With works by Galileo, Erasmus, and the Venerable Bede, among others, the library collections of Corpus Christi are among the finest of any Oxford college. Yet though its sixteenth-century Library is of national architectural and historical significance, it no longer meets the needs or expectations of students and staff at a modern, world-class university. Designed to meet these needs, and safeguard the College’s Special Collections, the remodelling project by Wright & Wright Architects, whose previous work includes libraries at Magdalen and Corpus Christi as well as Lambeth Palace, extends and redevelops the Library, while respecting the heritage of the site and buildings.

As one of Oxford’s oldest and smallest colleges, Corpus Christi is characterised by a spirit of architectural and academic intimacy. “At Corpus, everything is on the small scale; that is what makes it so livable”, declared the architectural historian Nikias Pevisier. Wright & Wright’s proposals carefully unpick, restore and augment the existing building fabric, while adding distinctive contemporary elements. Notably, a new ashlar stone facade on Oriel Square, Exterior Garden Quad, FileName: "ABOVE CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Proposed Reading Room, Interior looking to Oriel Square, Exterior Garden Quad"

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