

St Hugh's School Dovecote Library

Carswell, Oxfordshire



New School Library in Historic Context

In order to safeguard the future of the Dovecote building –unused and in desperate need of repair- the proposals sought to bring the building back into use as a positive asset for the school and helped create a memory garden courtyard for a former pupil.

The project comprised the refurbishment and repair of the Grade II listed Dovecote along with the addition of a sympathetic extension to provide a new library and study space for the main school. The new facility allows the re-use of the existing Library area within the main house.

Inserting a new lightweight mezzanine within the Dovecot provided extra space and created a naturally ventilated and lit teaching and reading space.

Project Details

- Scope**
 New library and teaching/reading space re-using existing Listed Dovecote
- Role**
 Architect, Principal Designer
- Client**
 St Hugh's School Carswell
- Contractor**
 Dawson and Marsh
- Contract**
 JCT Intermediate Building Contract with Contractor's Design
- Value**
 £485k
- Dates**
 Completed October 2018



Key Aspects

- Repair and refurbishment of Listed Dovecote building
- New school library in historic context
- Flexible education space
- Bat loft
- Natural oak cladding
- Natural ventilation and lighting



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