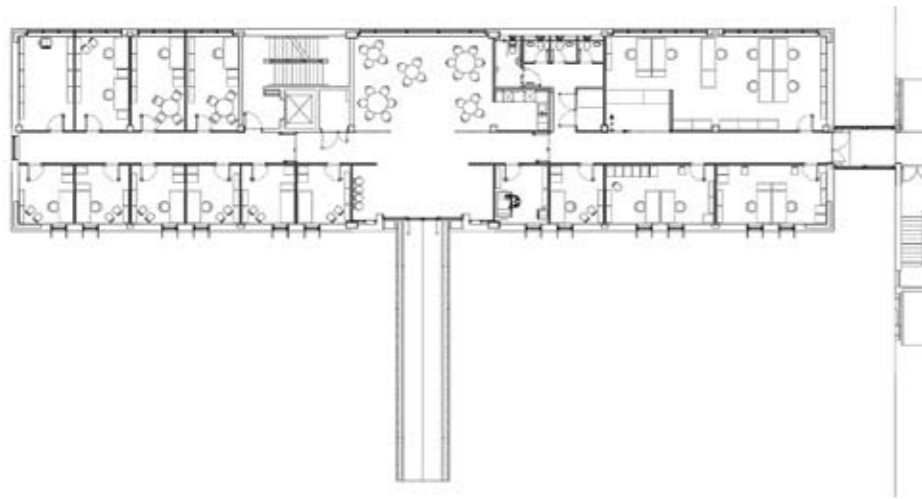
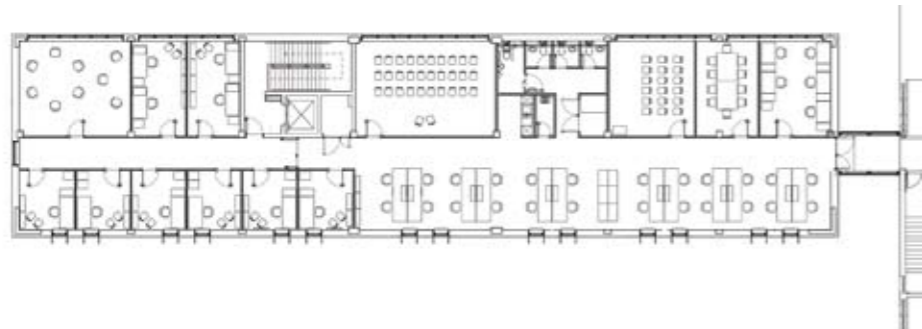


Left:
Floor plans showing the entrance bridge delivering staff, students and visitors to the first floor heart of the building – an attractive and open reception and breakout area with views across the landscape beyond

Internally an off set circulation route produces an economic structural solution and a division that reflects the pattern of spaces required for staff study's alongside larger teaching rooms and open plan studios



Below:
Contemplative views across the landscape framed and presented when viewed from the staff study's



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Cover:
Blinkered windows to the south elevation minimise solar gains and together with the bridge and wind generator articulate the entrance elevation

Left:
A light, bright and attractive internal circulation route with suspended acoustic panels screening overhead services



Above:
The first floor breakout area viewed from the bridge entrance

Right:
A simply articulated composition playing off the 'private' paired study windows with the bay wide 'public' entrance



A new building for the University of Essex's Health and Human Resources Dept on their Wivenhoe campus. This relatively simple building was developed with the departmental staff to closely match their current requirements while at the same time providing the flexibility to respond to future changes.

A simple bridge marks the entrance and exploits the level changes across the site delivering staff, students and visitors to the first floor 'heart' of the building – an attractive and open reception and breakout area with views across the landscape to the Rab Butler building.

Blinkered windows to the south minimise solar gains and articulate the entrance elevation. On the north elevation larger windows allow cool north light into the spaces reducing the need for artificial light.

The exposed thermal mass of the structure, intelligent site specific use of natural daylight and ventilation and the incorporation of a wind generator subtly mark the building out as a 21st century addition to the community of buildings that make up the expanding campus.

The building is the first on the campus to be assessed under BREEAM and achieved Very Good