

# Regent High School

Scheme address: Chalton Street, NW1  
Architect: Walters & Cohen Architects  
Contractor: BAM Construction Ltd  
Client/owner: London Borough of Camden  
Completed: July 2014  
Scheme description: This urban regeneration project is a mix of demolition, new build and refurbishment which allows Regent High School to expand from six forms of entry to eight. In collaboration with BAM, Camden Council and the school, the construction period of nearly four years was split into four phases, allowing the school to operate safely throughout.

The design responds to the school's education vision, providing a variety of teaching, learning and social spaces, indoors and out, within the confines of a tight urban site. A triple-height circulation space known as the 'arcade' simplifies movement and creates an attractive link between the original and new buildings; the passive supervision it provides supports the ethos of students taking responsibility for their learning and behaviour.

The main entrance has been repositioned from Charrington Street to Chalton Street, improving the streetscape and raising the profile of the school in the community it serves.

Panel comments: *"This is an accomplished and sleek re-imagining of an entire school despite budgetary constraints; re-orientating its entrance; providing high quality teaching accommodation; improving community facilities and celebrating its role in the heart of Somers Town. Natural light, transparency and openness flood the site with a sense of wellbeing, connecting occupants to the landscape and bringing a positive contribution to the cityscape."*



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