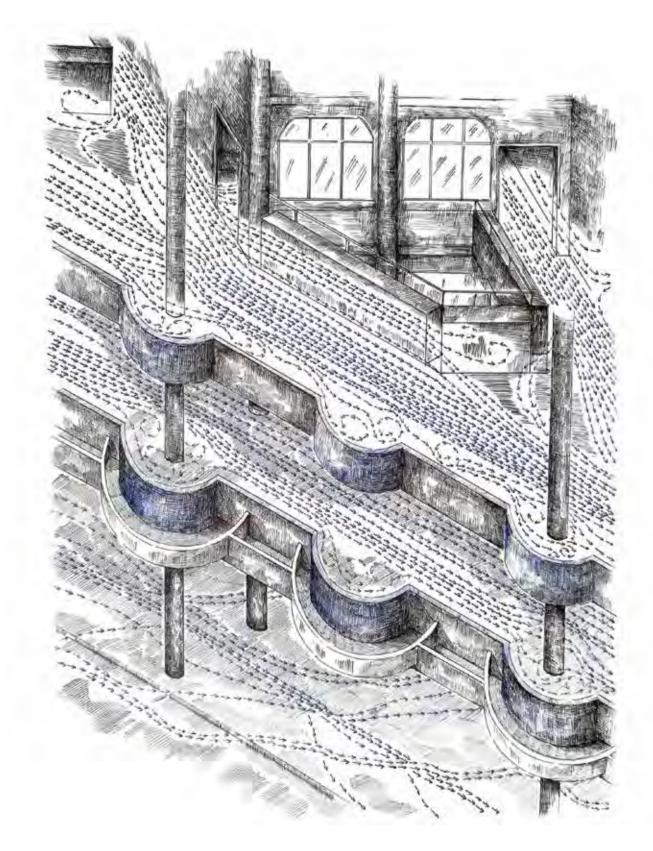
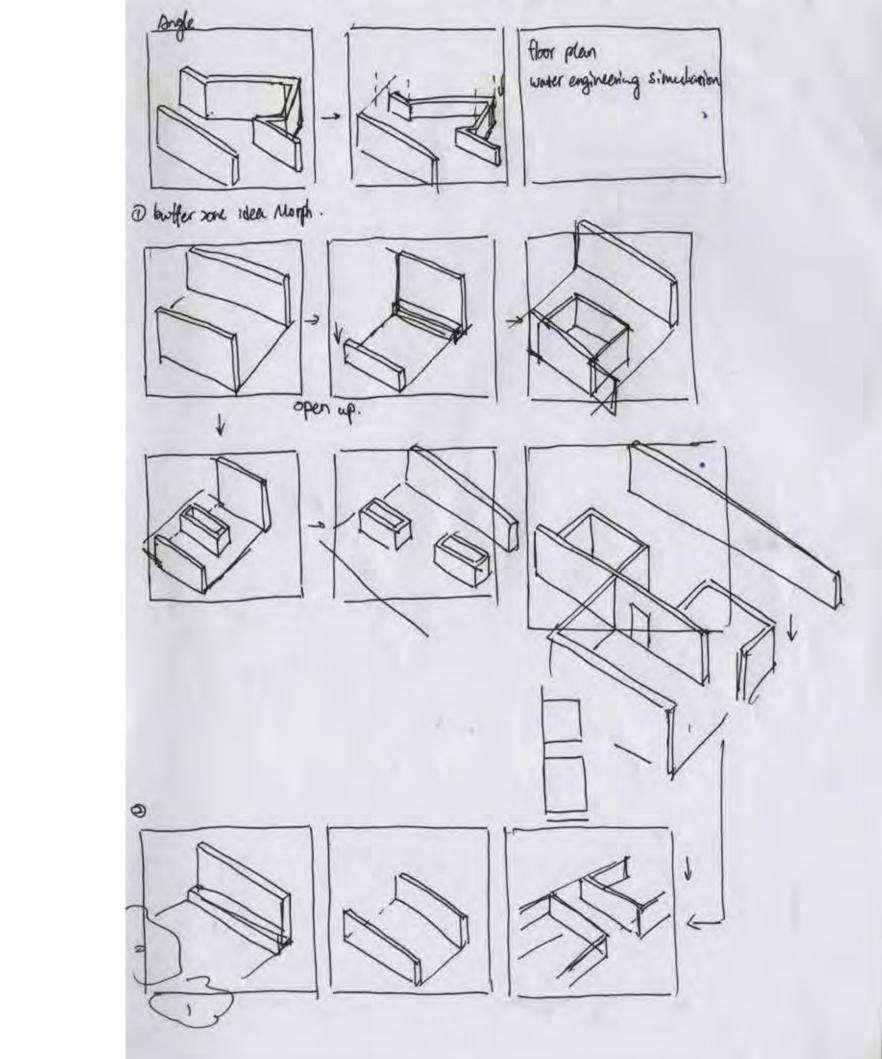
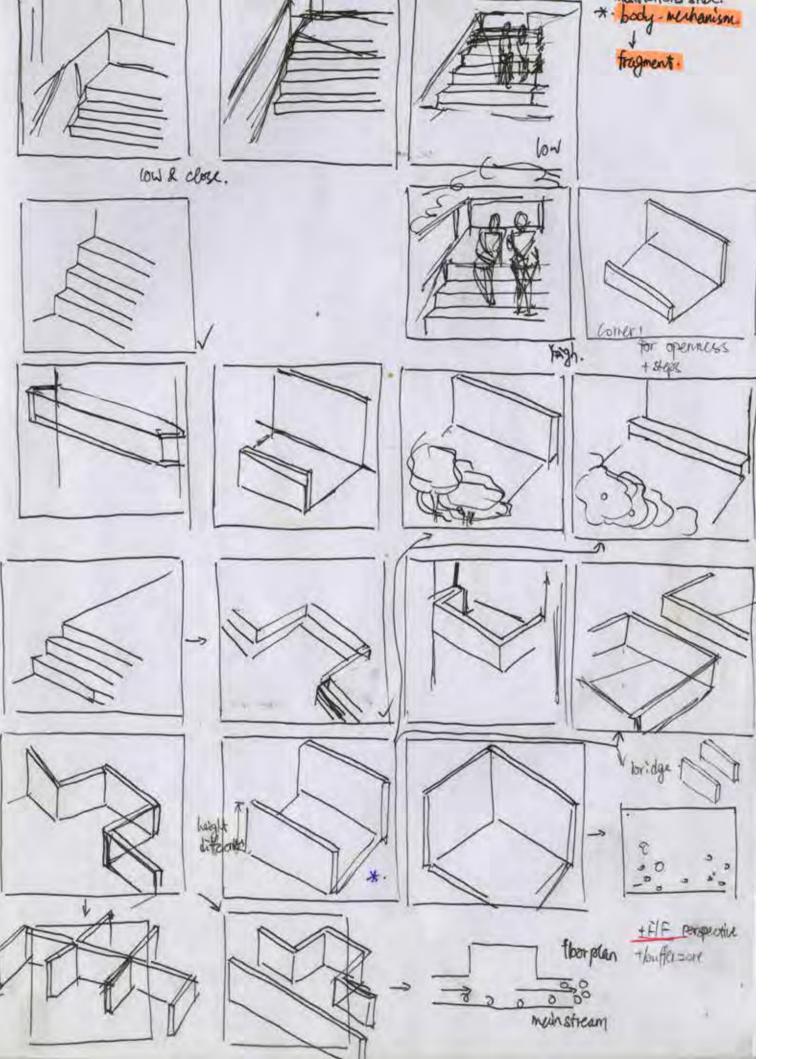
SPACE OF MARGIN

