

## Artistic Statement

### Backlit panel for the John Morden Centre, Morden College Commissioned through the Stevens Competition 2020

Morden College is a special place for interesting people who have shown in the past all their endeavours for living. A bright light of hope and determination is living in them, shining as a light point on the path in life, connected together by the same purpose: to live their lives to the full. It is also Morden College's motto – "Interesting People Living Life to the Full". The College's desire is to create a cheerful retiring place with plenty of activities where residents can maintain this "inside light" and extend it. In the design the light, which circles inside and outside of the sphere of architecture, depict this idea.

The outstanding facades of the College represented in the panel, reflect the architecture of several epochs and its development.

Since its founding in 1695, transmission and social interaction between people have taken a special place at the heart of the College. The new facilities, the life of the founder and his Will underline the desire to pass down a world of exchanges. From hand to hand, the organisation goes on protecting people in need.

Nowadays, relations between residents and with employees encourage intergenerational relationships. Both of them are looking for a future by different ways: one by a support, and the other by experiences of a long life.

All this sharing is illustrated by both hands swaying around this world, one gives, the other receives and vice versa. It's the foundation of the social interaction notion.

Whether it's John Morden's career as an intercontinental merchant or the long life's journey of the elders, it's about traveling beyond life's obstacles. I chose to pay tribute and to gather all of them under a journey theme depicted as a map. The 3 red ships are reminiscent of John Morden's history and fear to lose his large interest in the sea. It's one of the facts that may have led him to his endeavour and by the way, remind us how life can be unpredictable, and hope can take us to a better journey.