



In 2004, Barnsley Hewett and Mallinson were commissioned by **Reigate St Mary's Preparatory and Choir School** to design a new classroom block and sports hall. The facilities were to be located next to the Victorian main School buildings on a sloping site with dramatic views to the North Downs. The site is within the Chart Lane Conservation Area involving close liaison with the local planning department and English Heritage with regard to the architectural design and the choice of materials.

The building, now called **Beech House**, provides 10 classrooms in a flexible layout, for children in age range from Reception to Year 2.

Top: Entrance  
Left: Typical Classroom  
Bottom right: External



The multi-use sports hall is cut into the hillside to reduce its impact on the landscape and can be used for badminton, basketball, cricket, five-a-side, hockey, netball and for School assemblies and concerts. Three new changing rooms were provided next to the sports hall for indoor and outdoor sport.

The project also involved landscaping the areas around Beech House to create distinct play areas for children of various ages, and to help the building, on such a prominent site, blend in with the surrounding landscape.

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Top left: External Play Area  
Top right: Corridor  
Bottom right: Main stair  
Bottom Left: Sports Hall