Darling Associates has revealed plans to convert the Grade II-listed Castle Club building in Fulham, which was originally designed as a school but had been used as a home, back into a school.

The dilapidated Gothic mansion in the Hurlingham Conservation Area, Parsons Green, south west London will become the new 300 pupil senior school for the Fulham Prep School.

The AJ100 practice was appointed by property investment and development company, The Thackeray Estate on the major revamp which includes a 'sympathetic modern extension' to create significant extra floor space.

Originally founded as a ‘ragged school’ in 1855, the run-down existing building has had a variety of uses including a youth club and, in the last decade, a residential dwelling.

Darron Burrows, director of Darling Associates, said: ‘Our design will reinvigorate and reinstate a local landmark building, while fully respecting and retaining the school’s historic character and principal architecture.

‘The new extension is designed to sympathetically integrate with and mirror the school’s massing, carefully unifying both historic and contemporary design, and further enhancing the existing streetscape in this conservation area.’

The practice has already undertaken a thorough consultation process and expects to hear whether the plans have been approved later this month.
Project data

Location: Broomhouse Lane, Parsons Green, London, SW6 2DP
Type of project: School - refurbishment, restoration and return to original use of Grade II-listed building
Client: The Thackeray Estate
Architect: Darling Associates
Landscape architect: Darling Associates
Planning consultant: Town Planning Bureau
Structural engineer: JSA Consulting Engineers
M&E consultant: Taylor Project Services
Quantity surveyor: Tom McNamara & Partners
Planning supervisor: Town Planning Bureau
Lighting consultant: To be assigned
Main contractor: To be assigned
Funding: The Thackeray Estate
Tender date: October 2017
Start on site date existing building: August 2017, Extensions: December 2017
Completion date: June 2019
Contract duration: 17 Months
Gross internal floor area: 1,249m²
Form of contract and/or procurement: Design & Build
Total cost: N/A