



Merchiston School, Edinburgh

THE TASK:

Merchiston Castle School campus is located within landscaped grounds to the south west of Edinburgh city centre in Colinton. This boarding school for boys has been in residence there since 1930. For the school to maintain current standards and meet future expectations, the school determined that residential accommodation requires to be enhanced. The boarding house forms part of a longer-term masterplan strategy for the school.

THE DESIGN:

TPS was commissioned to provide a full multi-disciplinary professional service to design a new boarding house for 126 sixth-form school pupils with associated ancillary facilities and integrated staff quarters. The new building is to be located within a tranquil area of the grounds to the north of the site behind the listed buildings of Rogerson House and the main school building. To provide interest, the building form is based on a staggered Z plan with wings varying between 3 and 4 storeys in height, with the building nestled within the sloping grounds providing an attractive new rear façade to the school. External landscaped recreation spaces will be appointed around the boarding house interconnected by pedestrian routes running to and from the main school buildings. The new accommodation offers modern single study bedrooms with en-suite facilities for the boarders with spacious living quarters for the staff and their families.

THE SERVICE:

TPS has successfully obtained planning consent and is currently working closely with the principal contractor to provide an integrated approach to develop the design in order to deliver a well-considered modern building that fulfils the client's expectations. Early integration with the contractor has allowed the project team to work with maximum effect with regards to design, value for money, buildability and health & safety throughout the design and construction phases.

PROJECT PROFILE



CLIENT

Merchiston Castle School

PROJECT VALUE

£7.2m

PROJECT TYPE

Education – New Build

SERVICES

- Architecture
- Civil & Structural Eng
- M&E Eng
- Planning Supervision

START DATE

2007

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Miller Construction

FURTHER DETAILS

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