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Streatham and Clapham High School

Cottrell & Vermeulen has supplemented the existing school building with new classrooms and facilities as well as a prestigious reception building.

Client: Girls' Day School Trust

Architect: Cottrell & Vermeulen architecture

Location: Streatham (GB)

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The governing board at Streatham and Clapham High School – a girls' day school in south London – commissioned Cottrell & Vermeulen Architecture to design a new sixth form centre, a new dining hall and reception facilities for the school. In the first phase the sixth form rooms were built in the form of a rooftop extension over the main body of the existing school.

In the second phase, Cottrell & Vermeulen planned a single-storey extension containing a new main entrance and a respective reception area, as well as a spacious dining hall and a kitchen. The extension comes with an irregular geometry and is clad in convex ceramic tiles, thus contrasting it in terms of shape and material with the existing school building. The shaping of the ground plan shape was also influenced by the root zone of the old stand of trees in the adjacent forecourt.

The public areas serve to improve the separation of pupils and visitors. The new reception area also connects the school with the street space and creates a more direct relationship with the school's surroundings.



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