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THE PASSAGE OF

"THE BUDDY BENCH"

The Buddy Benches are also known as "friendship benches". They are pieces of playground furniture that have been around for a while in various countries, basically popular among pupils in their childhood and early adolescence.

The idea is that if a child feels lonely, they can go to the bench as a signal that they need someone to play with. When other kids see the one sitting on the bench, they will go and talk to the one and include him or her in their games.

THE VISIBLE MARGIN

The "buddy bench" forms the primal materialization of the "margin", marking the visual and spatial identity of those that use it to signify. It has become a tangible and conspicuous passage for students learning to step out of the comfort zone, growing to know how to engage in social life.

A CASE STUDY IN IRELAND

The Buddy Bench Team hopes to tackle the issue of bullying with the pieces of furniture. They also see the project as an early intervention to tackle mental health problems across the generations in reaction to the fact that both young and old in Irish society are reluctant to confront mental health. "It is 'a safe space' where you can speak about difficulties, vulnerabilities and problems in your life".

THE CONCERN OF STIGMA AND PASSIVITY
The project received divided opinions. The materialization of the "margin" makes visible the vulnerabilities. It also raises parents' concern of their kids being stigmatized.
While being implemented as "a safe space", the feeling of a comfort zone also worries them.
"We're the ones sending the message that it's OK to opt-out. It's conditioning them to give up too soon."

LATE ADOLESCENCE AND YOUNG ADULTHOOD "It is 'my space' that no one can see you and you see everyone."

