



Marlborough College The Henry Hony Centre and The Ellis Theatre

Barnsley Hewett and Mallinson won a limited competition to design the new Music School, Rehearsal Room and Theatre for the College. The Music School combines the keyboard, wind, brass and string departments with administration offices, library, instrument stores, classrooms and smaller teaching rooms. The Rehearsal Room is an important space for rehearsing sections of the orchestra but also as a secondary performance space for recording. Practice Rooms surround the rehearsal room with high acoustic separation. The Theatre is a true multi-use hall with an entirely flat floor designed for both drama and music, with proscenium and in-the-round layouts by using retractable seating. It incorporates a balcony and orchestra pit complete with its own seating to use during proscenium production.

This group of buildings was designed to complement the surrounding architecture of the College in a very sensitive area next to a scheduled ancient monument of national importance (The Mound). The project started on site in February 2000 and was completed in 2001.

Multi-purpose Hall



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Top left : Ellis Theatre
Top right: Music classroom balcony
Bottom left: Theatre foyer
Bottom right: Henry Hony Centre