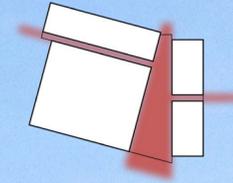


Durham Academy Middle School

Arts and World Language

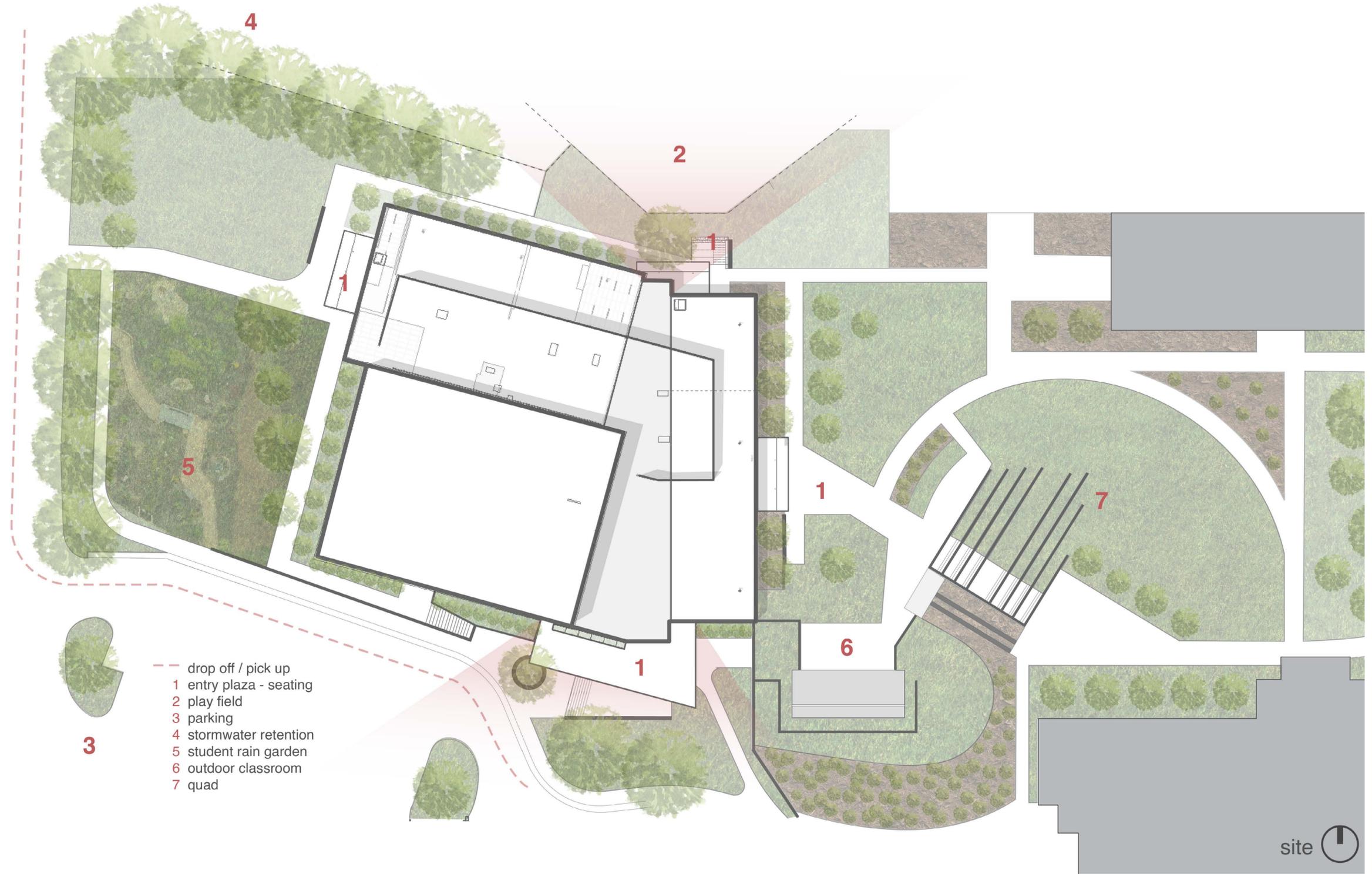
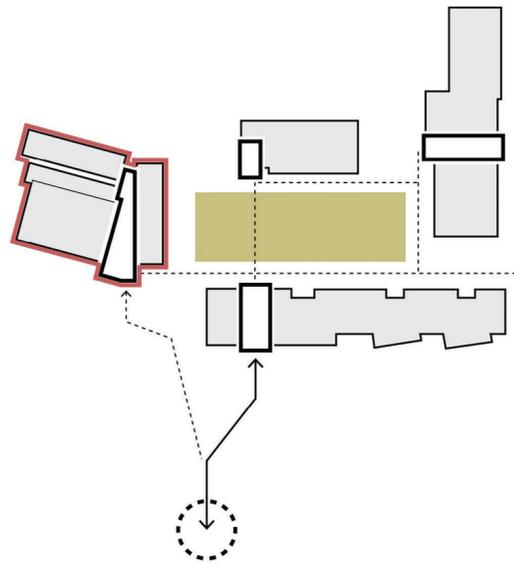