Changes in age direct the changes in perception of peer relationships, valued functions and activities provided by peers, cognition produced by loneliness and the related emotions. The space of margin takes on different meanings in correspondence to those changes. As a result, shapes and forms of the margin evolve to accommodate those meanings as well.

The late adolescence and young adulthood in a developmental model for the sources of loneliness in childhood and adolescence made by Parkhurst and Hopmeyer (1999), is defined by romantic relationships among peers, and identity searching and intimacy. Loneliness is the feeling of psychologically distanced, having no one to talk to about philosophical issues, being not understood, feeling a social misfit, lacking or having lost or feeling that one will never find anyone for intimacy. Emotionally, it is about emptiness, estrangement and alienation.

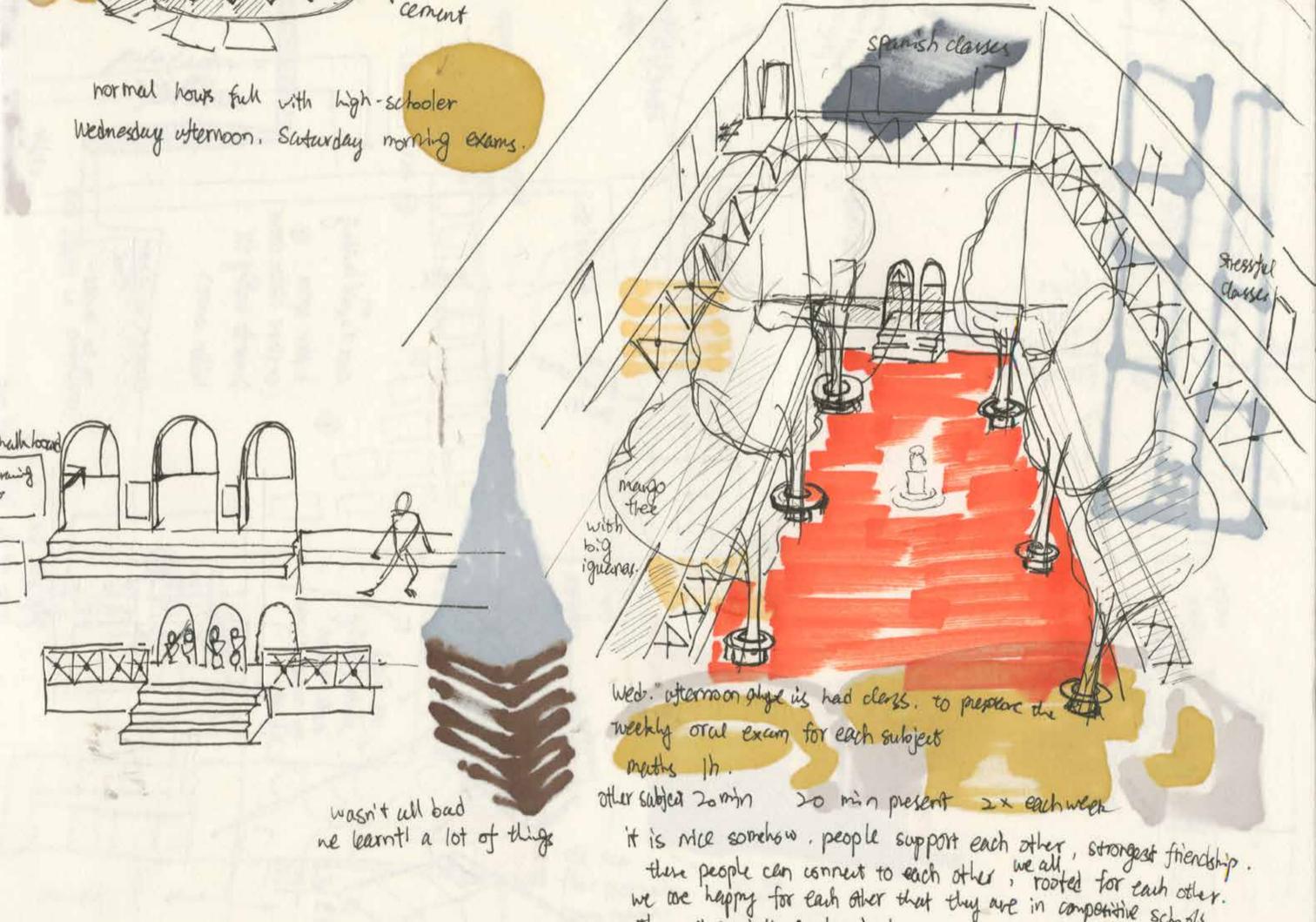
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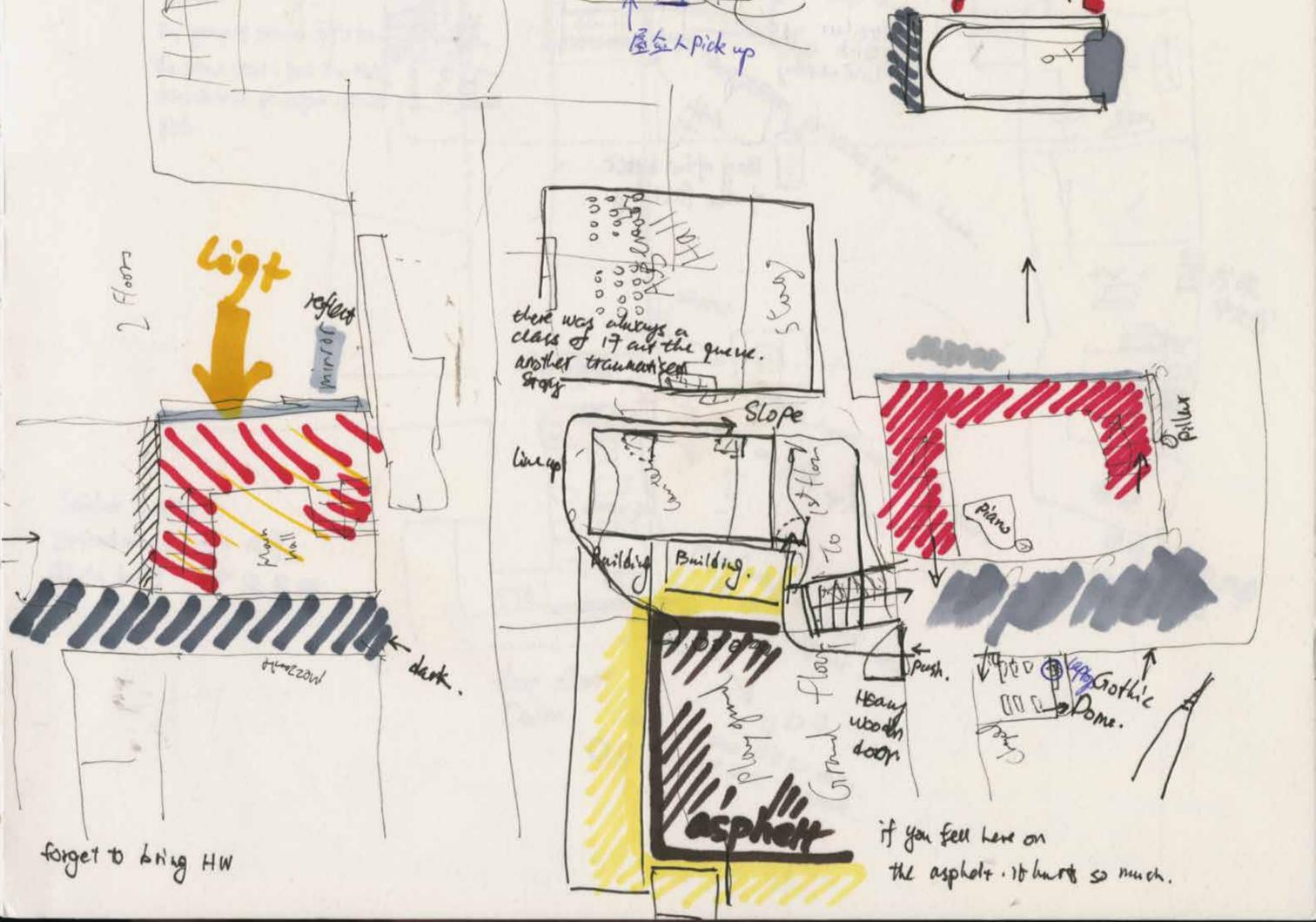
