

PHASE 2

Project Name:	ST CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL
New Build/refurb:	New Build
Procurement route:	Traditional
Contract start date:	April 2007
Completion date:	June 2008
Contract value:	£2m
Client:	St Christopher's School (Hampstead) Ltd
Lead Consultant:	NVB Architects

Project Description:

Works were carried out at St Christopher's School, London as part of a two phase programme. Located in the heart of Hampstead's conservation area T&B worked closely with English Heritage

Construction details:

The works included the removal of the existing fire escape and construction of a new fully glazed stair tower complete with a lift to increase accessibility for all members of the public. The stair tower was built alongside the original air shaft that runs up through the centre of the building from the London underground Northern Line.

Extensions were also carried out to the main building with alterations to the existing playground and landscape.

A new classroom block was constructed giving the school an additional four rooms in the single storey wing of the building and four more rooms in the two storey wing of the new building. Again this structure had lifts installed and stairs built to the playground with a covered walkway.



Green Roof

As the new classrooms would be overlooked by a block of private residential flats, the client had to pay particular attention to the look of the roof and the impact it would have on the local neighbours.

The school decided to install a flat Sedum roof which would be in keeping with the area and would not look unsightly when seen from the flats. A Sarna roofing system was used and a 75mm layer of top soil was laid on to the watertight substrate. The Sedum was then hand-planted into the soil in dry weather conditions. The Sedum took a few weeks to establish - but it is now an integral part of the roof