ARTS AND WORLD LANGUAGES
DURHAM ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL



DYNAMIC. INNOVATIVE. CONTEXTUAL.

Durham Academy's Arts and World Languages Center, affectionately known as "the AWL," is a 46,000-square-foot facility designed to foster intellectual curiosity and critical skills among students. Opened early 2021, this building serves as the first phase of a comprehensive master plan to enhance the Middle School campus. As the first of four phases, the design thoughtfully responds to the site's topographical challenges, transforming natural changes in elevation into dynamic, inviting outdoor spaces that connect one building to the next. Despite a restrictive budget, the project embraced these constraints as an opportunity for innovation, utilizing modest materials to elevate the building's character while maintaining its connection to the surrounding community.



- drop off / pick up
- 1 entry plaza - seating
- 2 play field
- 3 parking
- 4 stormwater retention
- 5 student rain garden
- 6 outdoor classroom
- 7 quad

QUAD

CLASSROOMS

COMMONS

PERFORMANCE

RAIN GARDEN

student-led rain garden
native plants
pollinators

local
campus brick on 90% of facade

access to daylight
occupant satisfaction evaluation
plaza canopies provide solar protection

economy
performance area retracts into multi-function space

community
use after hours and during summer

LED lighting
30% increase efficiency compared
to existing campus buildings



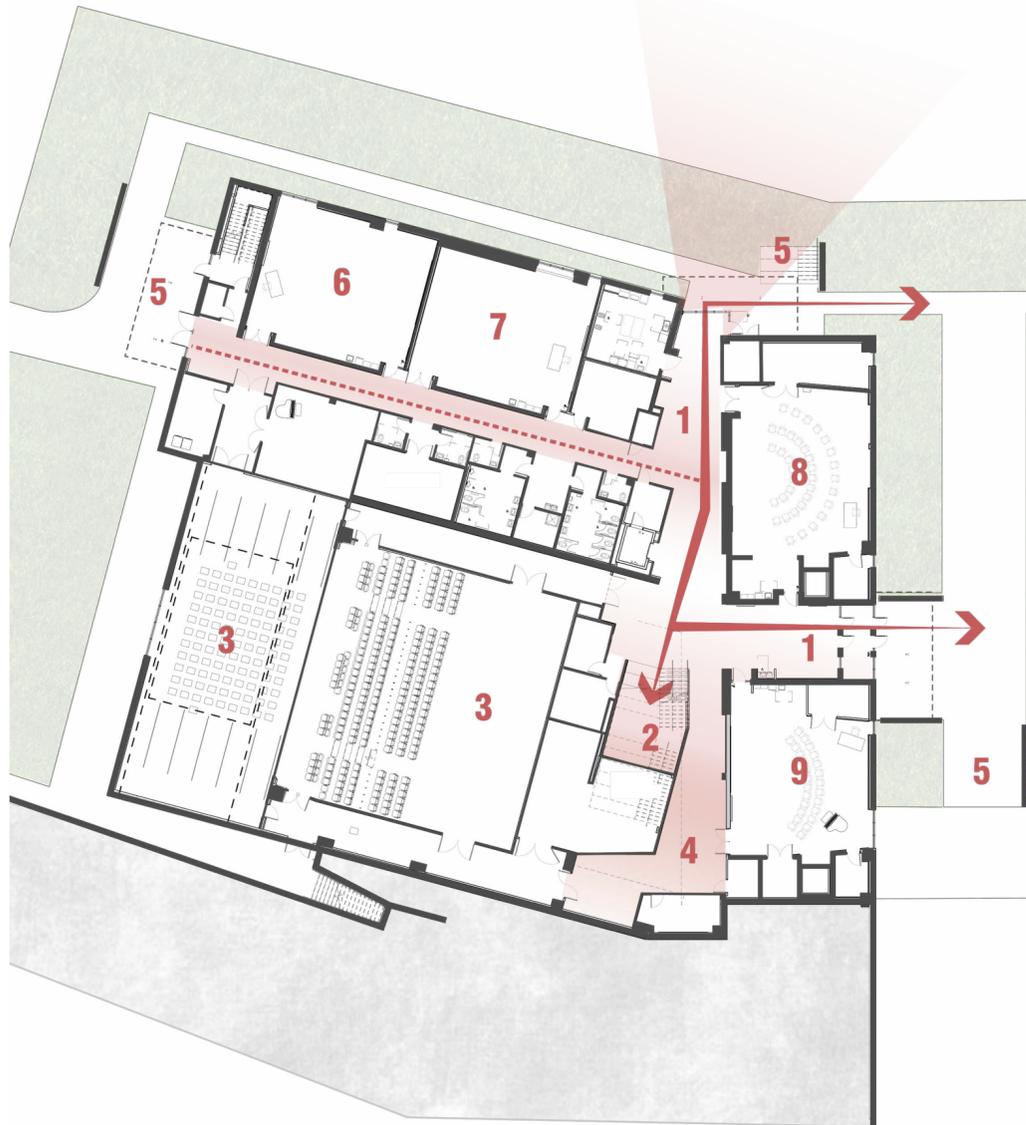




- circulation
- - - DA student wall design
- 1 entry lobby
- 2 atrium stair / riser
- 3 event space
- 4 flexible classroom space
- 5 outdoor plaza - brick seating
- 6 art
- 7 classroom

CAREFULLY CRAFTED CONNECTION





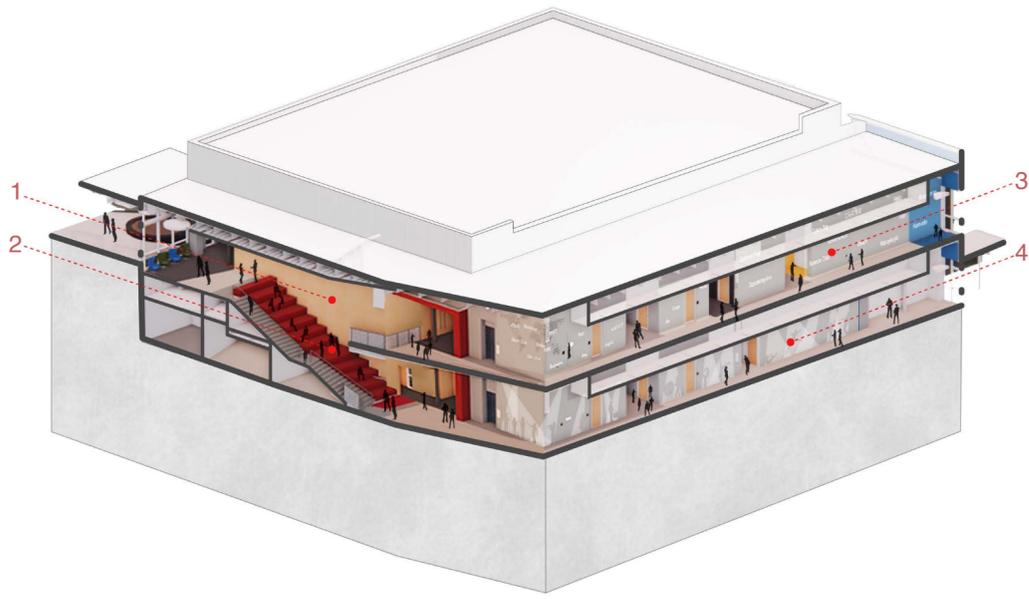
- circulation
- - - DA student wall design
- 1 entry lobby
- 2 atrium stair / riser
- 3 event space
- 4 flexible classroom space
- 5 outdoor plaza - brick and concrete seating
- 6 drama
- 7 movement
- 8 band
- 9 chorus

