

FASCINATION

The culture of dress at the University of Cambridge

FIRST ENCOUNTER

invitation for matriculation lunch...

The President and the Praelector
request the pleasure of your company at
Matriculation Lunch
on Saturday 16 January 2016
12.30pm for 1.00pm in the Combination Room

Please reply to Jane Reilly (praelector-secretary@wolfson.cam.ac.uk) by 5.00pm on Monday 4 January 2016

<u>confirming whether or not you will attend the dinner and include any special dietary requirements.</u>

Dress: suit (with jacket and tie) for men and smart day wear for women, or national dress.

Please wear an academic gown if you have one

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...with a very specific dress code

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ready for Matriculation lunch (16.01.16)

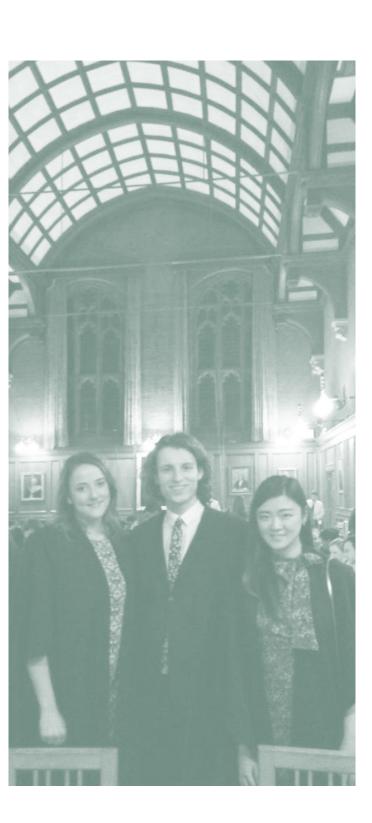




Clare College



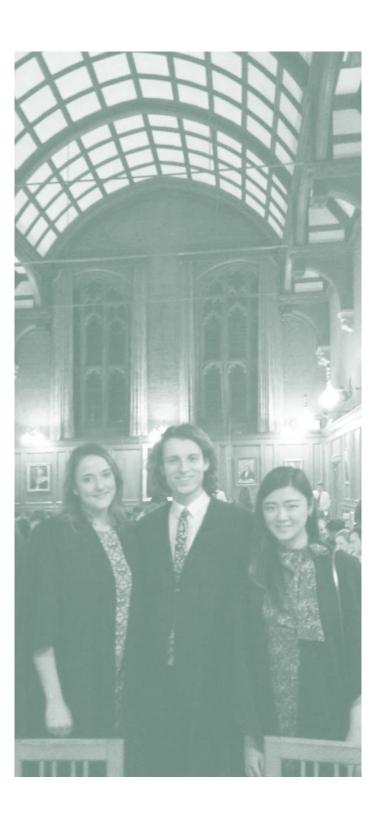
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Girton College



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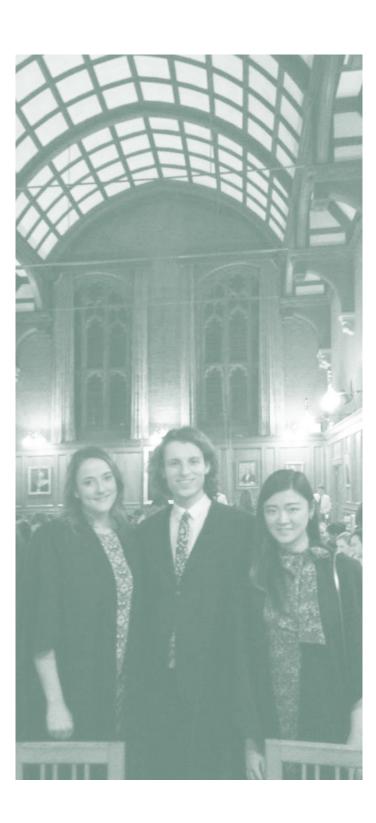
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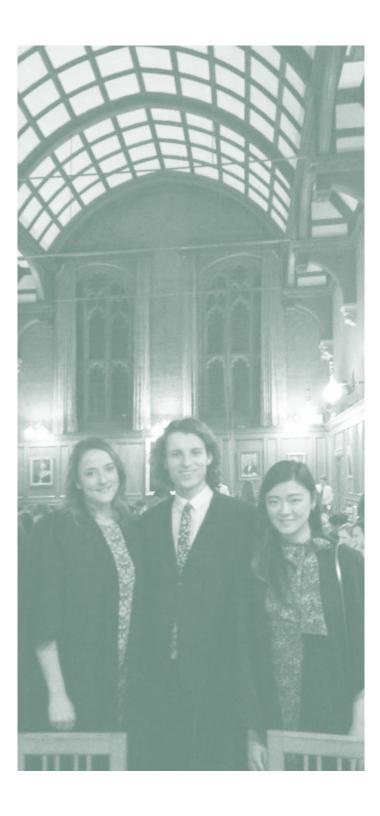
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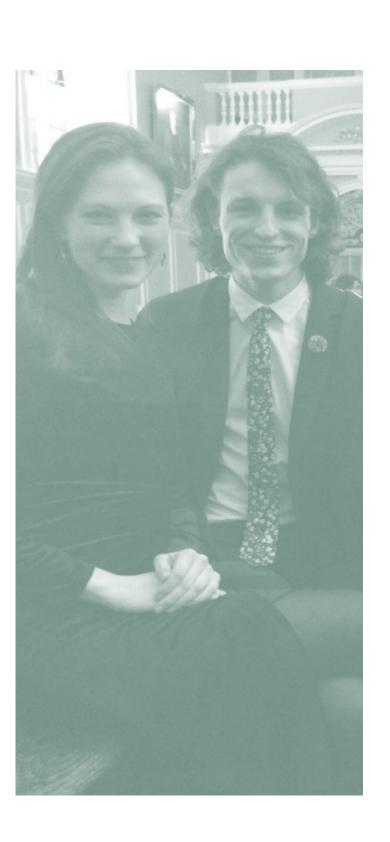
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Emmanuel College



ROWLAND PARKER

Town and Gown: Seven hundred years' war in Cambridge (1983)

"Among the most notable branches that flourished in Cambridge, were bookbinding and tailoring"



THE CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL OF TAILORING

Is there a future for a School of Tailoring in Cambridge?

PATH TO DESIGN

I. Why Fashion Matters

Why do clothes matter?

II. Cambridge and Clothes

How did Cambridge's culture of dress develop?

III. The Bespoke Trade

How did the British bespoke tradition develop?

IV. The Cambridge School of Tailoring

i. Is there a future for a School of Tailoring in Cambridge?
ii. What does that future look like?

V. Proposing St. Homobonus College

a centre of excellence for dress culture in Cambridge's collegiate core

METHODS

I. Literature study

focus; historic situation

II. Interviews, visits and observations

focus; present & future situation



Tim Morsink | Kathryn Sargent | David Goggins | Roel Wolbrink | Krishan Chudasama | Frans van Veen | Jolien Vermeulen

WHY FASHION MATTERS

FASHION THEORISTS

Georg Simmel, John Flügel, Thorstein Veblen, et al.

As our society has become more complex and diverse, clothing has accumulated meaning beyond the primal or physical, thus gaining social and economic significance as well

EMBODIED MEANINGS OF DRESS

clothes say something about the people who wear them



EMBODIED MEANINGS OF DRESS

clothes say something about who the people who make them; e.g. Alexander McQueen



ECONOMIC COMMODITIES

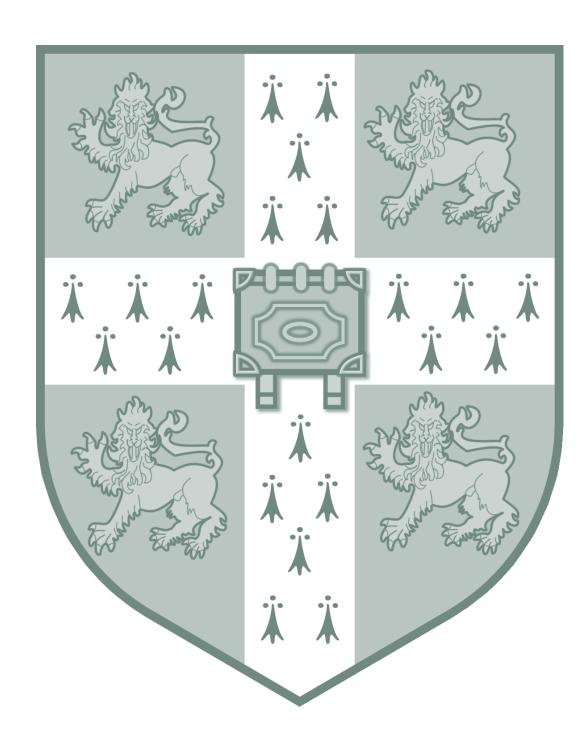
wherever there is a specific demand, clothes will assert their presence



CAMBRIDGE AND CLOTHES

THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

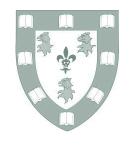
is a confederation of schools, faculties, departments, and colleges

































































central university

31 autonomous colleges





CAMBRIDGE COLLEGES

have impressive holdings



king's chapel



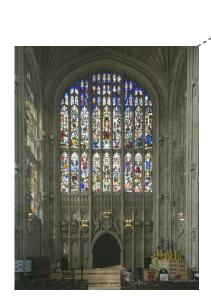
trinity's great court



john's backs











CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

are generally younger and less impressive than holdings of the old colleges

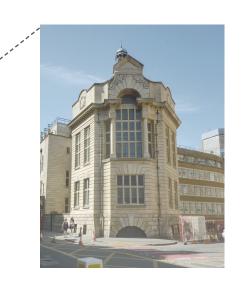






mill lane site downing site new museums site









RELIGIOUS ORIGIN

the medieval university was a deeply Christian institution



cloister court, Jesus College

GOWNS

evolved from the clerical cassock



academical gown



clerical cassock

FIT FOR THE EMPIRE

in Britiain's Imperial Century, specifically between the 1850's and 1920's, new types of clothing became important



map of the Imperial Federation in 1886

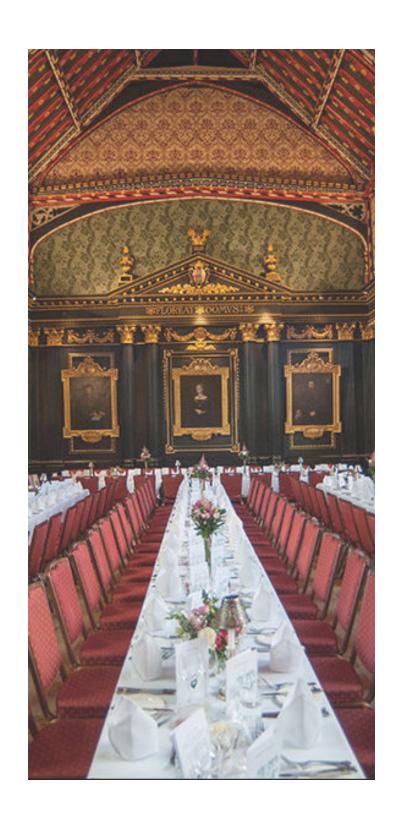
TAILORED GARMENTS

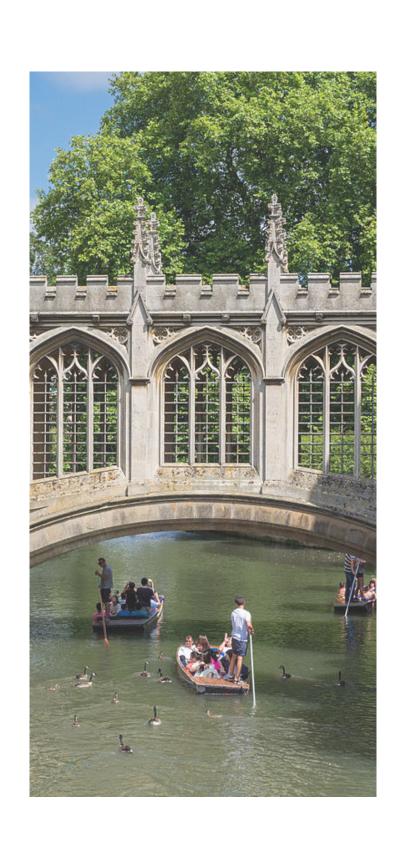
have helped define masculinity in Britain's Imperical Century



