



CHAPEL FOR RIPON COLLEGE

LOCATION
OXFORD, UK

ARCHITECT
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In July 2009, Níall McLaughlin won a competition to design the Bishop Edward King Chapel for Ripon College in Oxfordshire. The project is now on site and is due for completion in August 2012. The design synthesises two key architectural ideas. The first is a gentle hollow in the ground that acts as a meeting place for the community. The second is a delicate, hull-like structure that rises into the treetops to gather the light from the leaves. The first speaks of a rootedness, of meeting in the still centre; the second suggests a buoyancy. These two opposing forces play off each other to create a resonant whole.

Opposite page, top_ Elevation of the new chapel in its college context
Bottom_ Plan of college campus
This page, left_ Generative sketch
Middle_ Plan detail of external wall
Below_ Cross section
Middle_ Mock-up of wall construction
Bottom_ Model of the hull-like structure and internal space

