



Phase 1 - new musical theatre

arts educational school

Client: Arts Educational School Trust
 Value: £3 million
 Design study: Completed 2014
 Role: Architect / lead designer (Arts Team)

new school masterplan



View of Arts Ed from outside

The redevelopment of Arts Educational School grew out of a close working relationship with the Department Heads to examine the condition, limitations and missed opportunities within the existing school buildings and site.

A series of affordable projects was developed, ranging from major interventions like the creation of two significantly improved performance spaces; to a simple rationalisation of teaching and rehearsal studios so that the school could more clearly identify centres of excellence in line with their artistic ethos.

design approach



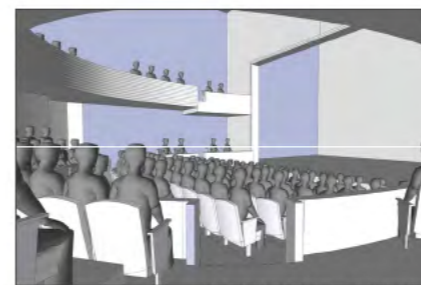
Proposals for the studio space

The projects were carefully packaged together to enable the building work to proceed whilst the school remained safe and operational. Summer holidays were targeted for major structural and disruptive works to minimise loss of space for paying pupils.

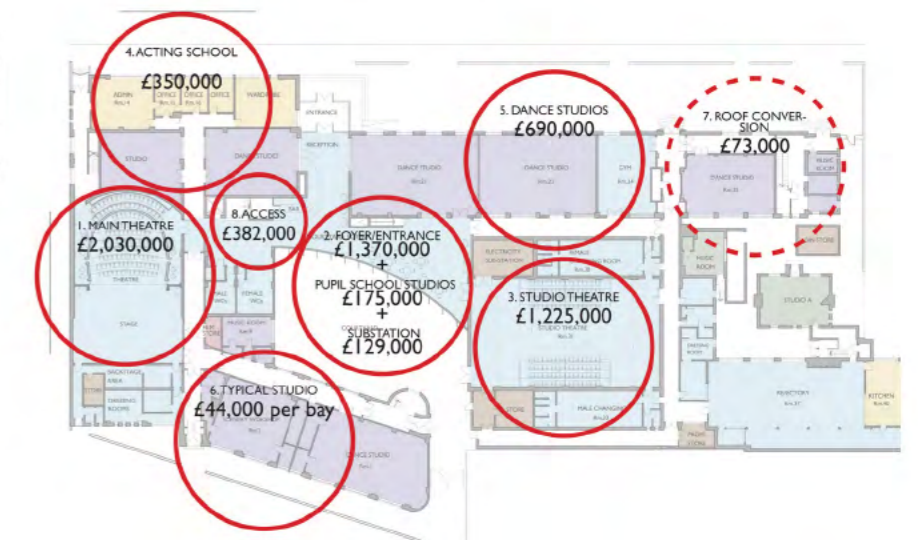
The first phase - creation of a 200 seat theatre with horseshoe balconies and upgrading the school foyer - was completed in 2014.

The concept for the theatre was to create a miniature 'west end' style space that would allow students to train more effectively in delivering performances to all corners of a room.

Raising the roof allowed a full technical rig to be suspended over the room and stage.



3D study of drama auditorium



Scope of Works Diagram