



The Art School to Marlborough College was housed in a purpose-built, two-storey 1970s building overlooking “The Court” in the centre of the College. In order to continue the regeneration of the College’s facilities, and following the completion of the new swimming pool, Arts centre and Sixth Form centre, the College decided to relocate the Art School in a new purpose-built facility on spare land facing the main A4 which runs through the middle of the College. This would release the original building for a new common room and staff facilities better placed within the heart of the College overlooking the principle entrance area.

It was decided that the new building would be the first modern construction on Marlborough High Street displaying, for the first time, the College’s presence in a bright, open and high quality design. The remnants of an incomplete music school were demolished and following extensive negotiations with the Local Authority a curved, glazed, two-storey building housing art studios overlooking the main road was constructed in 2005.

Top: Street Elevation  
Above: Entrance  
Left: Interior



The building was designed in close collaboration with the head of Art and his staff, replicating the size of studios required from the earlier building along with more modern library, staff and reprographics facilities.

The College wanted a neutral studio gallery space for the artwork, without it being an uninspiring box. It was decided therefore to keep all of the services, lighting and ventilation exposed, creating a **style that has been nicknamed 'industrial chic'**. Because of the complex shapes of the building there are many nooks and crannies for peaceful drawing and the large windows beautifully frame the historic buildings surrounding it.

The building was on a tight, difficult site but was finished on time and budget in August of 2005.

Top: Interior  
 Top right: Library  
 Middle right: BH&M brick