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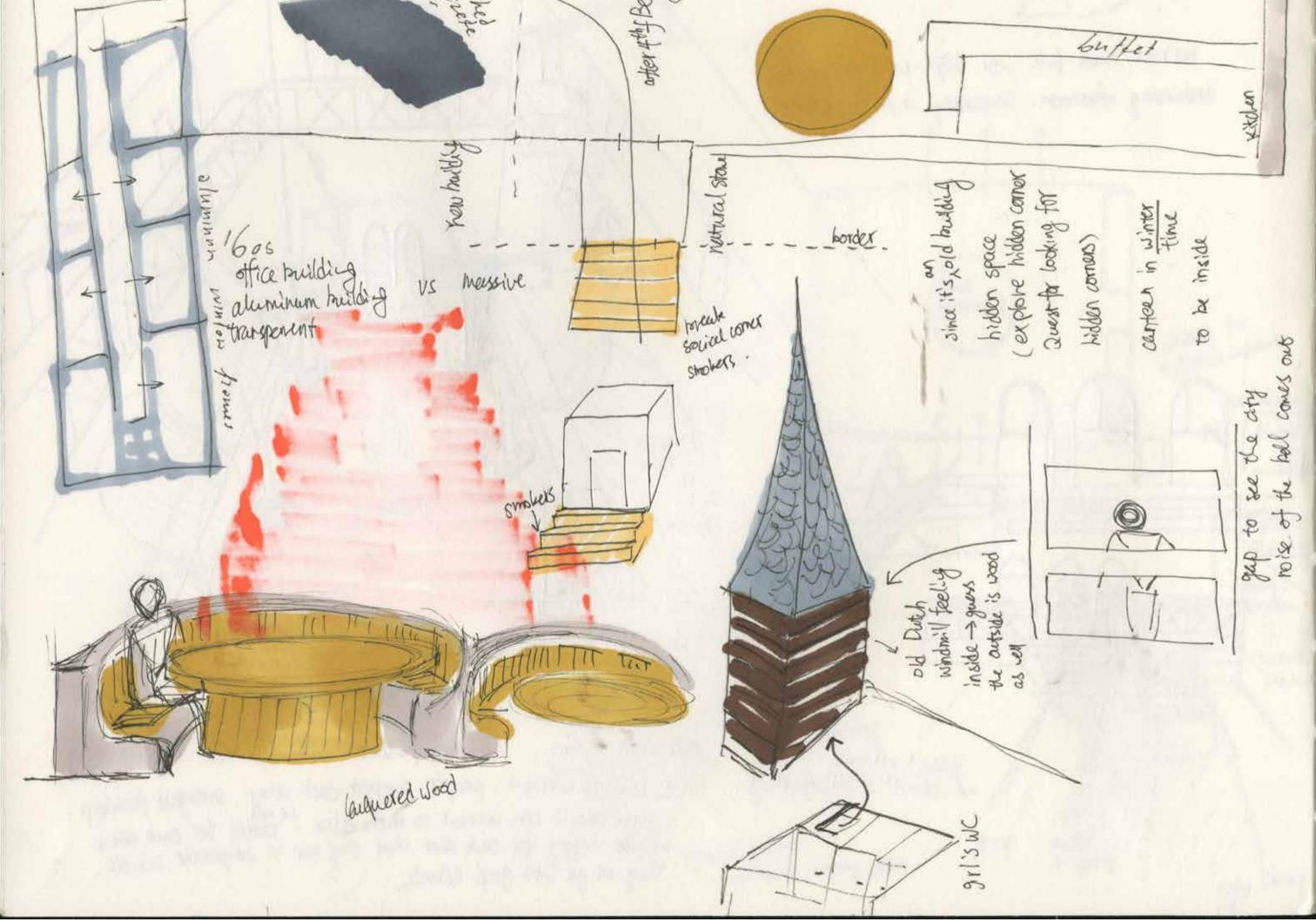
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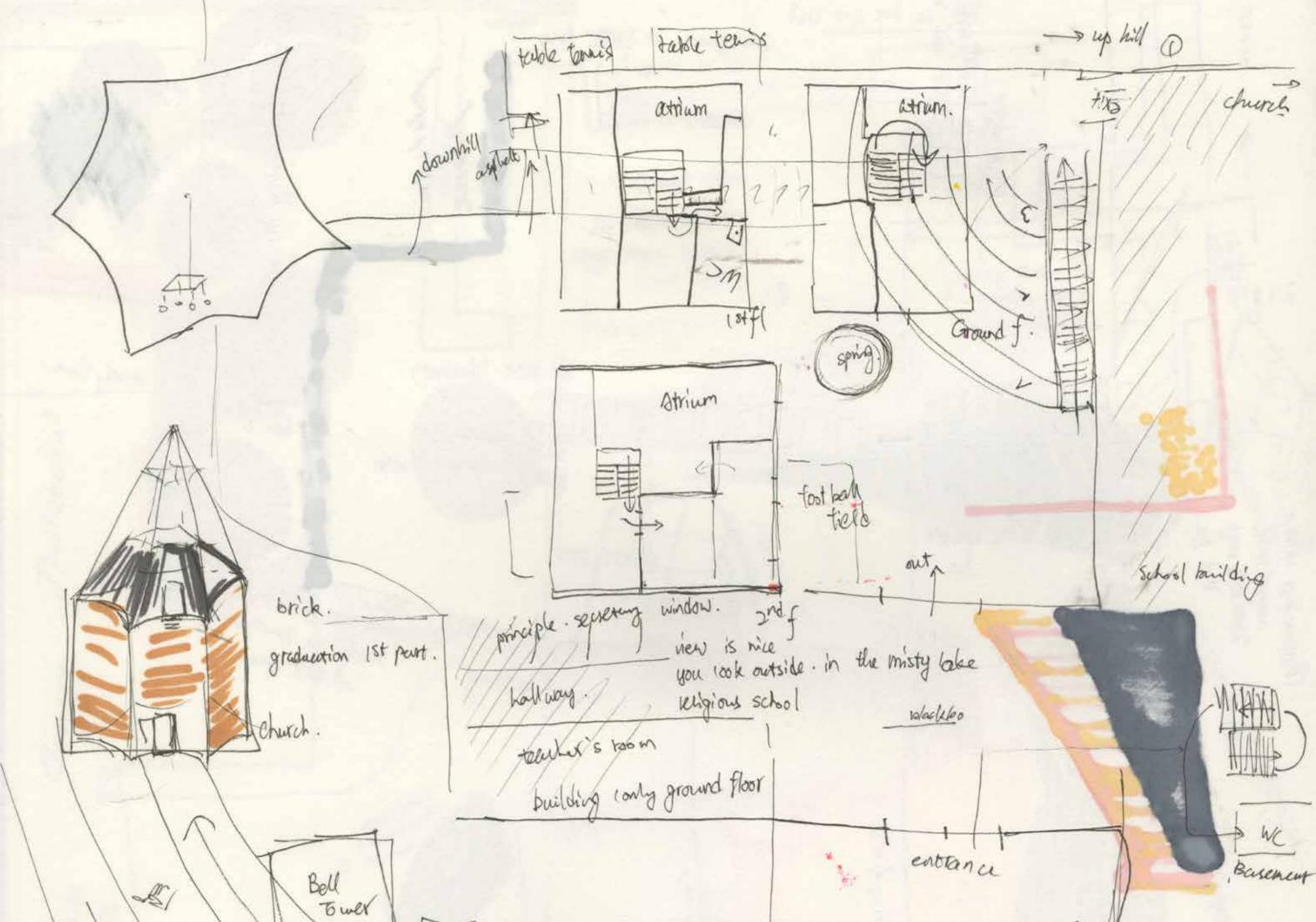
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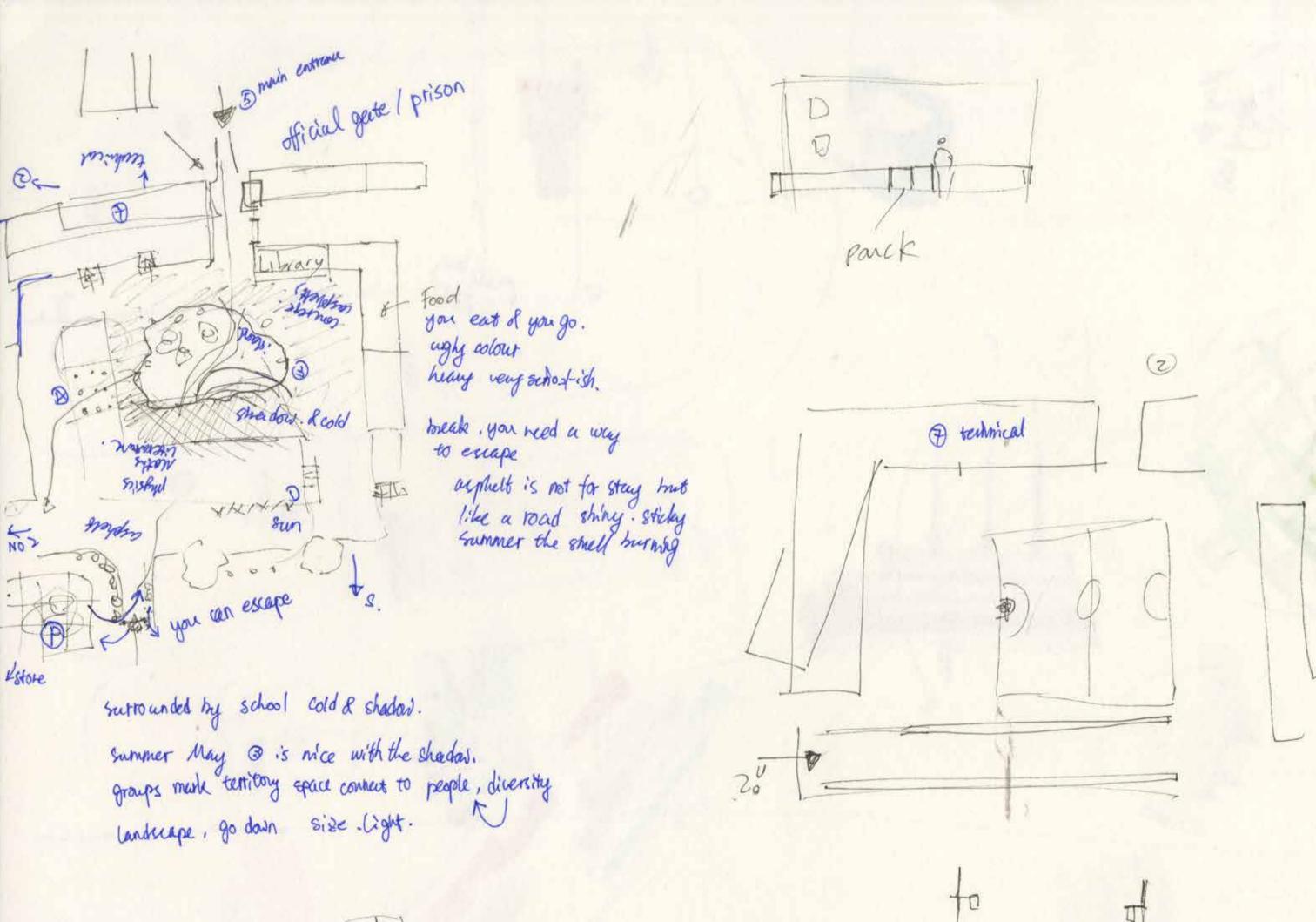