COLLEGES

formed the perfect backdrop to both gowns and the new tailored garments











dining halls

the river

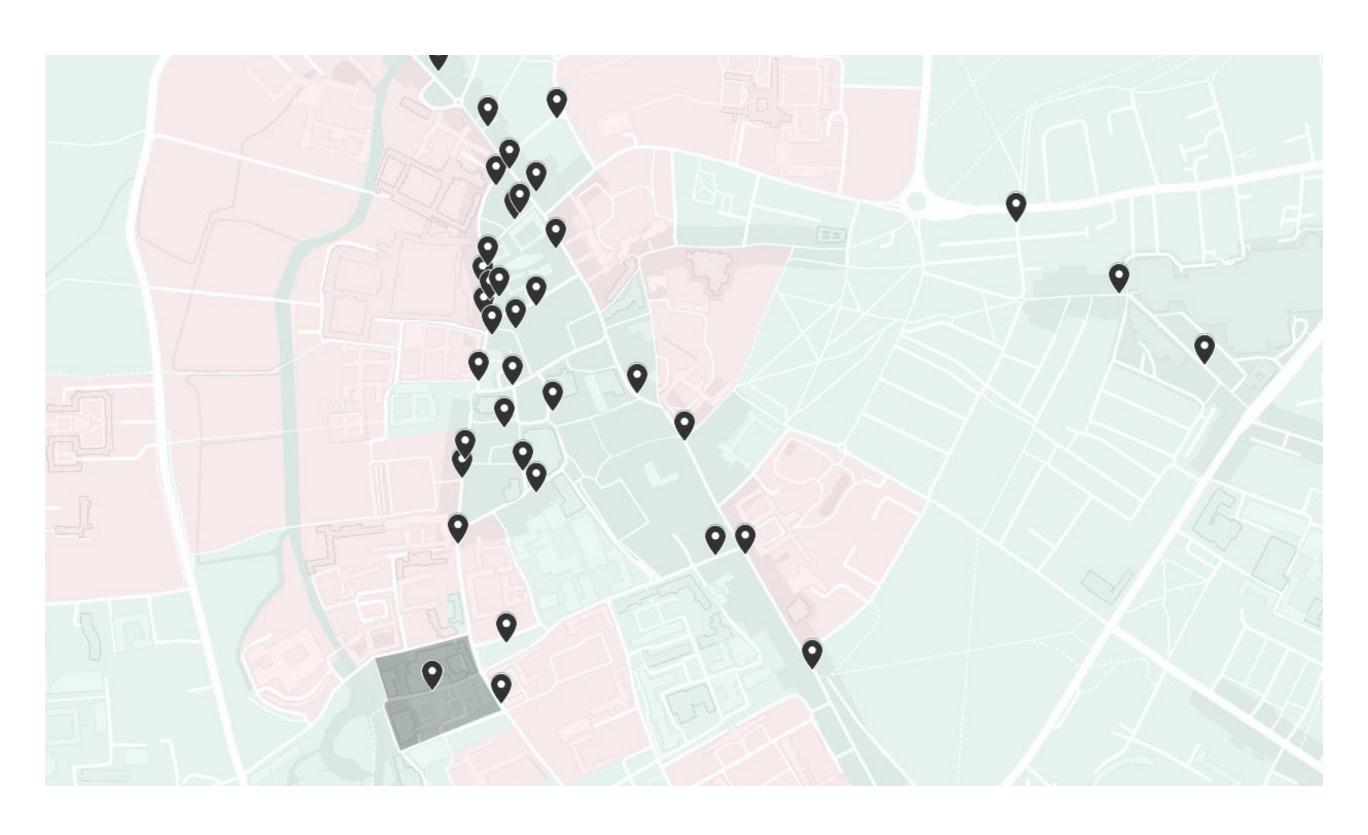
the gardens

the courts

combination rooms

HISTORIC LOCATIONS TAILORS & ROBEMAKERS

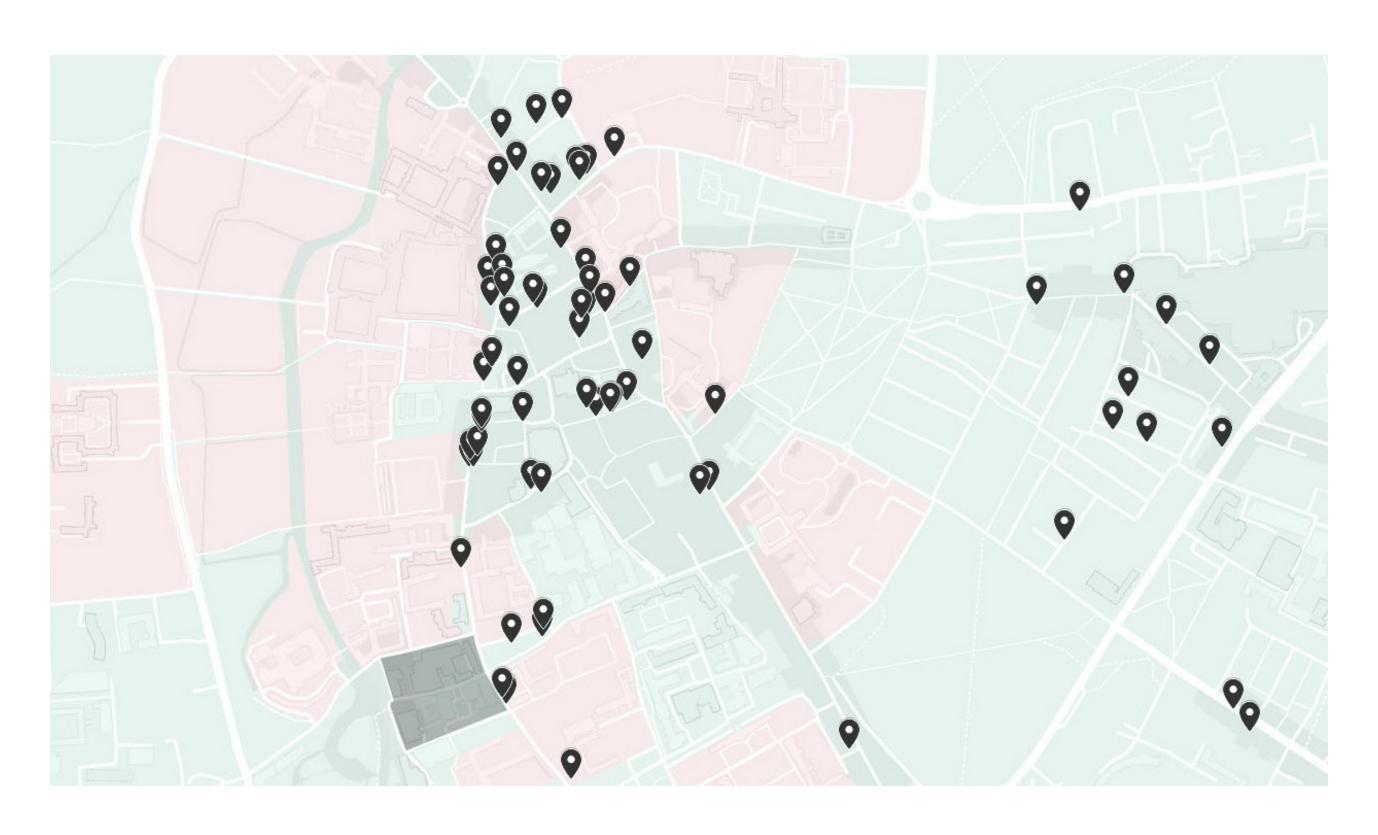
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1878

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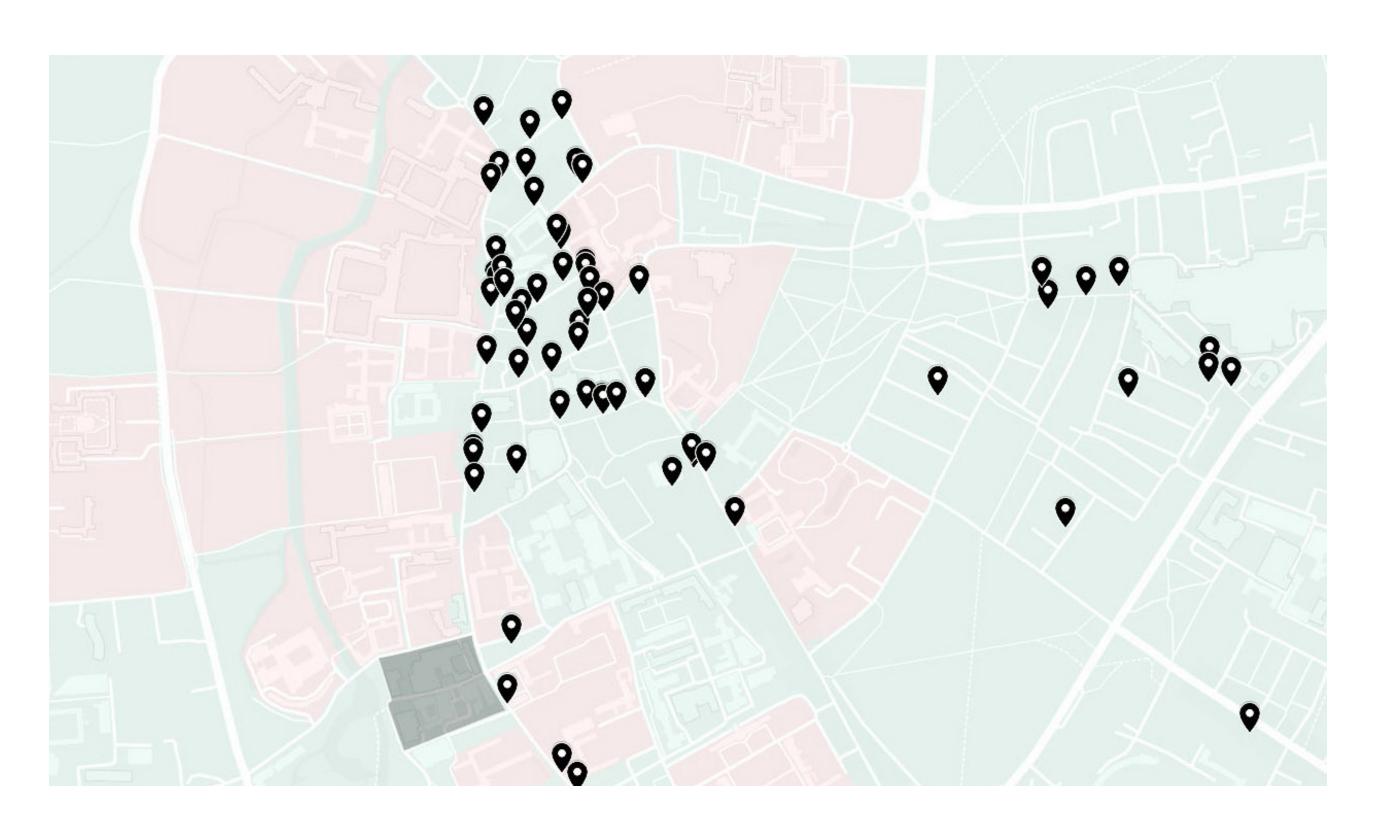
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1913

HISTORIC LOCATIONS TAILORS & ROBEMAKERS

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1939

THE BRITISH BESPOKE TRADE

LONDON'S SAVILE ROW

became the epicentre of British bespoke tailoring in the 19th century



Savile Row street sign

LONDON'S SAVILE ROW

it is a street of bespoke tailoring businesses that are still arguably the best in the world



