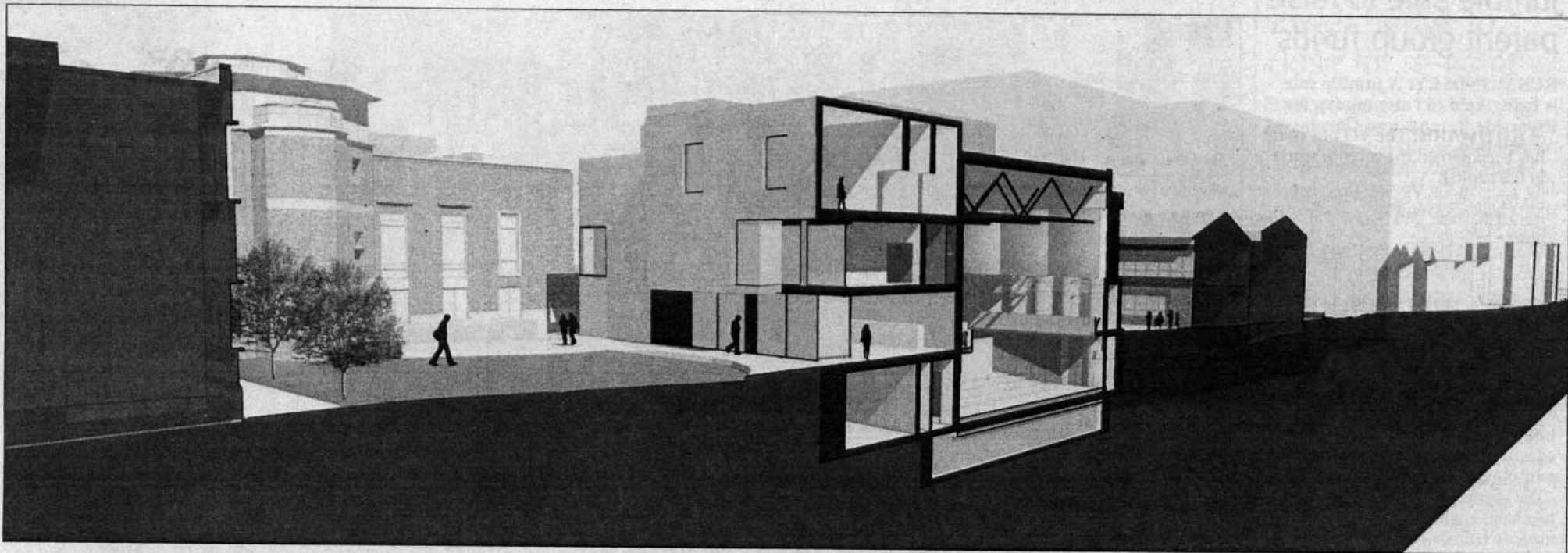


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An image of how the new music hall will look

Girls' school plans music hall

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JAMES ALLEN'S Girls' School (JAGS) has plans for a new music venue which could be used by students and the community.

The state-of-the-art building will include amongst other things a concert hall to house an audience in

excess of 400, a recital hall, recording studios, a music library and foyer space, with some rooms intended to be built below ground-level.

The school has put in an application for building permission with Southwark Council for a community music centre (CMC) and JAGS is confident it will be accepted.

Headmistress Marion Gibbs said of

the project: "We are very excited that our long-held plans for a Community Music Centre here at JAGS are coming nearer to fruition. The proposed building will provide a first class facility not just for our school, but for people of all ages from the local community to enjoy for music-making of all kinds."

The idea behind the project stems

from JAGS' intention to rectify a situation which sees the south-east London area having little in the way of sites where local groups can practise and perform in large, quality venues. Alison Venn, Director of Communications for the school believes that the school's founder 'would approve of the possibilities for music for everyone, for its power to

stimulate, enhance and change people's lives'.

Rick Mathers Architects are currently undertaking a feasibility study and it is hoped once approval is received, building work will get underway towards the end of 2011.

For any further information on the planned CMC, go to www.jags.org.uk/jacmc