

TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL, LEWISHAM

Project: Lewisham BSF, Phase 1

Client: Learning 21 – a joint venture between VT Group/Costain

Value: £15m

The new Trinity Church of England Secondary School will provide places for 600 students in the age range of 11 to 16. It is the third school in Lewisham's BSF designed by ACP, the first two being the "sample" schools, Sedgehill Secondary School and Catford Secondary School.

The Christian values, particularly those of respect, inclusiveness, trust and openness are reflected throughout the design and it will be observed that the plan of the new school takes the form of the Christian fish symbol, a constant subliminal reminder of the school's Christian ethos.

The unique curved configuration of the plan creates a dramatic, elliptical multi-function space. This provides a vibrant heart to the school that is a student social space during breaks, a flexible learning space during lesson time, a foyer to the Hall/Refectory and a circulation avenue that interconnects the school's entrance through to the recreation area on its opposite side.

The curved plan also assists in incorporating the significant increase in accommodation required by the new school onto the compact site in a configuration that keeps a reasonable distance between it and the sensitive neighbouring properties on the southwest and northeast corners of the site. It also presents a "soft" elevation to the important Grade 2 Listed Manor House Gardens on the west side of the site.

Architects: Architects Co-Partnership
Lead Consultant: Architects Co-Partnership
Structural Eng: SKM
M&E Consultants: Scott Wilson
Landscape Arch: Landscape Partnership
Contractor: Costain



Main entrance showing the distinct coloured glass



South elevation



Entrance beneath building cantilever



Central flexible teaching area and atrium



CGI views of the west "park side" of the school showing the roof terrace overlooking the park