Savile Row shopfronts

BESPOKE

is personalised tailoring at its best



made to a unique pattern



almost entirely by hand



fit as often as needed



salesman



salesman | head cutter



salesman | head cutter | under cutter



salesman | head cutter | under cutter | coat maker



salesman | head cutter | under cutter | coat maker | apprentice coat maker



salesman | head cutter | under cutter | coat maker | apprentice coat maker | trouser maker



salesman | head cutter | under cutter | coat maker | apprentice coat maker | trouser maker | apprentice trouser maker



salesman | head cutter | under cutter | coat maker | apprentice coat maker | trouser maker | apprentice trouser maker | presser

TYPICAL SET-UP

front-house shop on the ground floor, workrooms in the basement



typical facade

typical axonometric

TYPICAL SET-UP

front-house shop on the ground floor



Huntsman front-house

TYPICAL SET-UP

workroom in the basement



Gieves & Hawkes workroom

SAVILE ROW IN CAMBRIDGE

Ede & Ravenscroft still offers bespoke services from here



shop on Trumpington Street

TODAY

STUDENTS TODAY

still wear traditional garments, which now represent a meritocratic, rather than a socio-economic elite



photos taken from facebook

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st john's boat crew

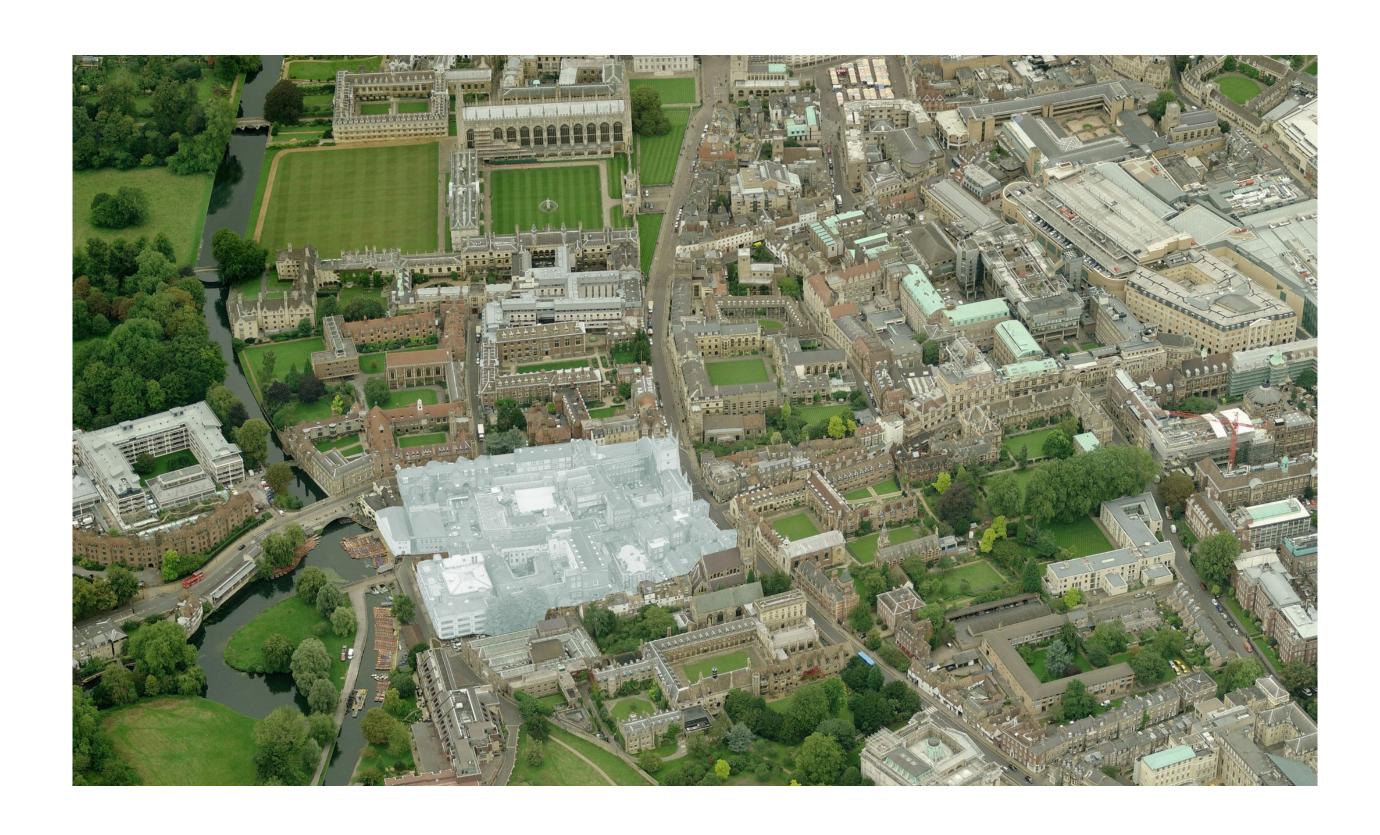
PREPPY STYLE

famous brands have found success selling so-called preppy clothes influenced by Oxbridge student fashions

