



# School House Ready for Renaissance



The plans for School House make full use of the traditional character of the building. The former boarding accommodation has been reconfigured to provide high quality classrooms for the English, maths, RE, psychology and drama departments alongside multiple use lecture rooms and modern office accommodation.

The architect's drawings illustrate clearly how the construction of a new multi-storey extension to the rear will blend harmoniously with the existing 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings. This construction, along with the sympathetic modernisation of the original historic rooms, will transform the learning environment. Our pupils will have the benefit of well-resourced, stimulating and refreshing facilities that will be easily accessed by all.

On-going work with the Department of Education, Planning, Building Control and the Historic Environment Division has been productive and the planning stages of the project are on schedule to be completed to coincide with the re-opening of McArthur Hall. By the start of 2018 the current residents of School House will have moved temporarily into McArthur to return when the building is completed by the spring of 2019. 150 years on from its first academic year, the original Methodist College building will be in good shape for its next 150.



*Rear elevation showing new classroom extension*

**TARGET: £1.1 MILLION**