

Education / Restoration and Refurbishment

Key Features:

- » Conservation Works
- » Framework Procurement
- » Restoration and Refurbishment
- » Historical Features



Project Overview:

The project at St John's Wood School focused on extensive restoration and repair work to enhance the structural integrity and aesthetic appeal of the building while preserving its historical character. Set in a picturesque conservation area, this project was vital in maintaining the school's unique architectural features.

Scope of Works:

The comprehensive scope of the project included several key activities:

Stone Masonry Repairs & Brick Replacement:

Skilled masons conducted careful repairs to the existing stone masonry, replacing any damaged bricks to ensure the longevity of the structure.

External Repairs & Roof Replacement:

The external facade underwent significant repairs, alongside a complete renovation of the roofing system to prevent any water ingress and enhance energy efficiency.

Brick Repairs and Restoration of Chimney Pots:

Thirteen chimney pots were meticulously restored, ensuring they matched the original architecture and functioned correctly.

Copula Restoration:

The front copula, a prominent feature of the building, was restored to its former glory, benefitting from both structural repairs and aesthetic enhancements.

Window Repairs/Replacement:

Over 100 windows were either repaired or replaced, ensuring they met modern standards while respecting the building's historical design.



Client:	Westminster City Council
Programme Duration:	July 2025 to June 2026 (phased, including scaffold installation last summer)
Architect:	AtkinsRealis
Quantity Surveyor:	AtkinsRealis

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Regulatory Compliance:

Throughout the project, strict adherence to local conservation regulations was maintained. This commitment ensured that all modifications respected the building's historical significance and the surrounding area's architectural integrity.

Challenges Faced:

- **Preservation of Historical Features:** One of the primary challenges was preserving the unique architectural elements inherent to the school, requiring a deep understanding of traditional building techniques.
- **Weather Conditions:** External repairs were affected by unpredictable weather, necessitating efficient planning and swift execution to minimise delays.

Outcomes:

- The project successfully enhanced the aesthetic and functional aspects of St John's Wood School while ensuring compliance with conservation regulations.
- The school now stands as a beautifully restored educational facility, retaining its historical charm and providing a safe environment for students.

Conclusion:

The restoration project at St John's Wood School is a testament to the balance between modern needs and historical preservation. By carefully planning and executing the scope of work, the team has safeguarded the school's architectural legacy for future generations while ensuring it meets current educational requirements.