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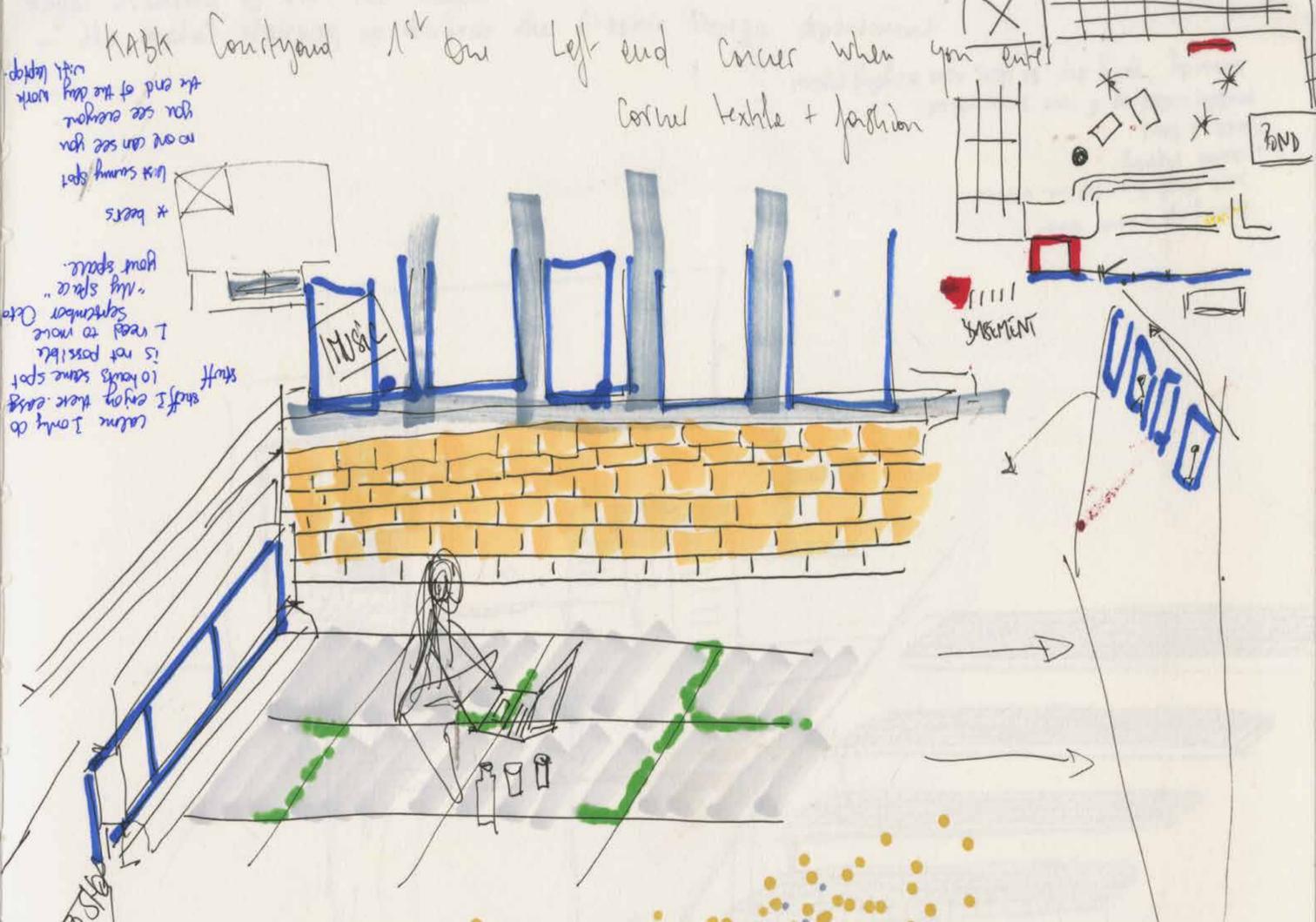