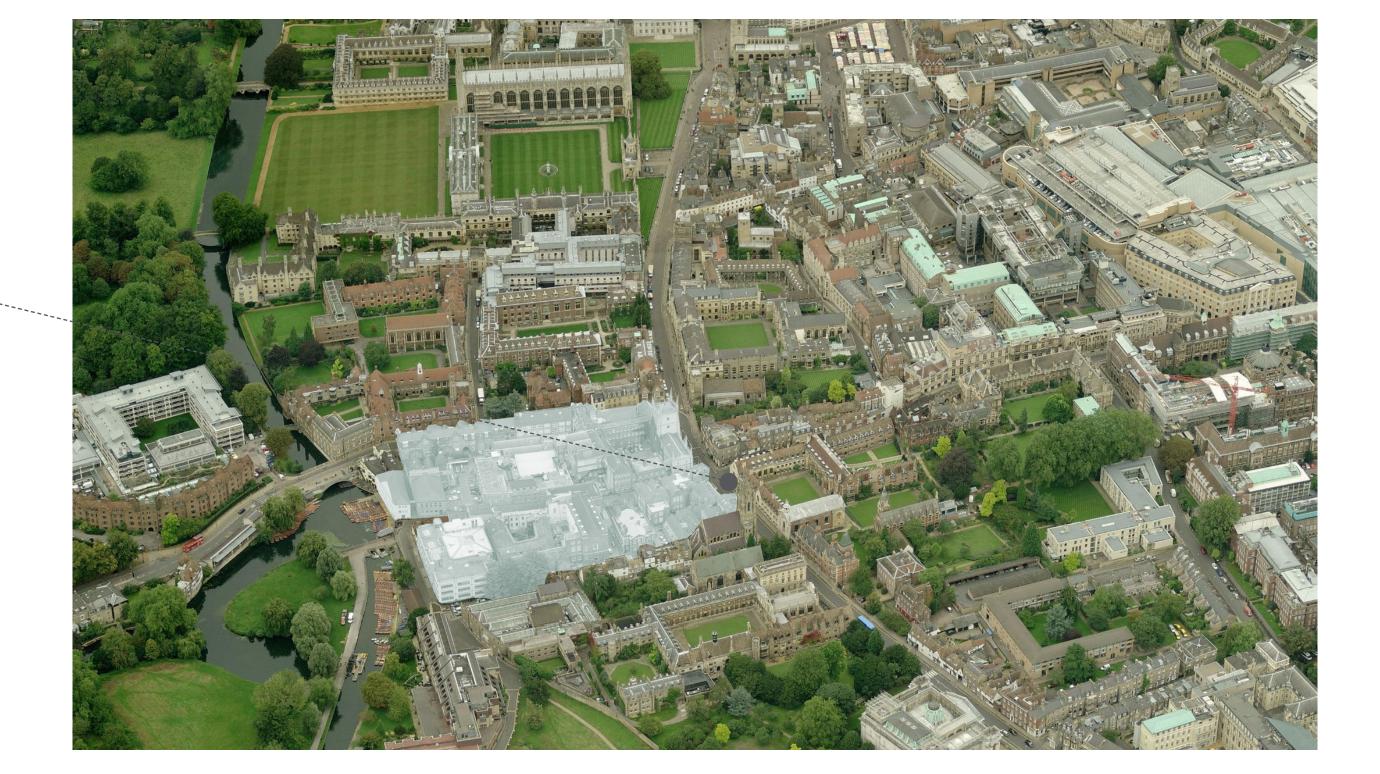


Ralph Lauren ad

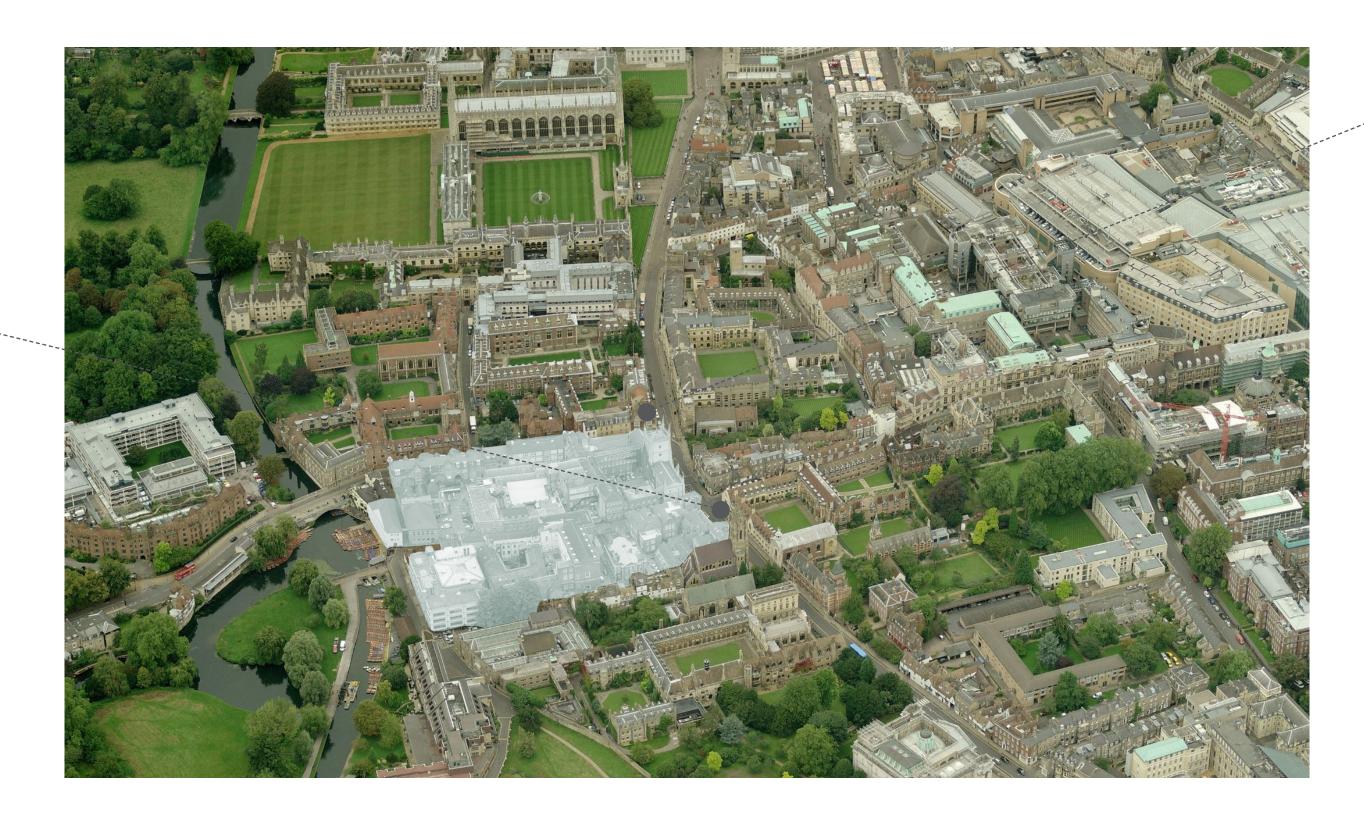
DESIGN LOCATION, PROGRAMME & THEMES

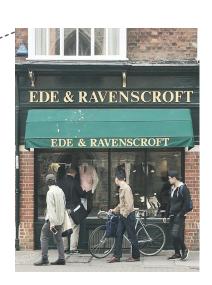




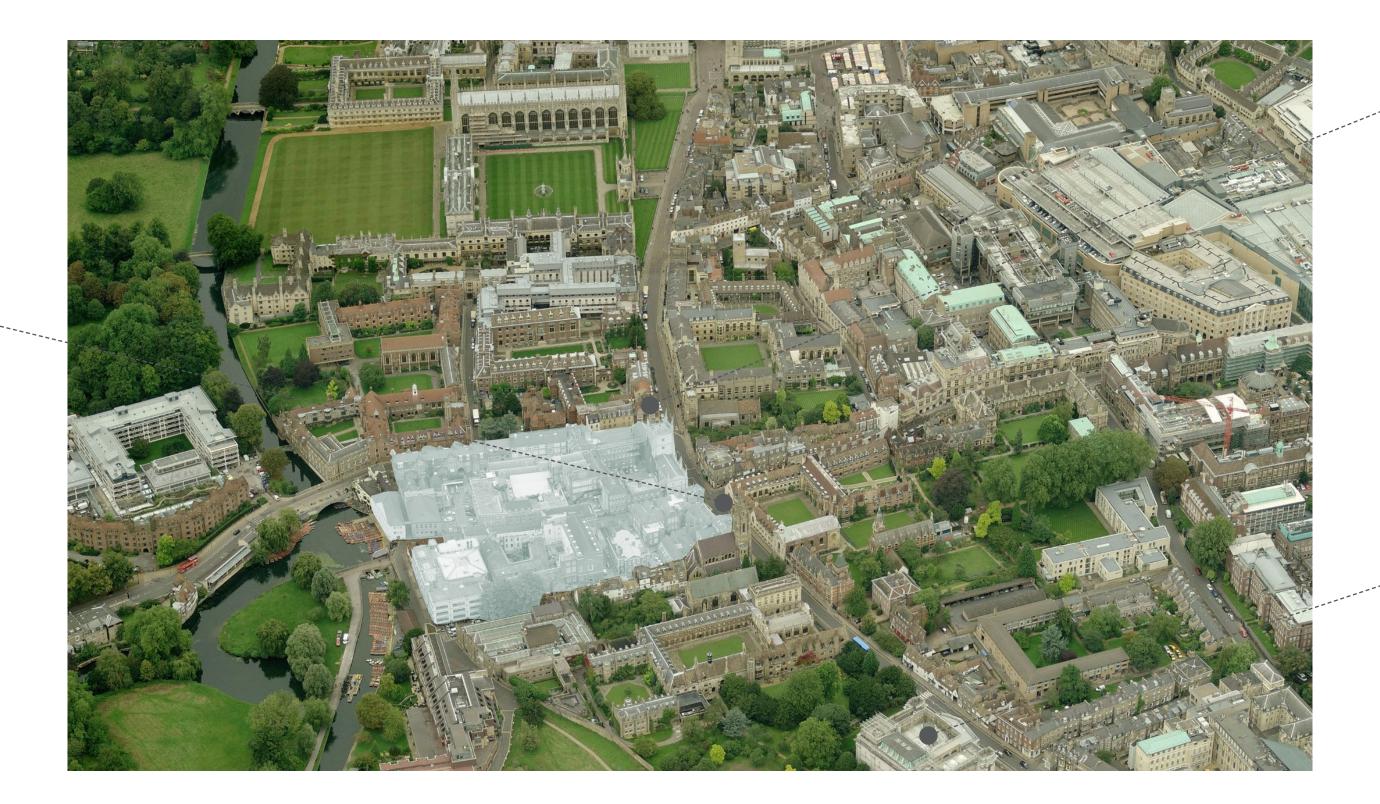










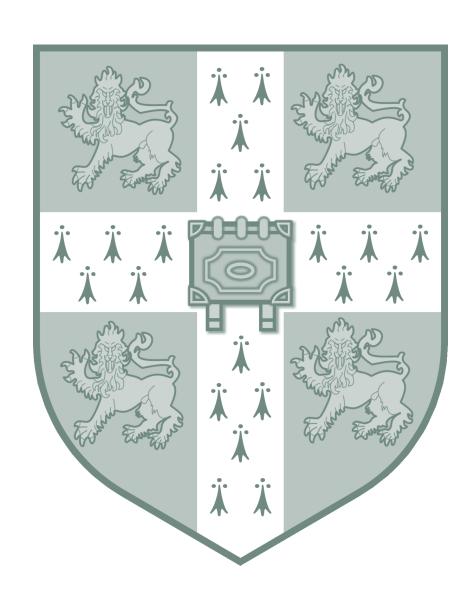






LOCAL PARTNERS INFORM PROGRAMME

rooting the Cambridge School of Tailoring within this specific context and giving it prestige







university - research centre

ede & ravenscroft - bespoke salon

institute of visual culture - museum

INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

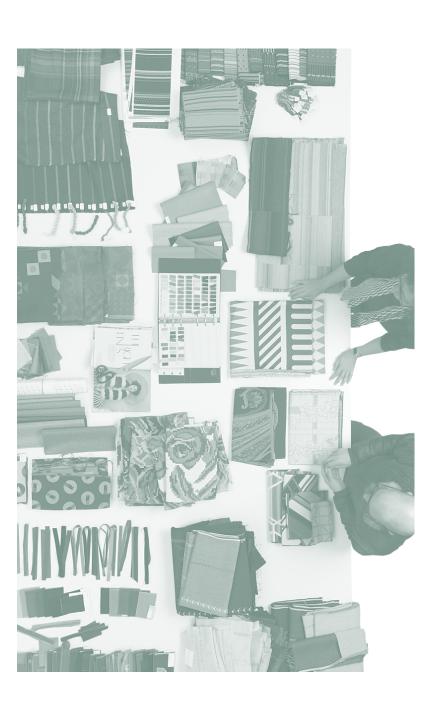
support a new school with connection to these local partners



tailoring booming, expertise in demand



connection to real business is vital



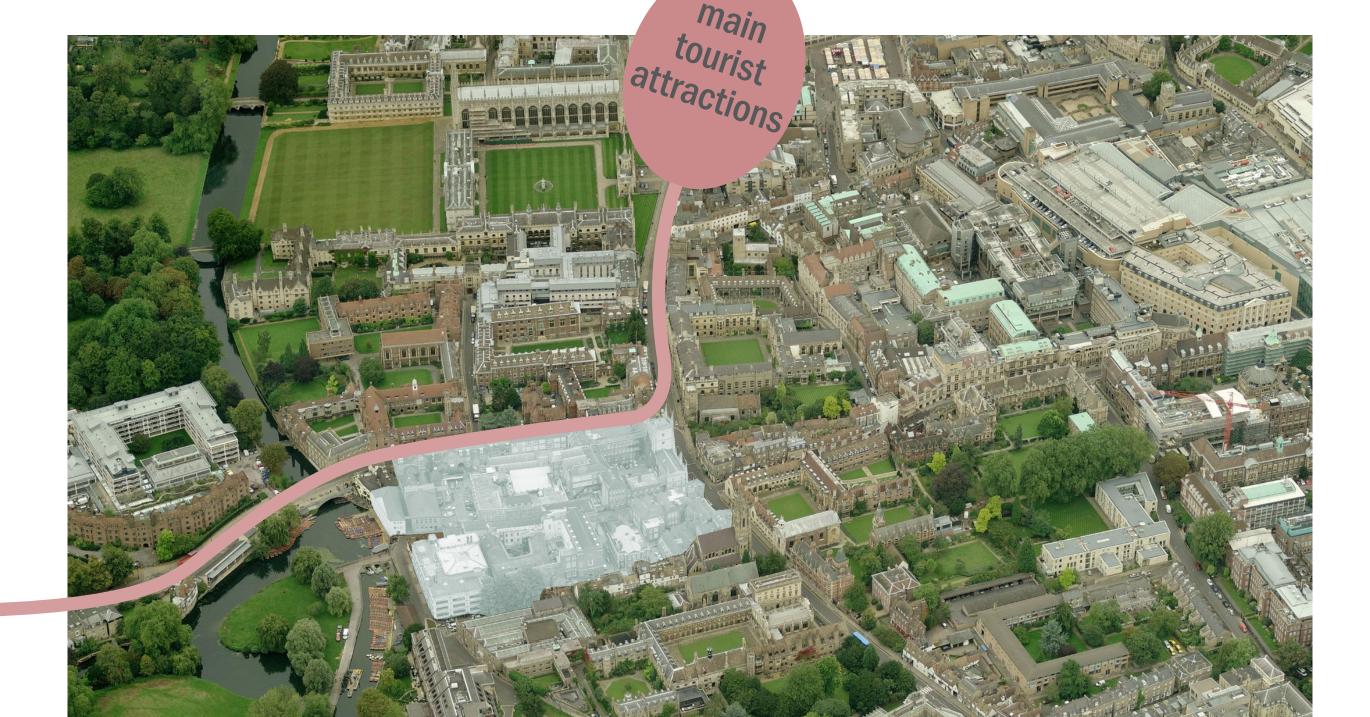
research helps bolstering innovation



museum provides a stage for the trade

TOURIST ROUTE

runs along the design site



tourist drop-off

PROGRAMME

starting point...

PROGRAMME

...connected to specific functions...

Fashion Museum Research Centre Railoring School Bespoke Salom Respoke Salom

PROGRAMME

...in a bigger public cluster

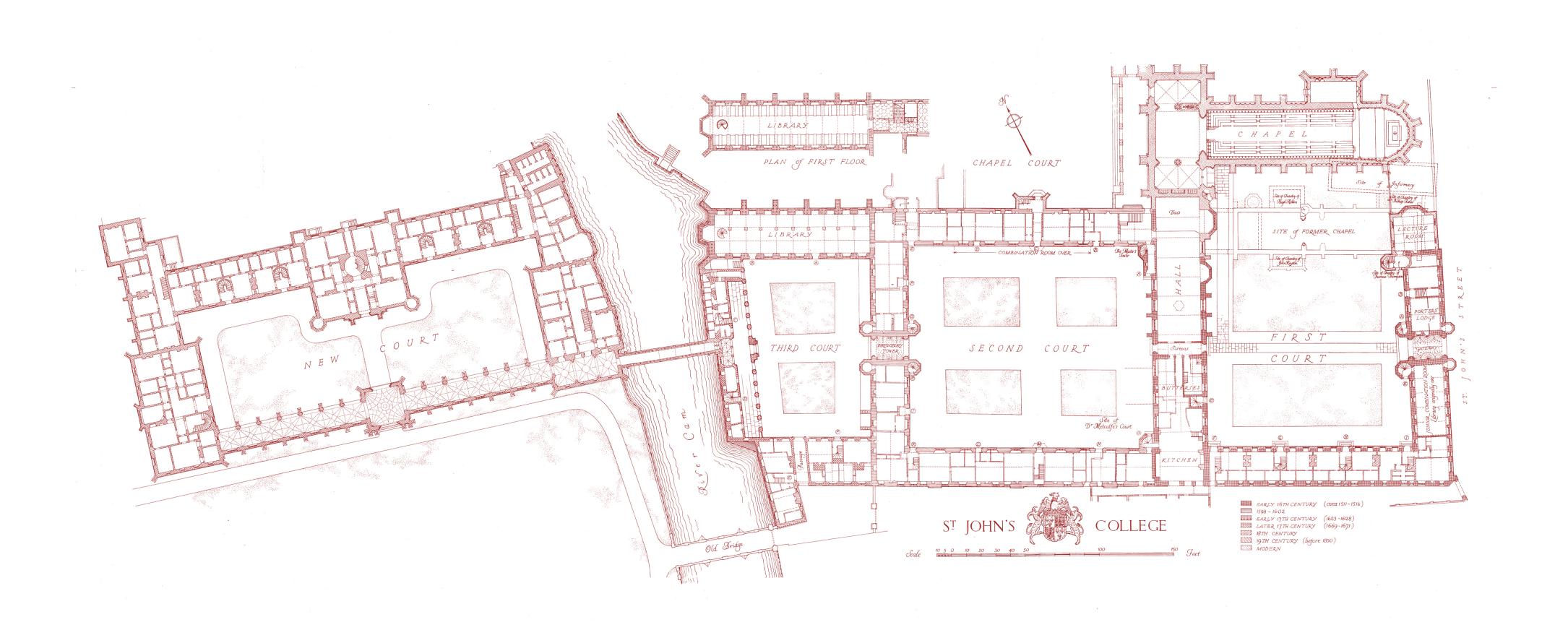


ST HOMOBONUS COLLEGE

a centre of excellence for dress culture in Cambridge

THE COLLEGE ARCHETYPE

enables the proposed multifunctional approach and gives a toolset to bring together existing buildings...



