



St Paul's School
The Wathen Hall

Barnsley Hewett and Mallinson were commissioned by **The Mercers' Company** to design and procure a new Music School and Concert Hall for **St Paul's Boys' School**. This is a highly specialised acoustically designed building with a concert hall for an audience of 320 and an orchestra of 80. The concert hall was acoustically designed purely for music (rather than drama). It will also double as an Assembly Hall for 500. The classrooms and practice rooms have very high acoustic separation. The project was started with a feasibility study and strategic plan to identify the possible location for such a building on what is a very limited footprint. Also the school is on the main flight path to London Heathrow and the acoustic design had to overcome (and did so successfully) this problem of noise. The project was completed in 1999.



Above: St Paul's School — The Wathen Hall