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From left to right: Interior of the new-look, refurbished Scroope Terrace (© Peter Cook); Exterior of the new eco-architecture studio (© David Butler); The bridge link to the Lecture Room (© David Butler); Interior of the new studio (© Peter Cook). Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988. Reproduction is permitted providing authorship is credited.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW ECO-ARCHITECTURE STUDIO SHORTLISTED FOR RIBA AWARD

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY OF ART

Freeland Rees Roberts Architects and Mole Architects have announced that Professor Alison Richard, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, officially opened the new eco-architecture studio at Scroope Terrace, Cambridge University's Faculty of Architecture and History of Art, today, 15th April. The studio has recently been shortlisted for a prestigious Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Award 2008.

The £3M refurbishment and expansion scheme recently completed at Scroope Terrace comprises the new eco-architecture studio and a major refurbishment of the Georgian Scroope Terrace building for the Department. The scheme was masterminded by Head of Department, Professor Marcial Echenique, and designed by Freeland Rees Roberts Architects with Mole Architects. The scheme is designed to unite and strengthen the Department's teaching and research functions.

Scroope Terrace consists of a terrace of grade II listed houses, built in the late 1830s and

became home to Cambridge University's Department of Architecture in the 1920s. As part of the restructuring and strengthening of the department, Scroope Terrace has been extensively and carefully refurbished to provide office space for the department's research wing, the Martin Centre, which previously operated from a large Edwardian villa on Chaucer Road. New space was therefore needed to house the undergraduate design studio which led Professor Marcial Echenique to formulate a strategy to move these facilities into a new eco-architecture studio to be built over an existing car park.

Clients:	University of Cambridge EMBS
Architects:	Freeland Rees Roberts Architects/ Mole Architects
Main Contractor	ISG Ltd
Structural Engineer:	Scott Wilson
Quantity Surveyor:	Gardiner & Theobald
Mechanical & Electrical Engineer:	Max Fordham
Project Manager:	Hannah Reed
Planning Supervisor	WS Atkins

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Notes to the Editor

1. For further information relating to the refurbishment and expansion scheme, high resolution images, an interview, photo or film opportunity, please contact Carri Crook, Carisma Communications, on 01842 815910 or email carri@carismacommunications.co.uk.
2. For further information on the University of Cambridge, please contact Tim Holt or Tom Kirk, Office of Communications, University of Cambridge on 01223 766205.
3. Editors are kindly requested to acknowledge Freeland Rees Roberts Architects and Mole Architects as the architects of the refurbishment and extension scheme at The Faculty of Architecture and History of Art, University of Cambridge.
4. A Tree Report was drawn up and submitted by the architects last year. This outlined methods of construction and of protecting valuable trees to the Western boundary of the site. Working with the Tree Officer, the architects agreed, in principle, a Building Line which safeguards the existing lime trees. Ventilation openings on this elevation are therefore restricted, enabling some ventilation and views of the trees, without any reliance for daylight provision. Similarly the East elevation has narrow windows for ventilation purposes, as does the South elevation, with external timber louvers added to reduce solar gain and to restrict views overlooking the neighbouring Hotel.
5. The new-look Faculty of Architecture and History of Art forms part of Cambridge University's major development programme consisting of more than £600m of construction projects. Estate Management and Building Service, the client of the £3 million refurbishment and expansion scheme, has responsibility for maintaining the University's buildings and gardens, planning and managing its property and facilities as well as procuring its new buildings.