THE COLLEGE ARCHETYPE

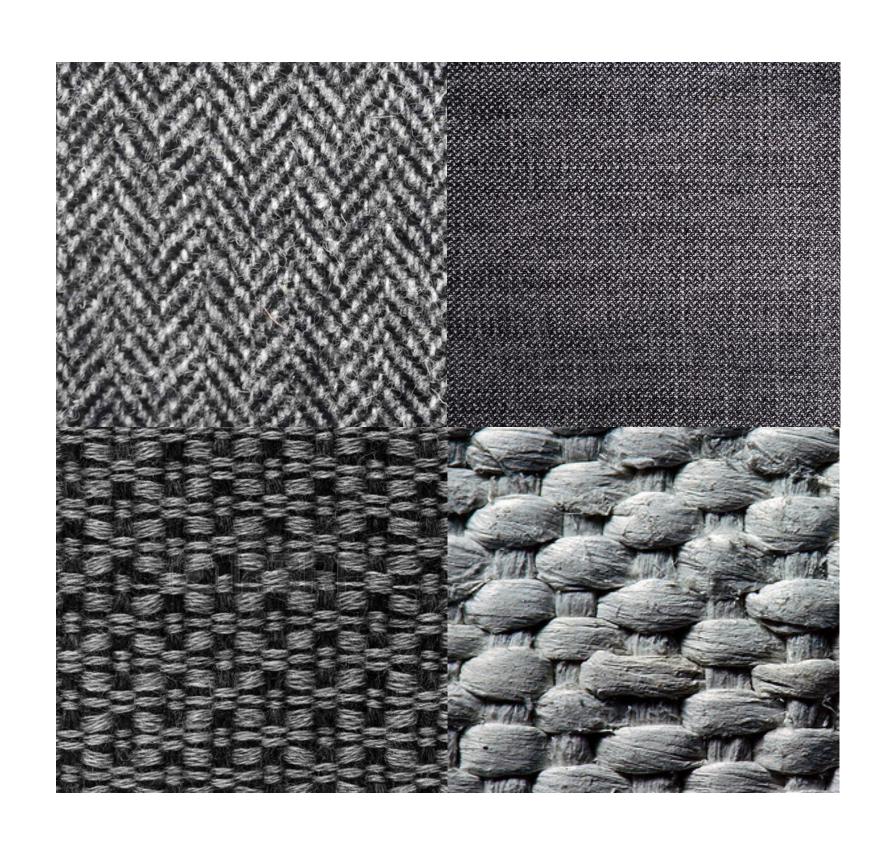
...and is intimately tied to dress culture in Cambridge



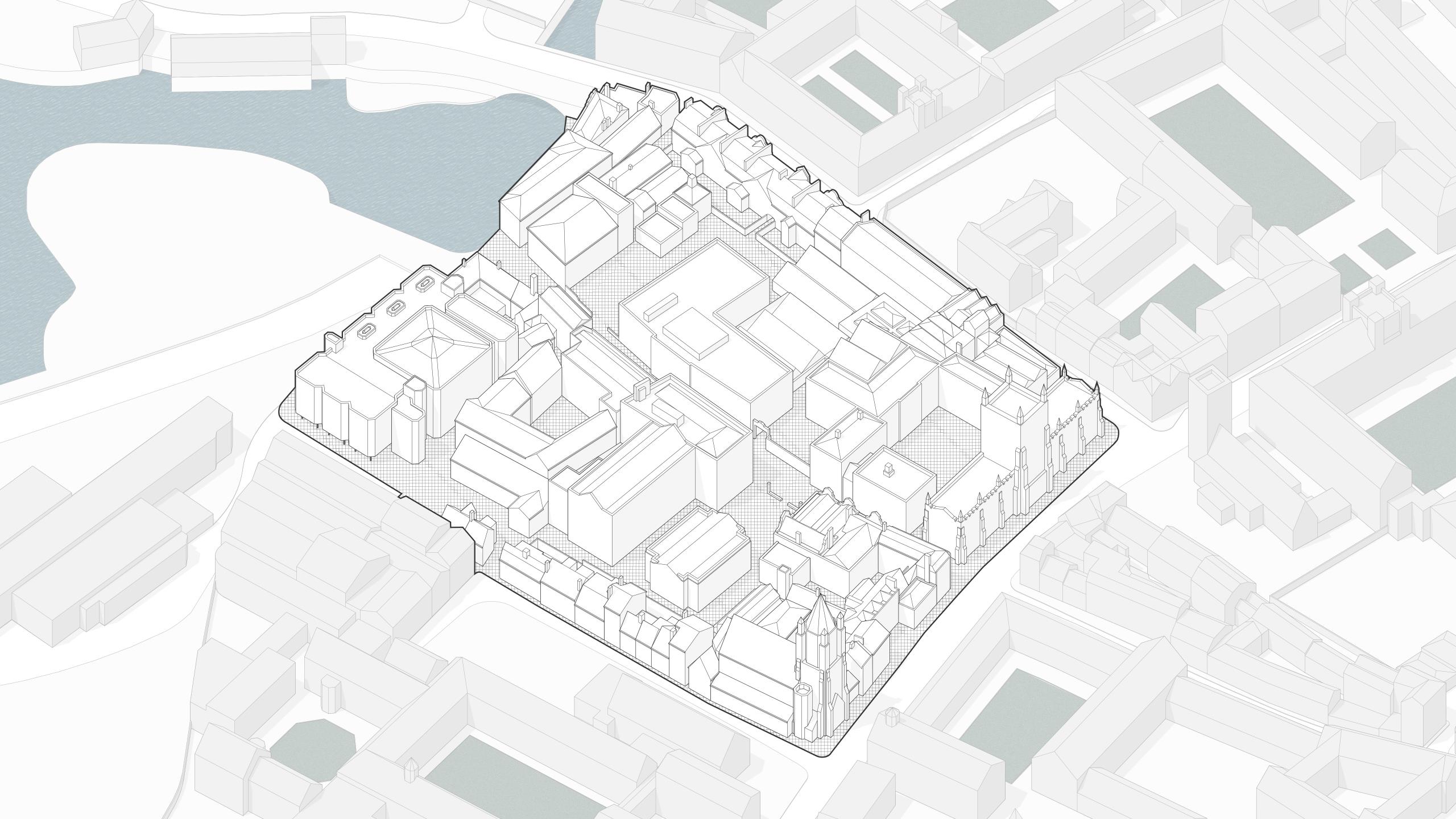


FASHION AS INSPIRATION

spaces designed based on tailors' recommendations and a material language inspired by clothes







