



In 2002, Sheffield Sports & Community College received Community College Status, and as a result of a reorganisation of Local Authority resources, the College was to benefit from an influx of some 500 pupils onto the school roll at the commencement of the 2004/05 academic year. BH&M were appointed in early 2003 by Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (WMBC) initially to undertake a strategic plan to manage the College's expansion. After carrying out an area and curriculum assessment BH&M put forward a two-phase strategy for development.

Above: Main entrance  
Below: Lobby

Sheffield Community College



In response to the College's increase in sixth form, vocational and IT course provision, Phase 2 works concerned the demolition of an existing dilapidated and stand-alone Technology laboratory to make way for a new 3000m<sup>2</sup> Technology, IT and Administration block that would be attached to the main building. In addition, a new multi-purpose hall would be built to provide for the loss of the main hall to dining.

BH&M were subsequently appointed to oversee Phase 1 works, which were online in time for the 2003/04 academic year. BH&M were subsequently appointed to the Phase 2 works in late May 2003. Despite a very short lead in time, construction commenced in September 2003, adopting a variation on a two-stage tender procurement route. The project opened in 2004.



Top: Sixth Form Centre  
Middle: Library  
Above: Lobby



Phase 1 identified the short-term needs of the campus under current and future roles. It involved the construction of a new classroom extension to create four new science laboratories with ancillary preparation rooms, the refurbishment of the existing catering facilities and the conversion of the main hall into a permanent dining facility.



Top left: External detail  
Below: Hall