


Davenies School DSDHA

 *Judges' citation* DSDHA was appointed to carry out the final phase of a 20-year masterplan to replace the most outdated blocks at this private primary school in Beaconsfield. The new building is uncompromisingly contemporary without being harsh. There is a sense of progression of scale, which mirrors the child's journey through the school.

The plan form nestles into the landscape, providing intimate external spaces with a constant connection to the landscape. Different views and features have been framed and the classrooms are flooded with light. The section is used to provide classroom spaces with different atmospheres. All this provides a wonderful contemporary environment, without being in any way condescending to the child.

Within the constrained and sometimes pastiche surroundings, this building challenges the notion of what education buildings are and can be, and it will stimulate the wider public to think about the power of architecture.

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