awarded an honourable mention.

The [TRANS]formation school demonstrates the use of environmental design to improve occupant comfort in an extreme climate, the building proposes an opportunity to transform the future of Mongolian educational buildings.

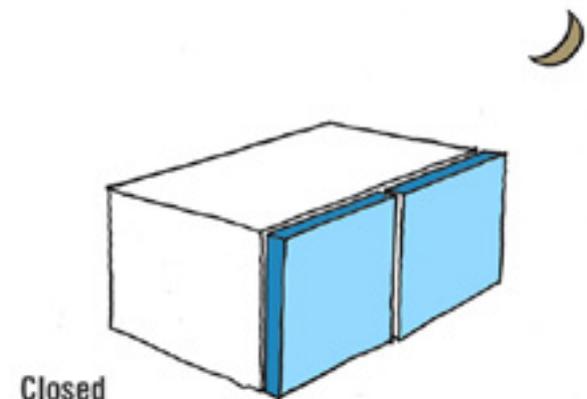




BUILDING ENVELOPE



DAY : OPEN



NIGHT : CLOSED

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE

LOCATION

Gosport, Hampshire

CLIENT

St. Vincent College

VALUE

£580k

STATUS

Completed

RIBA STAGES

0-7

PROJECT LEADER

Dave Evans

St Vincent College in Gosport commissioned BrightSpace Architects initially to undertake a Feasibility Study and Outline Proposals to support their bid for capital projects funding. Approved by the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) in January 2012, a new extension to their Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

The proposal involved extending and remodelling the existing LRC to create enhanced facilities and BrightSpace worked closely with the school to phase the works to ensure inconvenience was kept to a minimum.






St Vincent
COLLEGE

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BALLARD SCHOOL

LOCATION

New Milton, Hampshire

CLIENT

Ballard School

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

0-2

STATUS

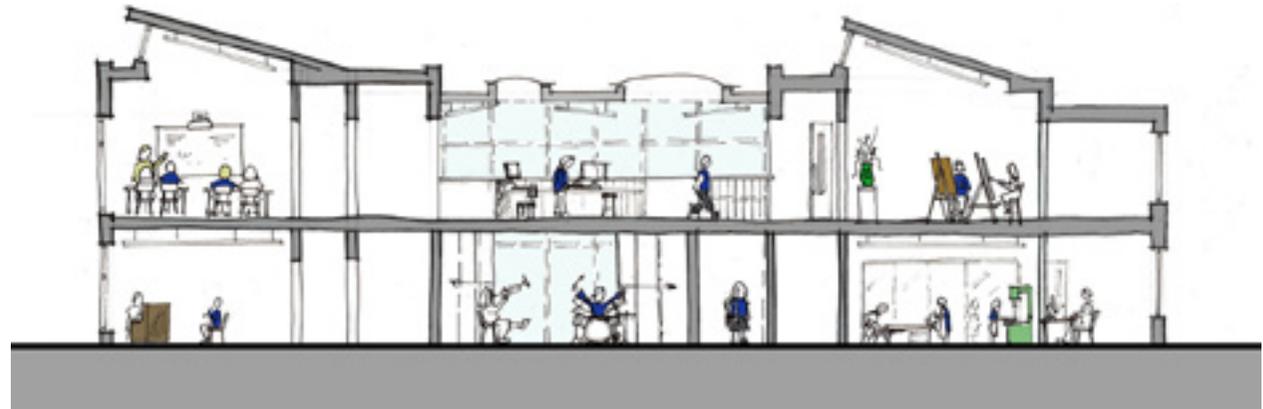
Feasibility

PROJECT LEADER

Dave Evans

Ballard School is an independent school for pupils from ages 2 – 16, they operate from a beautiful site on the edge of the new forest but in keeping with many private schools they have a series of buildings that have been added to over time with no guiding masterplan.

BrightSpace have helped the school develop a greater understanding of how they can manage their teaching spaces across the school. The potential for a new building in the heart of the school frees up existing space and enables a production of a masterplan that helps reorder the way the school functions across the different age groups.



The new building was identified as a STEM centre for the upper school which will enable the consolidation of teaching spaces for the more senior pupils. The new building would accommodate the specialist equipment of the Art and Technology department.

Housing these in a custom facility improves the delivery of these subjects and also provides the opportunity for cross-curricular collaboration in shared spaces focussed around a new atrium.



BUDMOUTH SCHOOL

LOCATION

Weymouth, Dorset

CLIENT

Budmouth School

VALUE

£400k

STATUS

Completed

RIBA STAGES

3-6

PROJECT LEADER

Chris Balston

New Sixth Form Common Room and Cafeteria

A striking yet simple timber clad building with an asymmetric tilted roof provides the sixth form students of Budmouth College with an informal space to meet and eat.

The built form uses SIPs wall and roof panels providing a highly insulated and sustainable building which enabled construction of the building in just 5 months.





BEACON TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

LOCATION

Brockenhurst College, Hampshire

CLIENT

Brockenhurst College

VALUE

£2.5m

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

Mark Amey

A new first floor building providing 1350m² of accommodation, clear spanning over an existing college building, consisting of 7 IT rooms, media studios and photography department. A challenging opportunity requiring the insertion of a new technology block spanning over existing workshops and restaurant.

The ground floor uses remained in operation throughout the construction period. The façade to the new building helped to create a new external courtyard serving as both teaching and leisure space. The rendered staircase wall to the courtyard providing a surface to project presentations, films and the students output of the new Technology and Media facility.





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STUDIES

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