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## VMBO Veurs, Voorburg

for people from the neighbourhood, with the aim of showing - both visually and actually - what VMBO education entails.

The building is characterised by openness, but its aim was to create a home rather than a building block. This is their building - a message of their clear message: staying in.

their own for students is on the lateral side to the central hall is where the space that opens to the

grandstand staircase. This staircase is the hub of the school's social life, and makes it possible to use the hall for performances and school plays.

From the hall, the different sections fan out through the building, clustered around wide corridors which are ideal for studying together. The theory classrooms, which are shared by all sections, are located centrally in the building. Initially, the school management was somewhat hesitant about the transparent design interior, but this has turned out to have a positive effect. Everyone feels seen, and therefore takes each other into account. The building has a flexible layout which allows for future adaptations, while its compact design makes it particularly energy-efficient.

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Veurs is a small-scale secondary school for VMBO-level education which caters to approximately 400 students. In mid-2022, the school moved to a building in the post-war residential area Voorburg 't Loo, on the outskirts of The Hague. The new school complex has a clear, compact shape and a facade of traditional brickwork which matches the surrounding buildings. However, what makes it special is that the school also visually and socially engages with its surroundings.

The school opens up to the neighbourhood and its residents - and this is a conscious choice: by showing what the VMBO has to offer to both students and society, we want to counter the image surrounding this type of school. On the ground floor there are practical classrooms, but also a teaching restaurant with a visible kitchen, and a 'training shop'

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The new school, partly due to its careful social, architectural and spatial integration, has given the neighbourhood and the pupils a positive impulse. A VMBO which deserves to be seen!