

## Senior Common Room St Johns College, Oxford

This sensitive project extends the existing senior common room building, which is Grade 1 listed and dates from 1676.

Our design provides new sitting rooms, a roof terrace and an extended lunch room on the first floor. The first floor dining area cantilevers into the garden and is wrapped in a two-storey, free-standing glass box. Weathered oak louvres sit outside the box on a flitched steel and oak frame and are set against a backdrop of nearby tree canopies.

The extension is more a garden pavilion than a building extension, allowing the natural surroundings of the garden to reach into the building, rather than the building encroaching upon it. From inside, the dialogue with the gardens has a contemplative quality.

Within the existing building, rooms are remodelled and disabled access improved to bring it in line with the latest legislation.



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- 1 The dining room is top lit
- 2 Oak louvres provide shading
- 3 The guardrail is at table top level to blur the boundary between inside and out
- 4 A jewel-like box at night

Client St Johns College  
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