5 studios
8 classrooms
500-seat theater

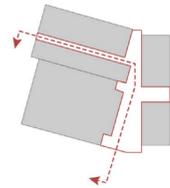




HORTON HALL



- 1 event space
- 2 atrium risers
- 3 world languages design
- 4 DA student design

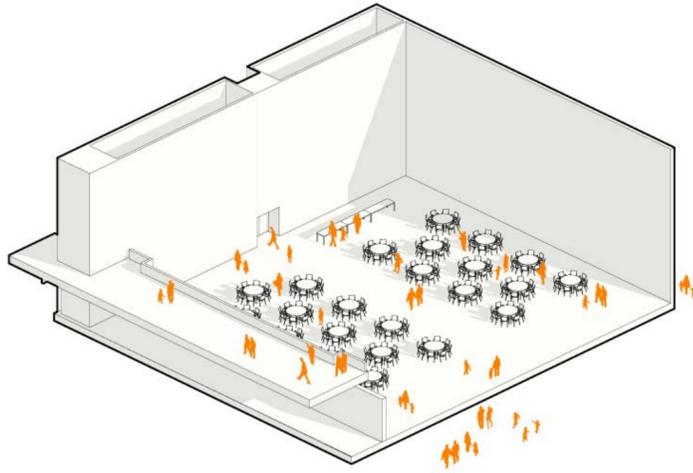


**striking.
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transformative.**

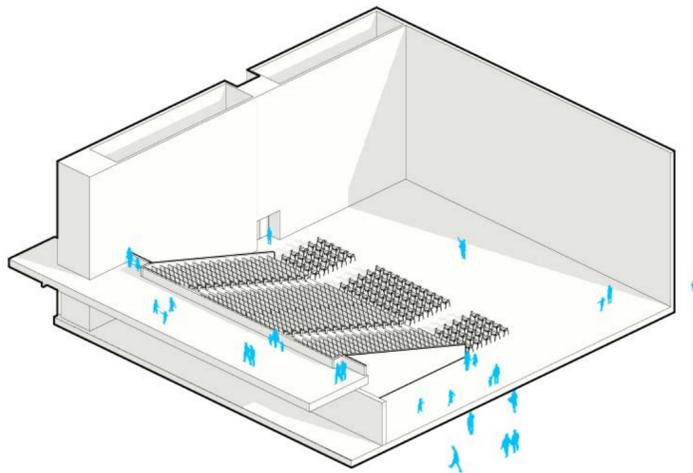
Gathering Spaces (right): Throughout the building, both formal and informal gathering spaces encourage collaboration, fostering intellectual and social discourse among students. These areas are designed to be striking, functional, and transformative, with ample daylight filling the spaces and offering expansive views. The seamless connectivity between the interior and exterior not only enhances the sense of openness but also embraces sustainability through carefully selected finishes, creating a harmonious and impactful environment for all who inhabit it.



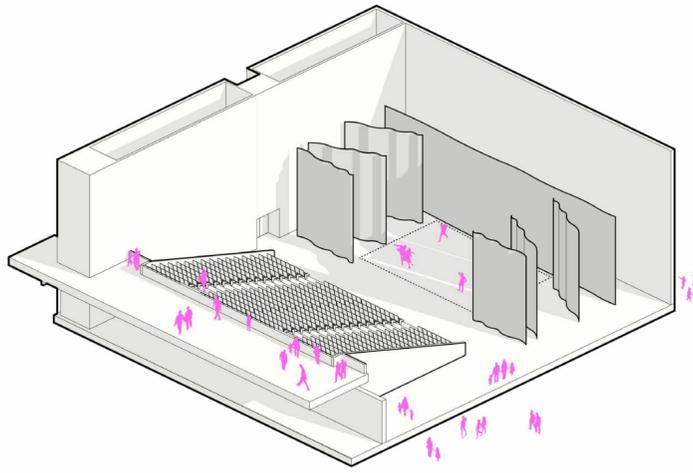




flat floor event space



lecture space



theater space





