

Charles Darby
Director



Charles studied at Cambridge and Oxford Brookes Universities where he won competition and year awards. He lives near Oxford where he helped to establish and now runs the Oxford office. Charles leads the Professional Studies subject area of the RIBA Studio (previously the Office-Based Exam) and is an Examiner and Associate Lecturer at Oxford Brookes University. He has previously been short-listed for several RIBA prizes and has a special interest in sustainable design. He has run two marathons and many half-marathons, often raising money for L.A.R.K. a charity that supports a children's rescue centre in Kenya for which Charles and MEB Design have helped to build a number of new facilities.

Paul Chester
Director



Paul joined MEB Design in 1997. He began working in the Kent Office as a Senior Technician, before being promoted to Associate and IT Manager in 2003 and moving to the Oxford office. During 2012 Paul gained Chartered Membership, MCIAT, and is now an Architectural Technologist with a keen eye for design. Paul became a Director during 2013. His greatest enjoyment and satisfaction comes from realising a diverse range of successful projects. There is nothing he won't have a go at and he has a seemingly fearless attitude towards any type of building or innovative sustainable solutions and construction methods.

Andrew Cowlard
Director



Andrew has worked for MEB Design for over 20 years and became a Director in 2023. He has worked in a wide range of sectors including residential, ecclesiastical, community and educational projects. As part of a broad range of skills he has been able to develop technical detailing skills on a number of complex projects working closely with contractors. Away from work Andrew is always looking to find time to pursue mountain biking, golf and other sporting interests, alongside interests in technology, IT and photography.

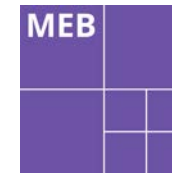
Will Jones
Associate Director



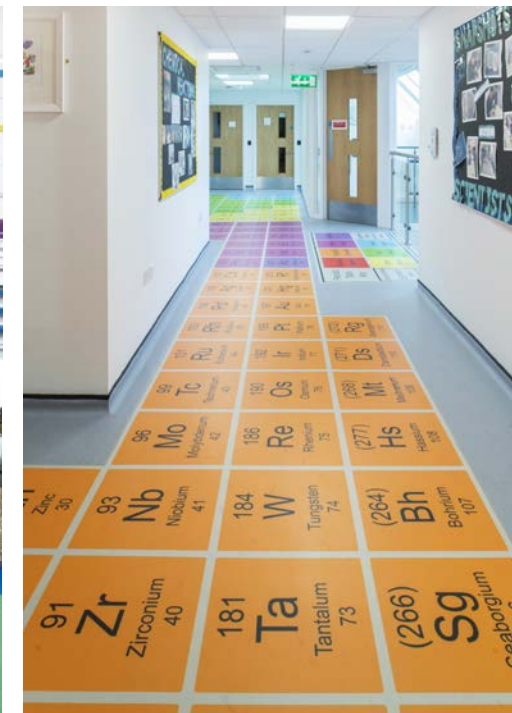
Will joined MEB Design in 2015 and became an Associate Director in 2023. Will has worked in Stockholm, London, Singapore and Edinburgh before settling in Oxford. Whilst in Stockholm he gained a greater insight into the Scandinavian approach to design and detailing and has an excellent working knowledge of wooden construction and cross laminated timber (CLT) structures. His knowledge of the Building Information Modelling software is exceptional and he has run many training sessions for staff. Outside of work Will enjoys travelling, cycling and exploring local museums and galleries.

Education Sector Clients

Abberley Hall School, Worcestershire
Abingdon School, Oxfordshire
Aldwickbury Prep School, Harpenden
Ashford Girls School, Kent
Barrow Hill School, Witley
Beacon School, Amersham
Beaudesert Park School, Stroud
Bedgebury School, Goudhurst
Benenden School, Kent
Bethany School, Goudhurst
Blackfriars Annex, University of Oxford
Blundell's School, Tiverton
Bradfield College, Berkshire
Broadwater School, Godalming
Bromley College, Kent
Carshalton High School, Croydon
Denstone College, Uttoxeter
Dragon School, Oxford
Edgeborough School, Farnham
Emmanuel Christian School, Oxford
Glendower Prep School, London
Gordon's School, Woking
Heathfield Community College, Sussex
Hinchley Wood School, Esher
Highview School, London
Hoe Bridge Prep School, Woking
John Ball Primary School, London
Milbourne Lodge Junior School, Esher
Roedean School, East Sussex
Rose Hill School, Tunbridge Wells
Royal Grammar School, Guildford
Sevenoaks Prep School, Kent
Shrewsbury House School, Surbiton
Sibford School, Banbury
Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells
Spratton Hall Prep School, Northampton
St Edward's School, Oxford
St Ives School, Cornwall
St James' School, London
St Margaret's School, Bushey
St Martin's School, London
St Thomas' RCPS, Sevenoaks
Sutton Valence School, Kent
The Beacon School, Amersham
The Manor Prep School, Oxfordshire
The New Beacon Prep School, Sevenoaks
Tonbridge School, Kent
Uppingham School, Rutland
Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford



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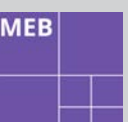


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Beaudesert Park School, Gloucestershire



The new performing arts centre provides a flexible hall space to accommodate the school's activities, including assemblies, theatre productions and the music department. There are first floor balconies to the foyer and auditorium. Shortlisted for the RIBA South West Awards 2016.

Aldwickbury School, Hertfordshire



Projects at Aldwickbury provided the school with a new auditorium and dining hall, as well as new classrooms for music, art, design and technology. The most recent sports hall project incorporated sustainable design principles and achieved an A-rated Energy Performance Certificate.

Bradfield College, Berkshire



New science centre, with an emphasis on sustainable technology and energy efficiency. Achieved a BREEAM 'Excellent' rating.



Hoe Bridge School, Surrey



A new dining hall extension project which included the need for a large open space to use for both a canteen area and performing arts.



MEB Design Ltd is an award-winning architecture practice with three offices in the South of England: Kent, Oxford, and South Bank London.

The practice is overseen by 3 directors with associate architects, project architects, architectural technicians and assistants as well as administration staff. This gives us the flexibility to work on a variety of scales of projects and maintain high quality design.

As a practice we have extensive experience of working on every type of education building - at primary, secondary and University level, engaging with pupils and staff to produce high quality buildings for our clients. We are also experienced at working with protected sites and Listed buildings.

We listen to our clients, so they can be provided with the buildings they want, rather than what we think they ought to have. Our directors work closely with the whole team throughout the process, helping to ensure that projects are delivered within budget, and on time.

Our developments are often informed by initial strategic or master planning. We provide our clients with inspiring facilities which meet their educational needs, bring people together and develop a good narrative between the past and the future.

St Margaret's School, Hertfordshire



The project comprised the redevelopment of a 1920's building into a two form entry Pre-Prep and Prep School.

Sutton Valence School, Kent



One of many projects completed - a new visitor reception and administration building with glazed entrance and canopy.

The Manor Prep School, Oxfordshire



MEB Design designed the sports hall and swimming pool building as part of the school masterplan. The completed building comprises a badminton and netball sports hall building, with associated offices, changing rooms and staff facilities.



Glendower School Nursery, London



MEB Design were appointed to develop a nursery for 36 children that was connected to the main school building.

Blackfriars Annex, University of Oxford



The dilapidated building required total restoration for teaching and conference spaces below with student accommodation above.