



The Thomas Telford School completed by BH&M 1992, has developed its own range of online curriculum product. Through the vehicle of its own company, Thomas Telford Online, the School has been able to find the resources to improve and enhance the City Technology College built on the very restrained brief of the Department for Education and Skills. The original design for the College always identified a building reserve to the left hand side of the main School entrance and adjacent to the drama facilities. This neatly provided room for a 25 metre six lane pool. It has been deliberately designed to have entirely separate access from the School but is extensively used by the pupils while also forming a major contribution to the community of Telford.

The Thomas Telford School now has a national reputation for its sporting expertise and the pool has added to that.

Top: Interior of pool  
Below: Exterior



The multi-purpose performance space designed by BH&M in 1990 for the Thomas Telford School has seen some fabulous productions. However, the capacity of the building (restrained by the brief from the Department for Education at the time) simply did not cater for the demand of the School.

**As part of the construction of the School's own swimming pool in 2002, BH&M integrated the pool and its roof to allow for the extension of the existing theatre by an additional 100 seats. It also managed to incorporate another major dance studio.**

The School therefore now has a major theatre with electronically controlled retractable seating, a retractable proscenium arch and an orchestra pit which can increase the seating capacity or provide for a small orchestra for the excellent musicals it now has a reputation for producing. These are put on entirely by the pupils and have been instrumental in allowing some of them to fulfil their ambition by moving from secondary education to some of the country's most prestigious drama colleges.

