

THE ORIEL COLLEGE DESIGN COMPETITION SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED



Malcolm Reading Consultants is delighted to announce the results of the first stage of the design competition to re-programme and re-design Oriel College, Oxford's social spaces.

More than sixty teams submitted Expressions of Interest for the competition, which was launched in late June. The shortlist, a fascinating cross-section of British architectural talent ranging from the contextual to the contemporary, is made-up of established practices with extensive portfolios.

In alphabetical order, the five shortlisted teams are led by architects:

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Allies and Morrison

Caruso St John Architects

Panter Hudspith Architects

Wright & Wright Architects

Competition organiser, Malcolm Reading said:

‘The standard of entries was of exceptional quality – including many of the best-known UK practices and some also from overseas. The College is very pleased with the response. The brief for the project is extremely challenging because of the constraints of the site and the ambition to re-frame social and functional connections for future generations. A distinctive combination of competence and creativity was required; and – I am delighted to say – is provided by the shortlist.’

An open day for the competitors will be held in August and second-stage submissions are due on Friday 20th September.

The winner will be announced following the Jury interviews in October 2013.

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- Oriel College was founded in 1326 by King Edward II. It was one of the first five Colleges founded at Oxford. The College takes its name from one of the original buildings, La Oriole, which stood on the site of the present Front Quadrangle. Oriel's most famous period was between 1780 and 1850, culminating in its association with Keble, Newman and the Oxford Movement, which sought to reassert the Catholic heritage of the Church of England. Today, the College is known for its friendliness and warm atmosphere, as well as its broad academic range, with nearly 50 Fellows representing some 30 subjects. It educates 300 undergraduates and 200 graduate students and has a non-academic and support staff of 150. The College's elegant quadrangles are Grade I listed and exemplify 'Gothic Survival' design, a style characterised by 'a modest gothic idiom and framework', combined with typical 17th-century design elements. The neoclassical Senior Library was designed by James Wyatt in the 1780s.

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