BUILDINGS WITH GREAT POTENTIAL







Stuart House



The Mill Pub

BUILDINGS IN BAD CONDITION



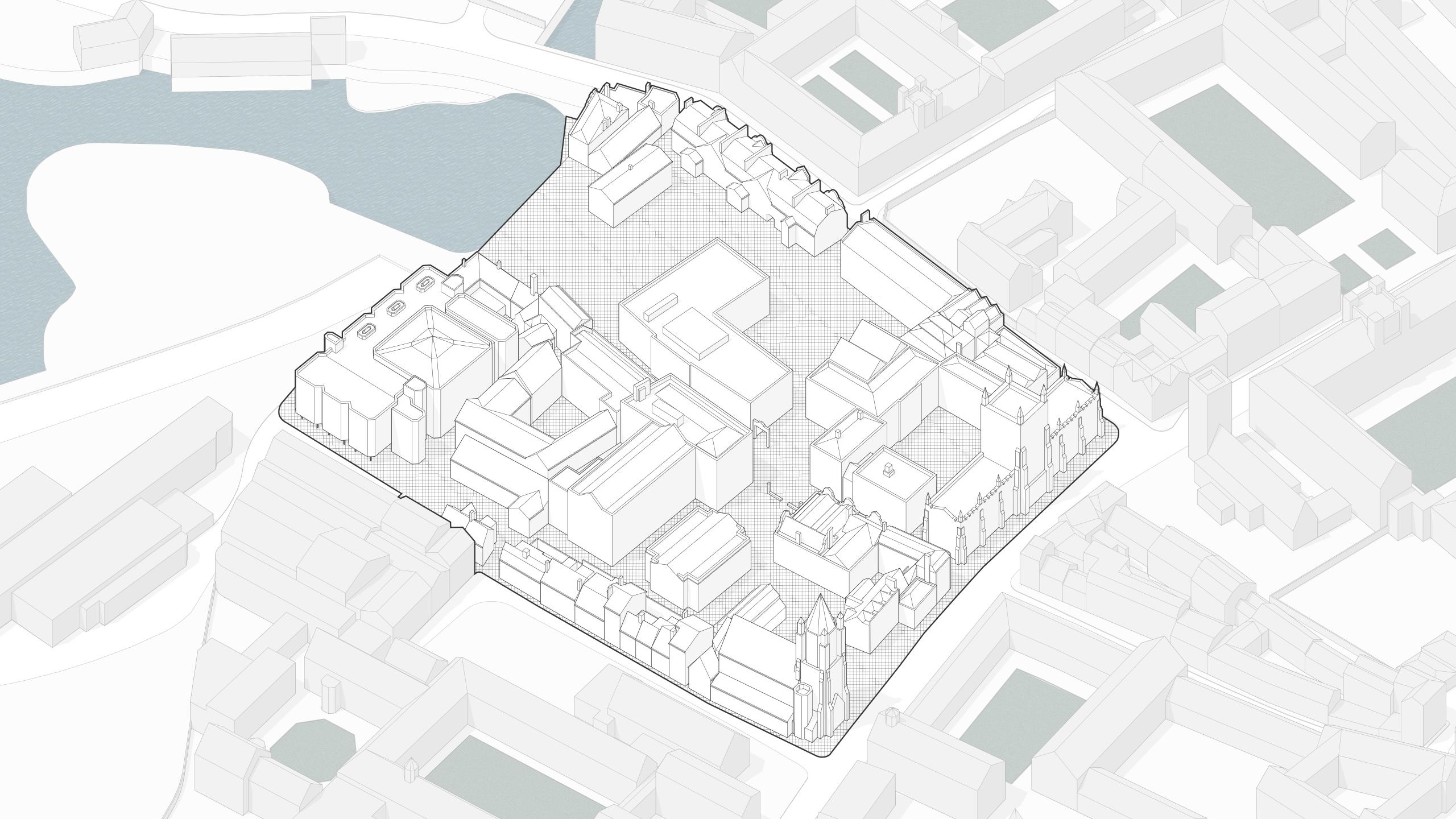
Laboratories



University Social Club



Administrative Building



SURROUNDING COURTS



Peterhouse College



Queens' College



Pembroke College

SURROUNDING TOWERS



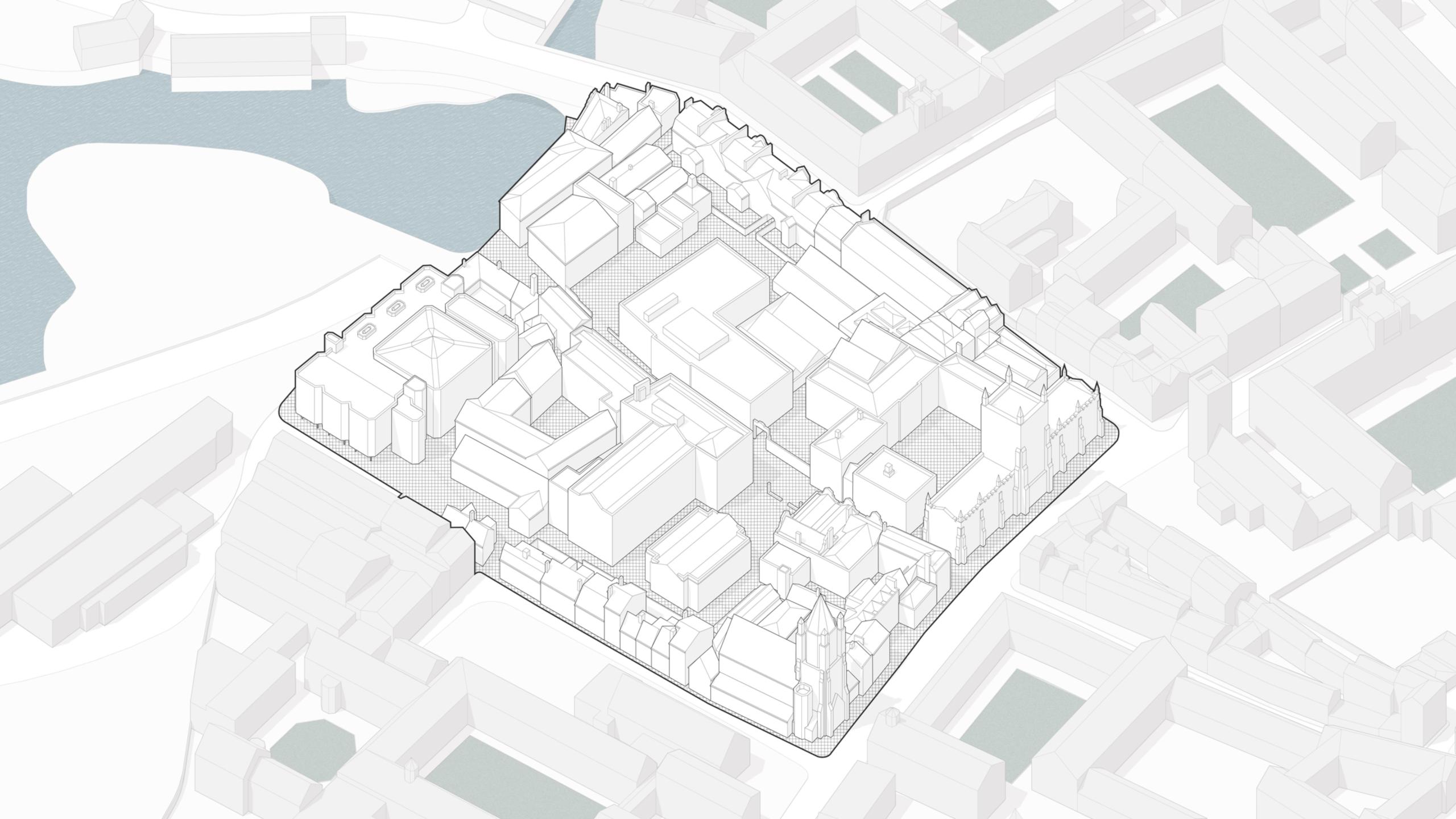
