







Emma Darwin Boarding House, Shrewsbury School

Key facts:

Location: Shrewsbury Client: Shrewsbury School

Sector: Education Status: Complete

Area: 45 bedrooms, 2 flats and various communal spaces

Following the introduction of 6th form girls in 2008, Shrewsbury School appointed Brock Carmichael Architects to design a new second girls boarding house to accommodate 60 6th form girls from September 2011.

The new facility provides high quality living accommodation for 60 students in a mixture of 1 and 2 person bedrooms, along with family accommodation for two resident pastoral care providers, breakout spaces, a main hall and a music room.

The building is set within a conservation area in a prominent wooded location. The design has 2 distinctive aspects - a private secure quadrangle and a public presence onto an important entrance vista.

The building reinterprets the local vernacular in a contemporary manner to provide a rich and articulated facade with projecting bays, clerestory windows, dormers and a small 'cloister'. All entrances and access routes are visible, monitored and within secured areas. The building has under floor heating, grey

water recycling and a solar hot water system.

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