

Provost's Garden, Queens College, Oxford

Client: Queens College Oxford
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Working with Rick Mather Architects

The Provost's Garden is a private Oxford College garden bounded by medieval walls and an Indigo Jones Library acting as the fourth wall.

The extension of the Library underground means that the garden is to be redesigned and must respect the needs of the role of the Provost, the College itself and the setting of both the Lodgings and the Library.

Queens College has the great formality of the front and back quads but beyond the formal buildings the Provost's Garden forms one of three more informal and planted gardens; the balance to the more austere palette of grass and stone.

The challenge is to create a design that is effectively a green roof but has the feeling of a garden whilst being truthful about what lies beneath.

Renders courtesy of Rick Mather Architects

