

Chapel Refurbishment

Summer Fields School, Oxford



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As part of the New Room works OA were asked to undertake a refurbishment to the historic Chapel which lies adjacent.

The brief was to declutter, lighten and visually improve the main chapel, and effect repairs on the structure as required. Years of candle smoke and use had darkened the timberwork and windows and left the existing chapel dark and gloomy.

We were also asked if it was possible to improve the capacity of the chapel, without extending or altering the building fabric

On investigation the original tiled floor was discovered in the Chancel and it was repaired and displayed. The decision was also made to insulate and provide underfloor heating to the main chapel floor.

New heating and lighting was introduced as well as improved thermal performance. The sound system was relocated and new pews manufactured – to match the original ones. Improved balcony access and balustrades were provided, as well as an increased capacity for church services.

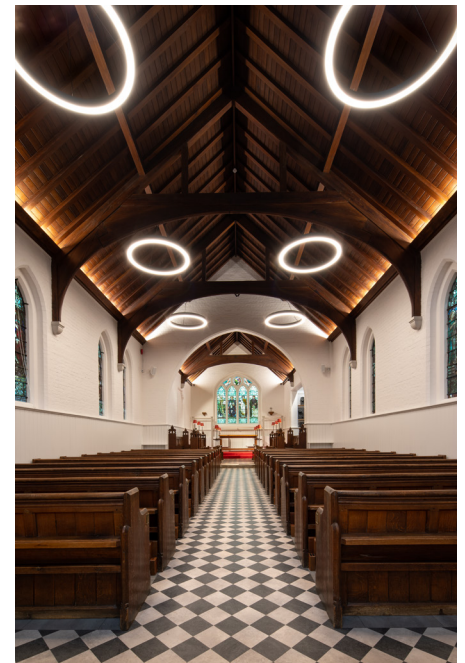
Project Details

- Scope**
 Refurbishment and internal alterations to existing school chapel
- Role**
 Architect, Principal Designer
- Client**
 Summer Fields School
- Value**
 £500k
- Dates**
 Completed January 2021



Key Aspects

- Improved thermal performance of the building and spaces
- Sympathetic but modern intervention to a historic building
- Cleaned and lightened timberwork and stained glass to improve setting
- Space now more light and airy
- Increased capacity of chapel
- New rear terraced seating area
- Adjustable lighting for different occasions



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