Pitt Building



St Botolph's Church



Queens' College

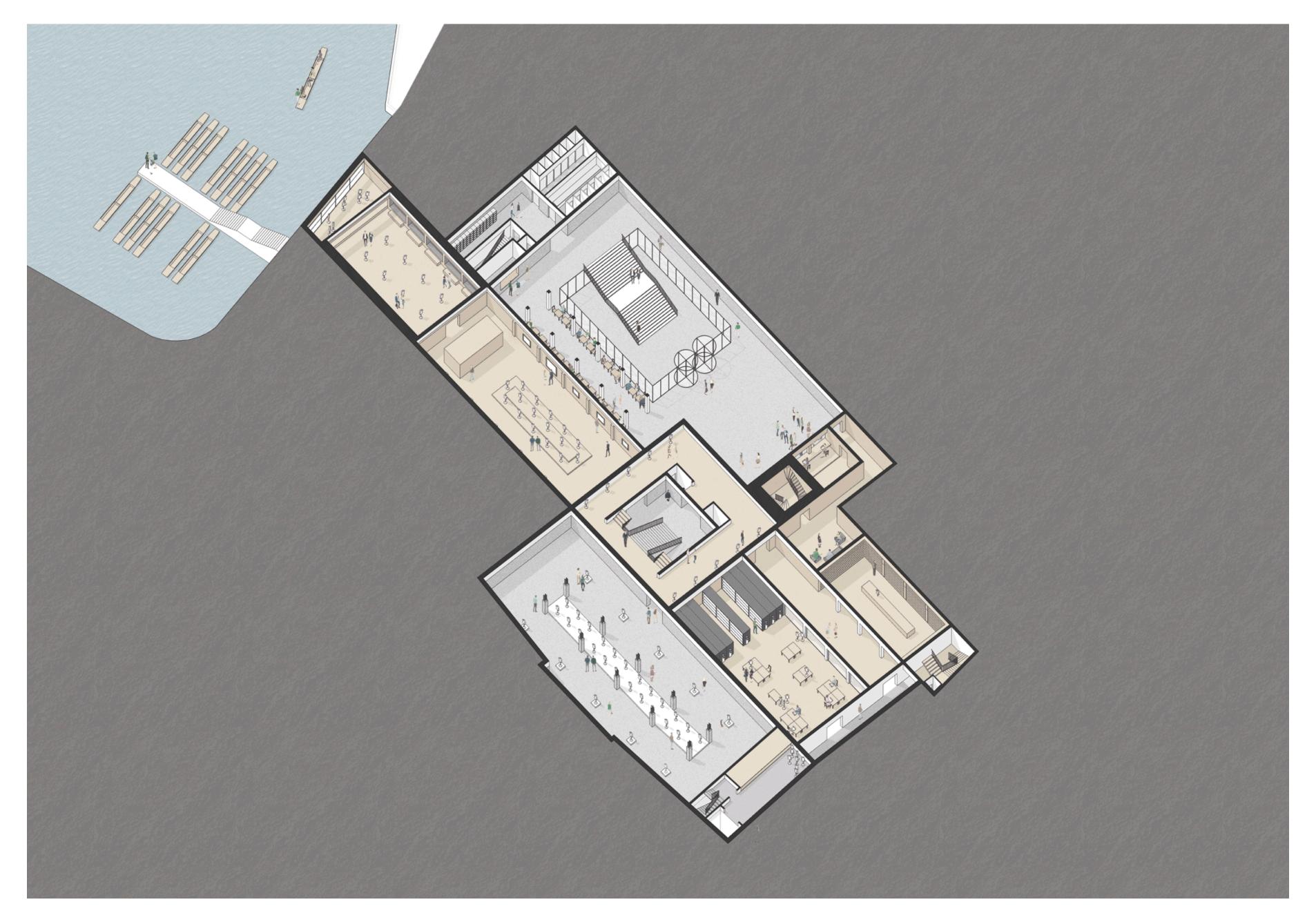










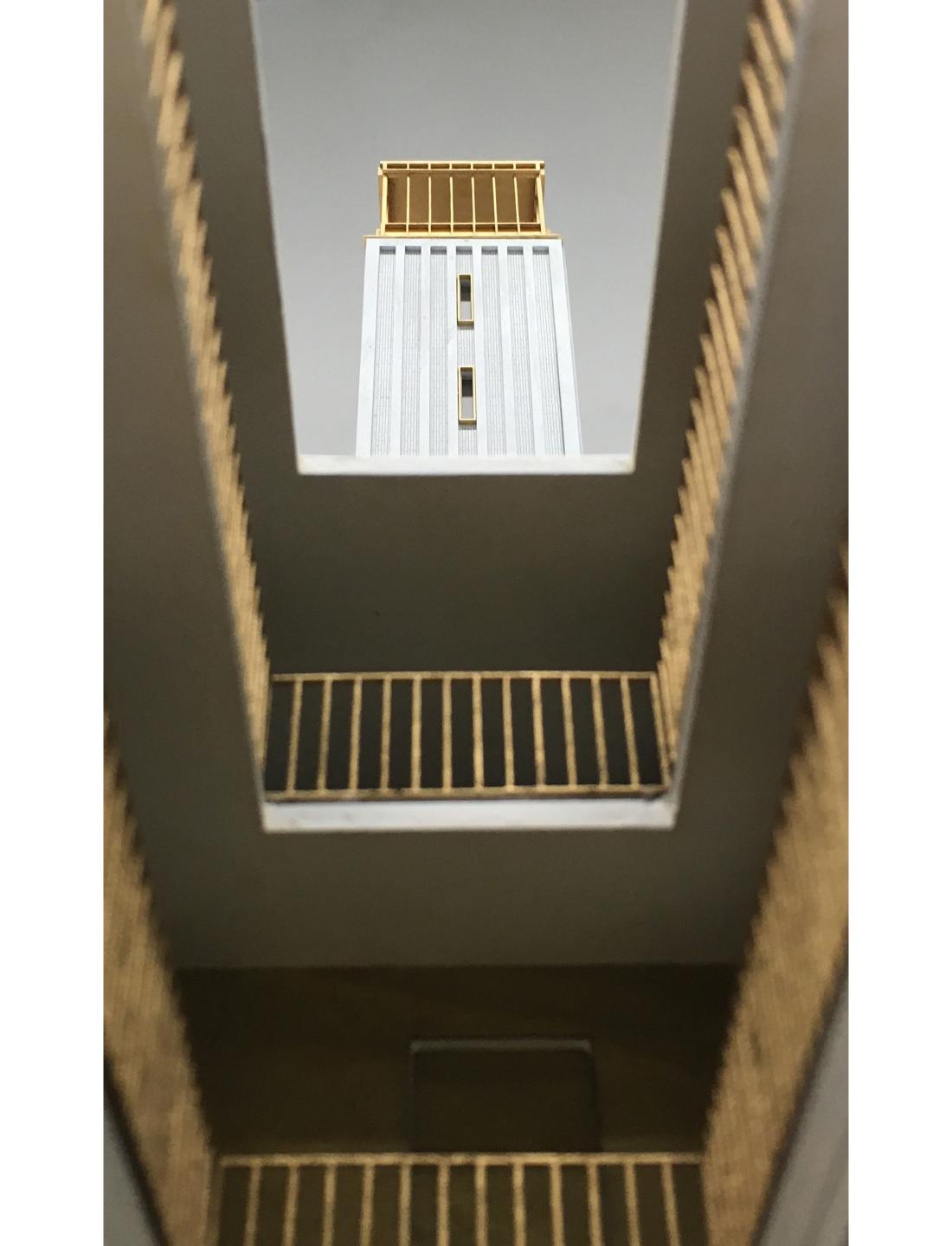


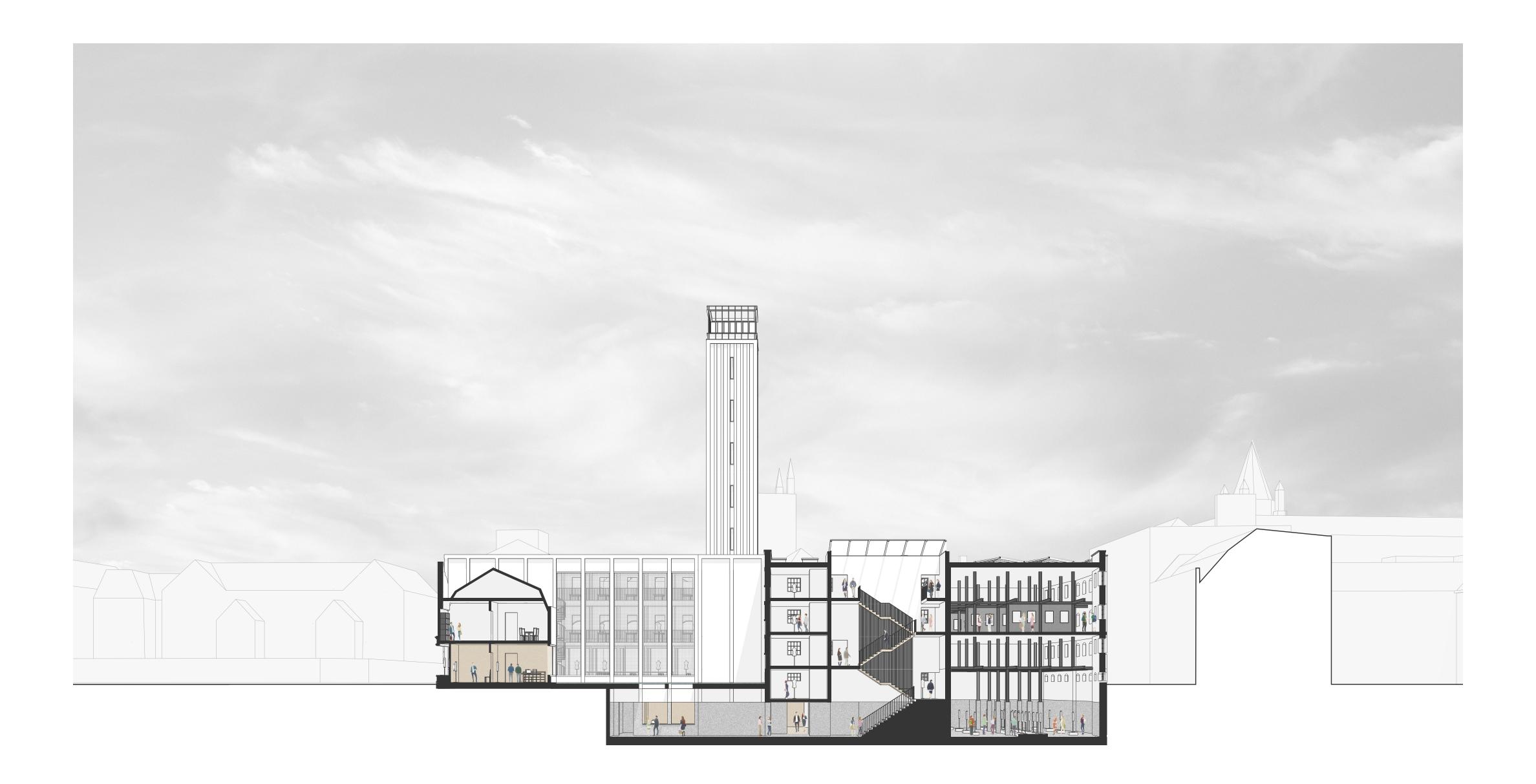






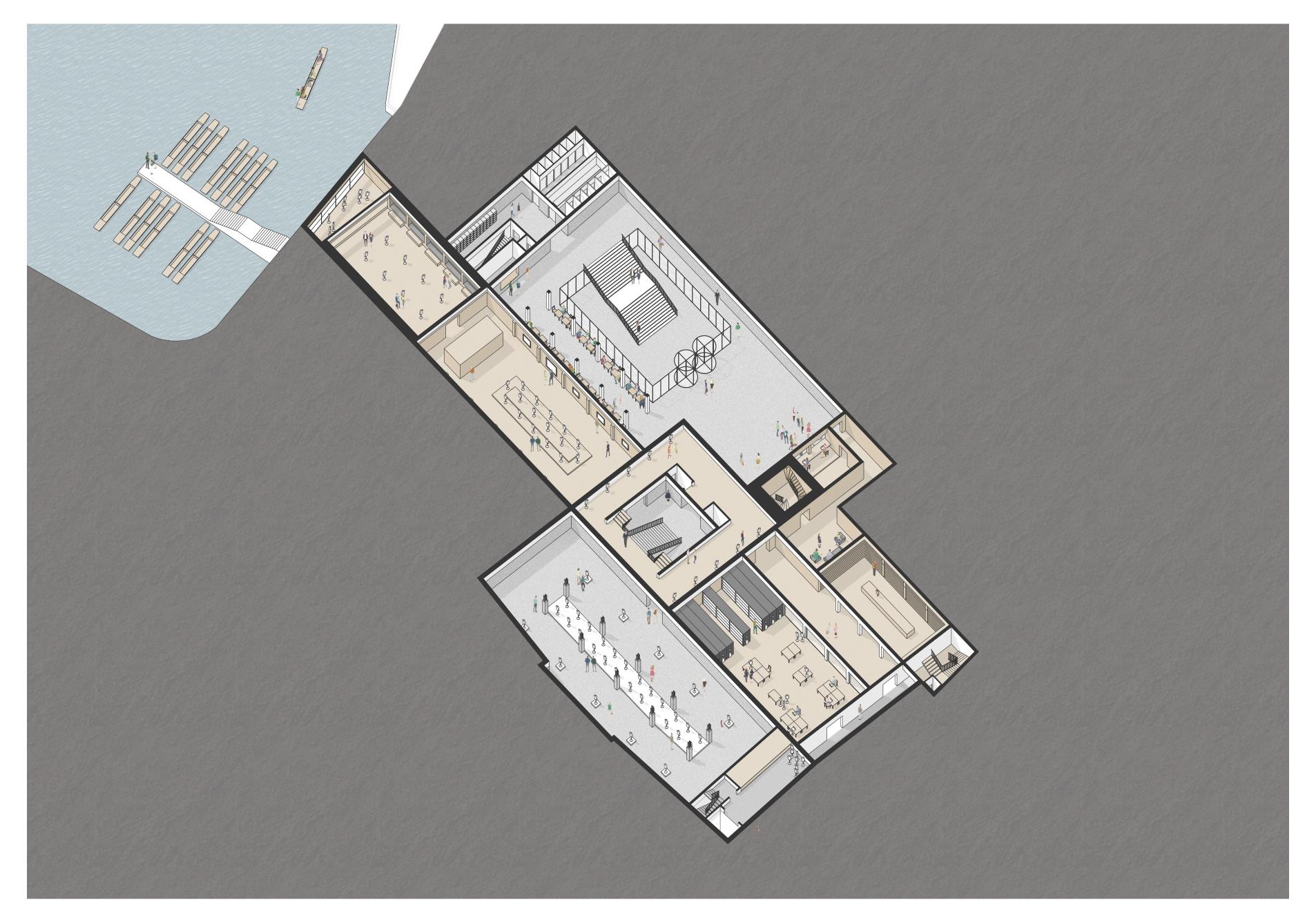








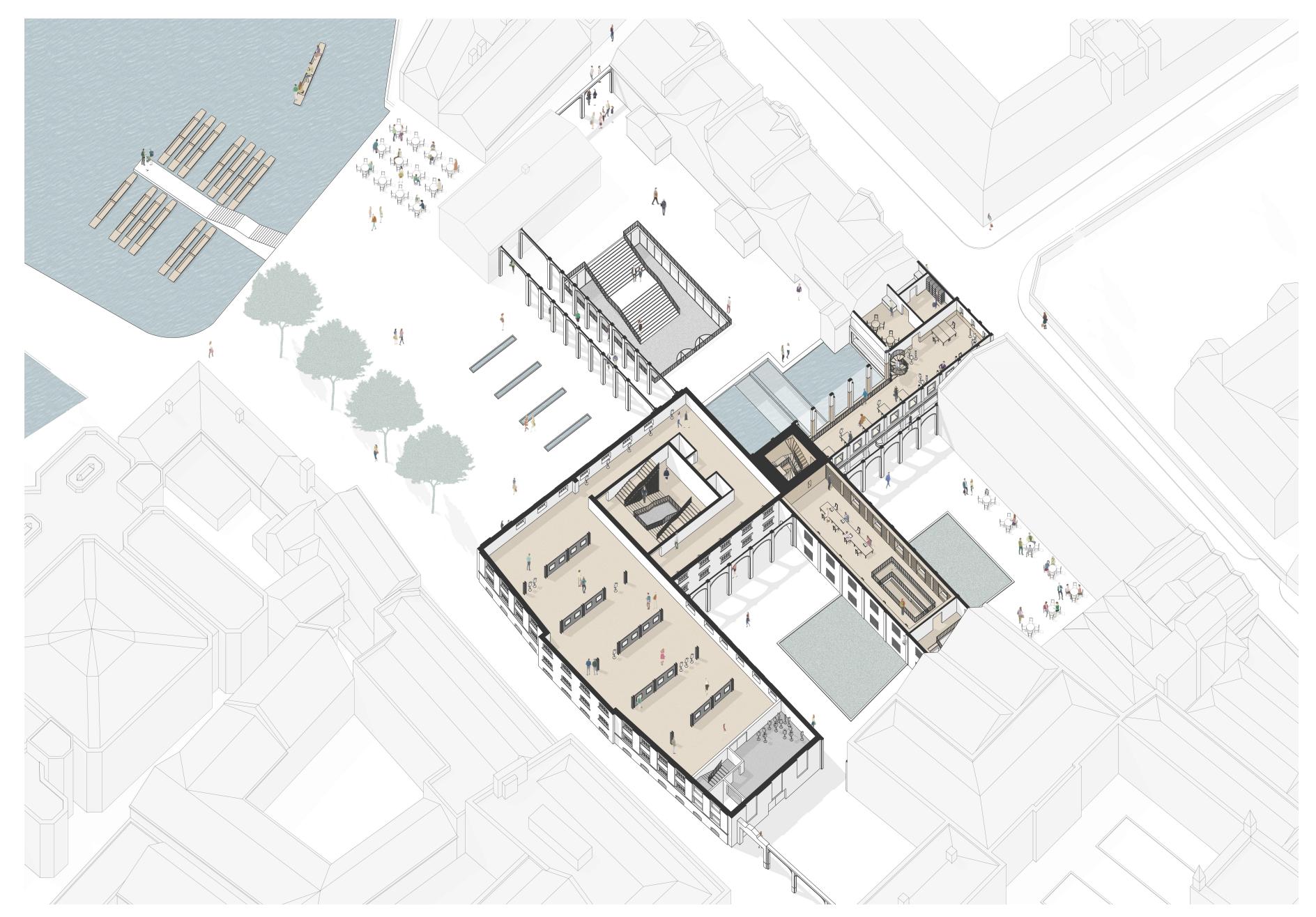












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INSPIRATION FACADES

