



### Client

Christ's Hospital School

### Location

Horsham, East Sussex

### Role

Building Surveying, Project Management

### OVERVIEW

Pellings have been appointed as building surveyors and project managers on a three year Framework at Christ's Hospital School, a unique independent school in Horsham, West Sussex. The buildings on the Christ's Hospital School site near Horsham, West Sussex, are made up of the original School buildings moved from their City of London site, and buildings designed by Sir Aston Webb and Ingress Bell in 1897 prior to the school's opening in 1902. Many of the Buildings are Grade II Listed.

Recent work has included specialist conservation work on the Wren facade, external brick and stonework repairs, and essential work on the clock tower. The Wren facade dates back to the late 17th century and moved from the City site in 1900; during the works it was found to still have some of the black sooty deposits from London's early pollution.

The Wren facade houses a statue of King Edward VI which has been re-gilded as part of the conservation project. This specialist undertaking took four weeks to complete. Detailed analysis during the course of the works showed that the stone statue had been re-gilded four times since being carved, and the experts predict that the new gold leaf should now give at least 40 years life.

The work forms part of a ten-year restoration plan that is currently underway and aims to put the buildings and services into good repair. The scope of the project is wide and encompasses not only external redecoration and repairs needed to replace or restore the timeworn fabric, masonry, leadwork, windows and gutters but also to arrest decay of the hidden structures and replace the miles of cabling and pipework running underground and throughout its hidden tunnel network.

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