



New Hall

Kitchen & Dome

New Hall, Cambridge was designed by Chamberlin, Powell and Bon in 1958 with the central feature being the 8 level leaved Ferro cement dome over the Hall. The New Hall buildings were listed Grade II* in 1993.

The College Hall is a dramatic Space, with a servery which rises directly out of the floor as it's most theatrical feature. The college also houses a unique collection of twentieth century women's art.

RH Partnership and Roger Parker Associates were appointed for a major refurbishment to give back the Hall much of its original impact.

This included a natural ventilation strategy and the complete re-lighting of the dome to enhance the many functions and purposes for which it is used. These range from the permanent display of some of the art to formal college dinners as well as disco's, concerts and conferences.

RPA's approach has been to work with the college, the architects and English Heritage. Carefully controlled uplighting with specially designed aluminium reflectors at high level negating the need for high level lamp changing cold cathode lighting to

replicate the original daylight design intent at night, and display lighting at low level for the illumination of the artwork and dining tables.

Also included in the £5m refurbishment was the replacement of the kitchen, a new first floor servery extension and rationalising the colleges fire and services strategies. Works were completed in summer 2001.

