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# House transformation completes in London, UK

Light and nature were the guiding principles for this central London refurbishment. Through a lower ground floor transformation and a new rear extension we have brought light deep into the centre of the 19<sup>th</sup> century house, and created a direct and elegant connection to the newly landscaped garden beyond.

We used natural materials extensively – woods, marbles, stone – adding to the feeling of understated sophistication and a connection to the outside. A glass ceiled wine cellar provides a transparent oculus in the floor of the new extension, adding to the feeling of transparency.

Read [more](#) on our website.



New extension view from the garden

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## Black Country Living Museum competition, Birmingham, UK

Our shortlisted design for the visitor centre of an outdoor museum in Britain's first industrial landscape takes the form of a simple shed, is reminiscent of the great age of tram, bus and train transport in this country. The single volume space provides easy orientation and an immediate welcome.

The single elegant building with clear views in and out creates a sense of suspense and anticipation for the arriving visitor, and sits at the high point of the falling site to maximise the views. The column free internal entrance level space provides un-obstructed connection through the entire space and out towards the rest of the Black Country Living Museum.

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The Black Country Living Museum visitor's centre in Dudley, Birmingham, UK

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## Midland Metropolitan Hospital topping out (and latest drone view)

The topping out ceremony for Midland Metropolitan Hospital showcased magnificent views from the 9th floor. We could see into the developing Winter Garden and towards the new Green. The view also made an impressive backdrop to the musical performances by the talented students from Bristnall Hall Academy and The Westminster School which were part



of the event.

Read [more](#) on our website.

The latest drone footage from MMH shows that the building has topped out at Level 10, the top of the wards block. The distinctive orange circulation cores and service risers can be seen well underway to both the north and south of the wards block, from Level 5 upwards. The south risers are fabricated off site in a number of modules and craned into place, with the final cladding finishes applied on site. The steel framed energy centre structure is almost complete and the remaining perimeter 'skirt' slabs at Level 2 are now being cast. These will eventually form extensive roof terraces to the east and south, and vehicle routes for ambulances and public drop off to the emergency and maternity departments to the north and west.

See the new drone footage [here](#) (scroll down the page).



The chief Executive of Sandwell and Birmingham Hospitals Toby Lewis being interviewed at the topping out ceremony

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## Celebrity chef Adam Handling's new restaurant nears completion

We are well underway with the construction of the new central London restaurant for Adam Handling, the young Scottish celebrity chef. The new restaurant will be the first one of a number that we will design for him in London and elsewhere in the next few years.

Located in Covent Garden, London, it will be a restaurant and bar at ground and basement

levels, and it will showcase Adam's extraordinary cooking ability in an environment that suits and enhances his personality.

The new restaurant is due to open at the beginning of September 2017.

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Laura with Adam at the first Frog restaurant at the Truman Brewery in London

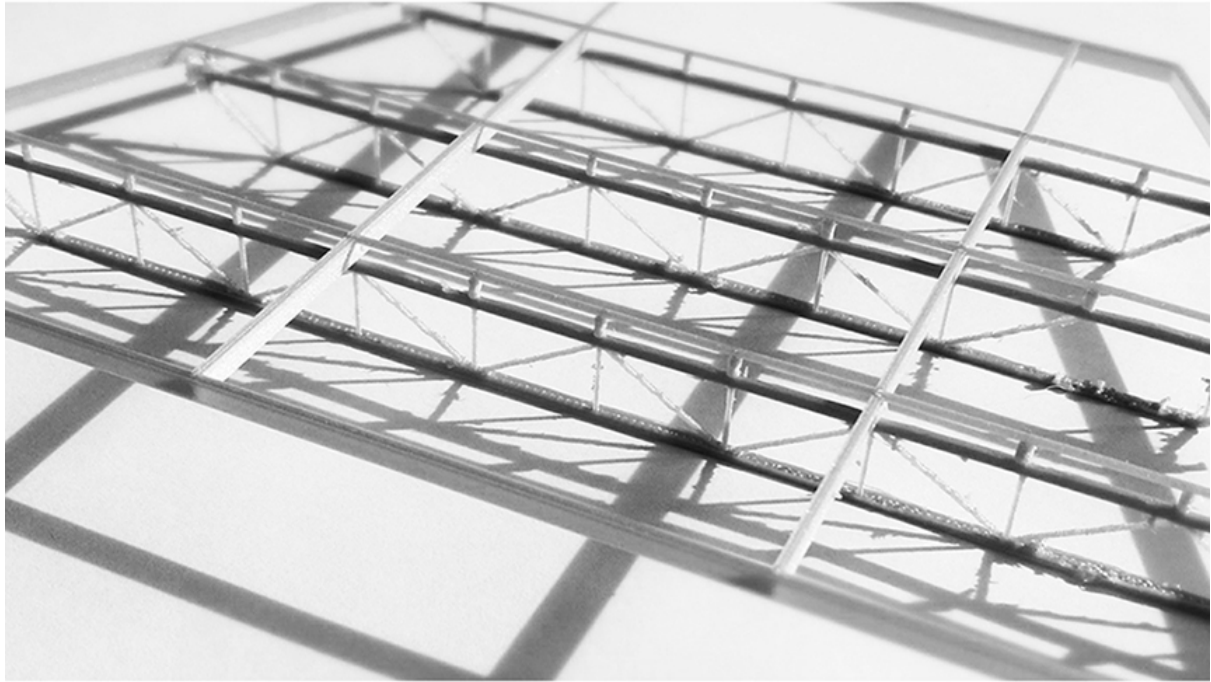
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## Follow our adventures in 3D printing

We have purchased our first 3D printer, an Ultimaker 2+ Extended. This enables us to create all kinds of 3 dimensional forms from block massing and scaled building models, to full size mock-ups of connections and components. For the most part we will be working directly from our BIM models created in Autodesk Revit, and exploring the best way to create our own seamless workflow from Revit to 3d printing. We won't be printing full size buildings just yet.

We have started our first blog. Weekly (more or less) we will update our progress in 3D printing. Follow us on our website news section.

Read more on our website [here](#) or our first week [blog](#).



Model of the Midland Metropolitan Hospital entrance canopy steel structure

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## Edward Williams Architect facilitates undergraduate education – with students from the University of Westminster

As Part of Edward Williams Architect's ongoing support of design education we currently have two second year students from the University of Westminster shadowing Libby Blundell on site at Turnham Primary School.

Students from these visits they must demonstrate with a portfolio report that they understand the main concerns of a project on site, including the organisation of the project and design team, the architect and client relationship, the statutory framework specifically concerned with the planning process and any conditions outstanding, as well as identifying the main contractor and specialist sub-contractors.

It's an exciting time at Turnham Primary School with the timber frame going up at pace, you can see the rooms taking shape.

Read [more](#) on our website.





Libby with the undergraduate students at the Turner Primary School building site

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## Talking at Croydon High School

Laura was invited to give a talk at Croydon High School in south London as part of the Careers for Girls series.

In the Assembly Hall she talked to 200 girls ranging from 4 to 10 years old about what being an architect means, talking about her career and the buildings she has built around the world in 25 years of practice.

Read [more](#) on our website.



Laura talking to the Croydon High School girls



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