red brick perimeter of masterplan



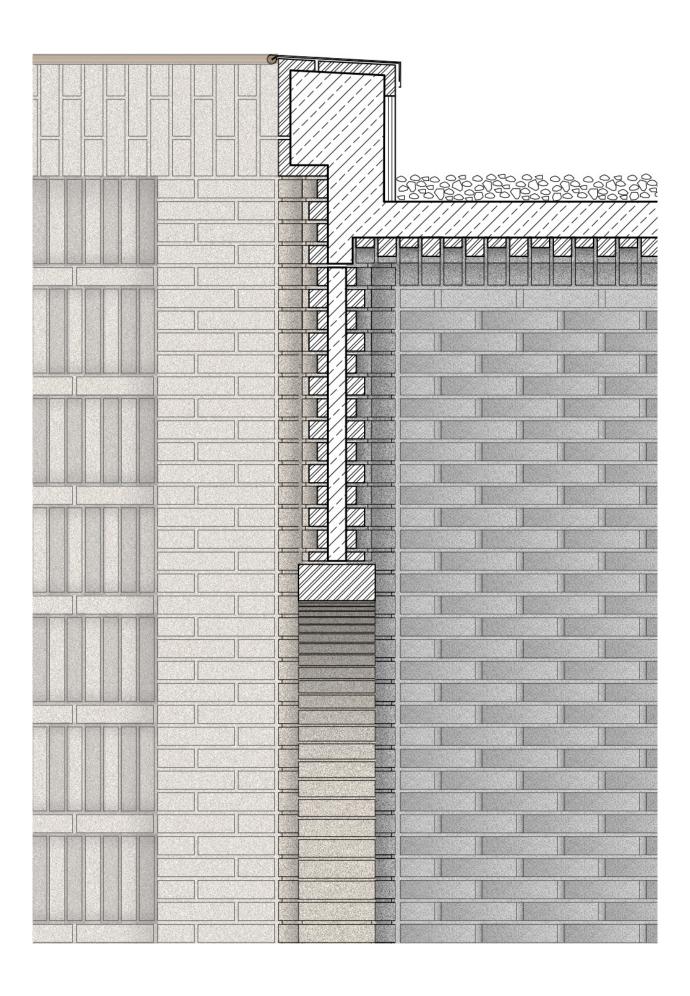
INSPIRATION FACADES

sand brick interior of masterplan

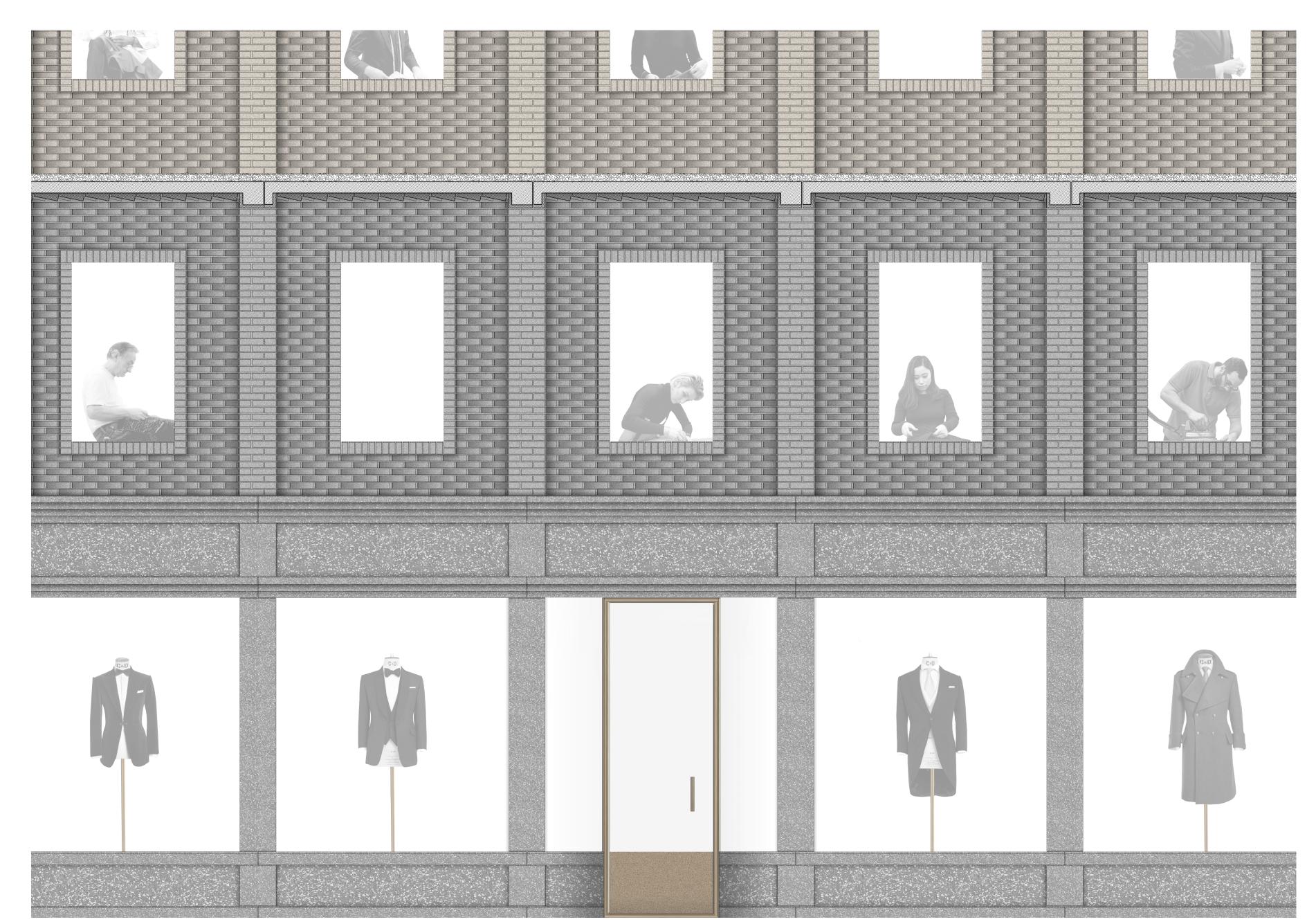




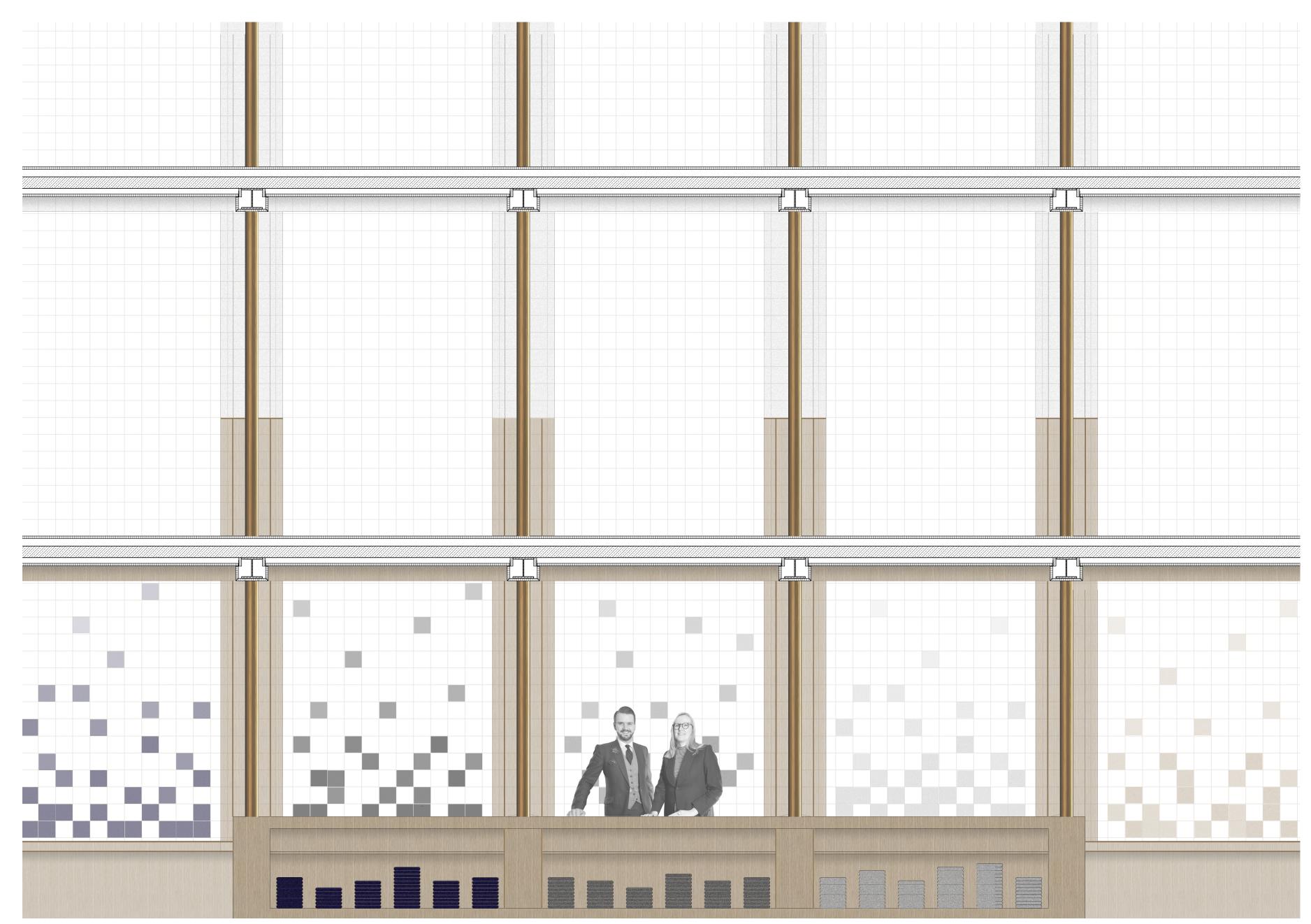


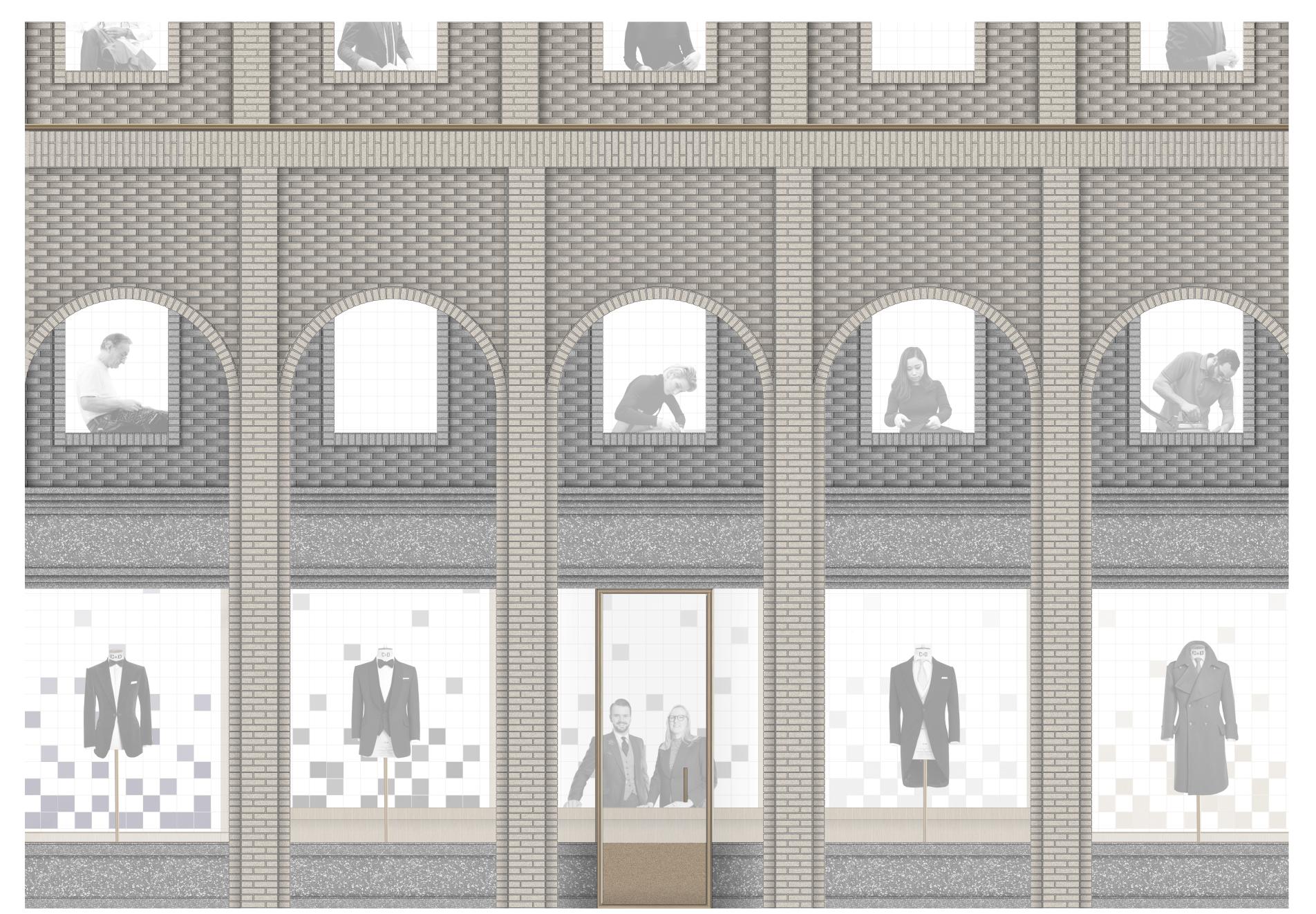


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