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Prato

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The new school resembles a hamlet set in a park with olive trees and surrounded by walls which follow the natural shape of the land. The latter has been kept like a piece of natural landscape on which the three buildings rest, at different layers. Three compact blocks with a stereo metric configuration are set around an internal square shared by both schools. It is a playground for children, a meeting and waiting area for parents and becomes an urban area during school holidays. Beside the square and gardens, even the auditorium, canteen, gym and library are converted into community areas. The compact volumes, the light and ventilation towers, the flat roofs, which are perforated by slits in order to enable the passage of natural light into the common spaces, the transparent partitions, which seem to widen the classrooms into the garden, and further technological choices, such as the use of solar equipment and low energy Technologies, have contributed to an exemplary environmentally sustainable building. The geometry and modular layout of the space set the classrooms and the labs in accordance with their current and future educational requirements





