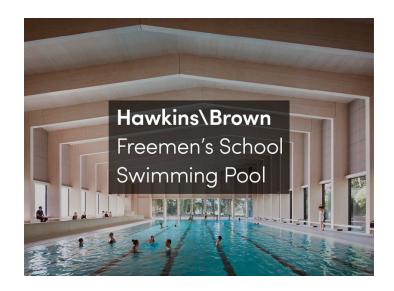
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FREEMEN'S SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL: A SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

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The scheme designed by award-winning architects HawkinsBrown provides a 25m, six-lane competition pool, with changing facilities and a multi-purpose teaching and events space.

The new pool uses state-of-the-art timber construction and offsite fabrication methods to create a sustainable building that sits gently within its context. It replaces the school's original pool building, which a fire destroyed in 2014. It also relocates it from the west to the east side of the campus, next to the existing sports facilities.



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The natural internal surface of the structural timber roof and walls is left exposed and stained white. This material acts as a complementary feature to the external setting and helps to create a special environment to swim in.



Roland Martin, Headmaster of Freemen's, commented: "The school is overwhelmed by the beauty and quality of the new swimming pool. It is a fantastic new asset for our school and local community."

The swimming pool marks the second phase of a four-stage masterplan by the City of London, which HawkinsBrown is delivering for Freemen's School in Ashtead, Surrey, with a view to improving the quality of the school's listed campus setting.

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