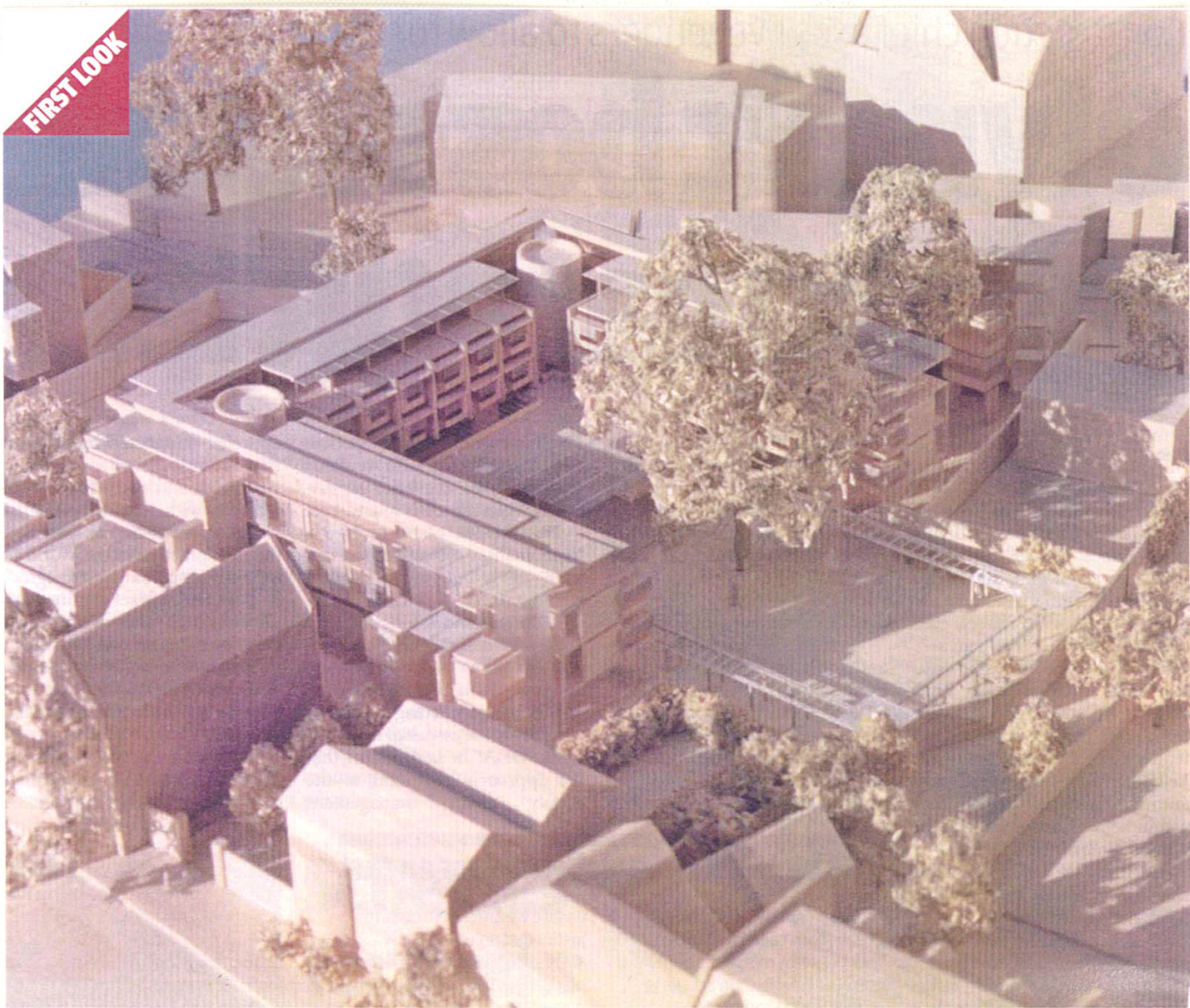


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New quadrangle for St John's

Top: Model of the proposed new Oxford quadrangle.
Middle: Floor plans.
Below: Site plan showing the new building's connection to gardens at the college.

MacCormac Jamieson Prichard has unveiled project-winning designs for a new quadrangle at St John's College, Oxford.

The provisional scheme, which is being developed with help from local planners and English Heritage, consists of around 80 student rooms, a library, cafe, communal spaces and new teaching rooms.

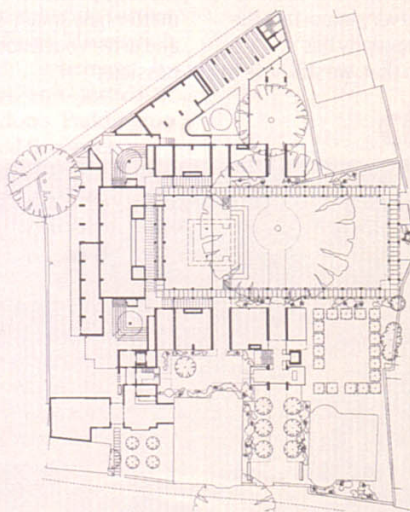
The designs centre on a garden which is part of a sequence of gardens stretching from the original site of the 16th century college to the new site.

The new quadrangle is similar in size and proportion to the college's famous Canterbury Quadrangle of 1636.

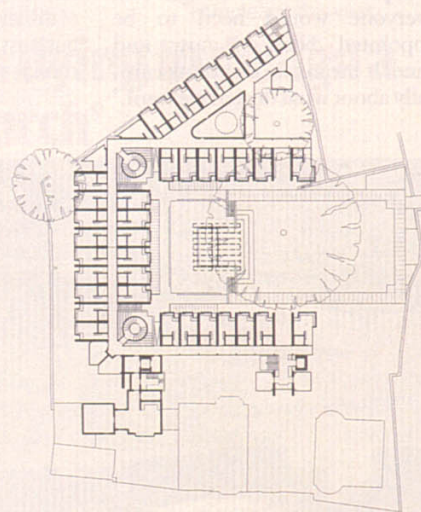
Project architect Tony Pryor said that the scheme, which was won at the end of last year but is yet to be submitted for planning, could be the last quadrangle built in Oxford. He added that it reflected "monastic" ideas associated with similar work.

"We are trying to pick up on the traditional features of the Oxford quadrangle and the traditional Oxford garden," he explained.

Materials used for the project, which is due to be completed in late 2009, will include timber and glass on concrete cross walls and, closer to the main thoroughfare of St Giles, increasing use of stone.



Ground floor plan



First floor plan