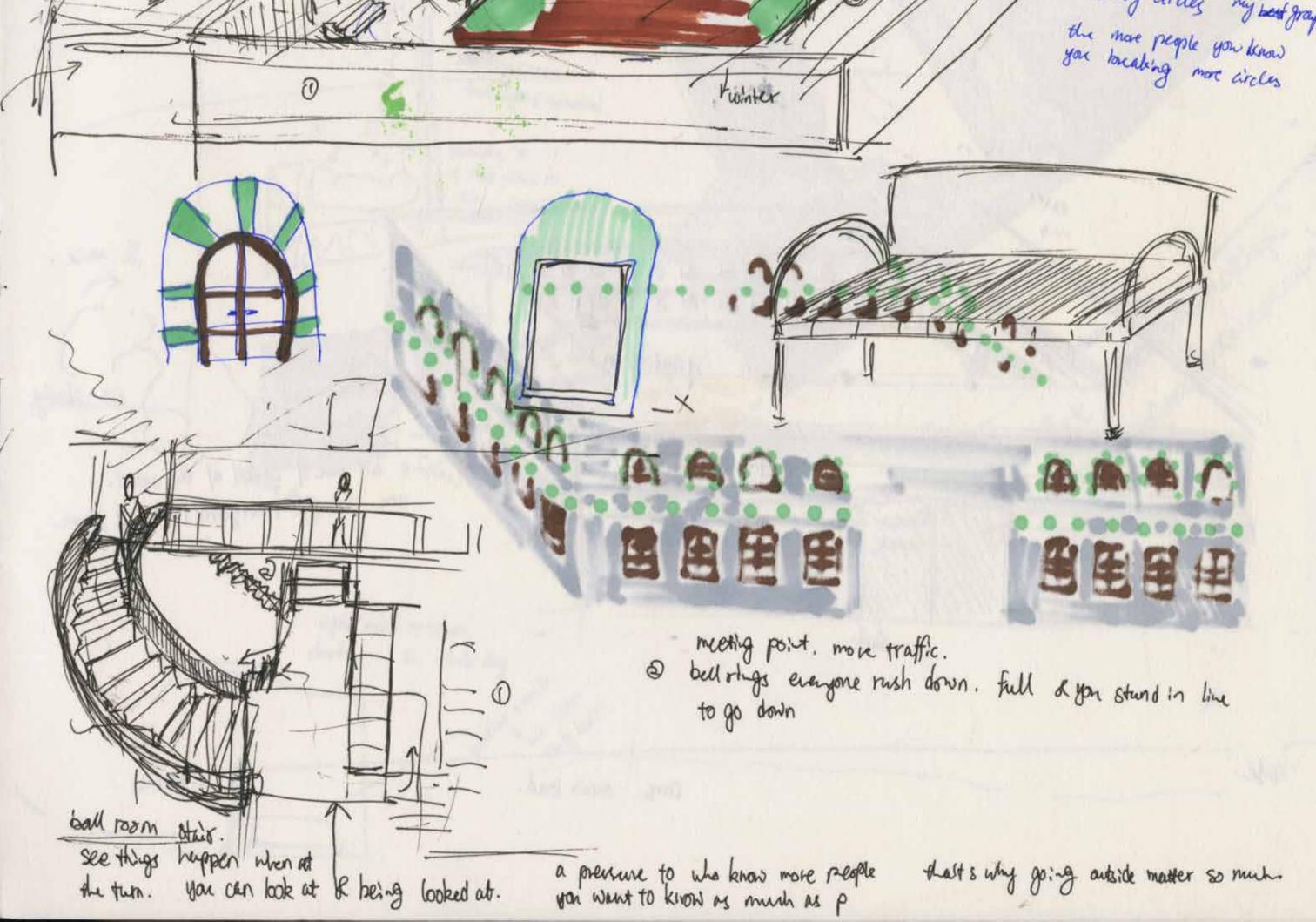


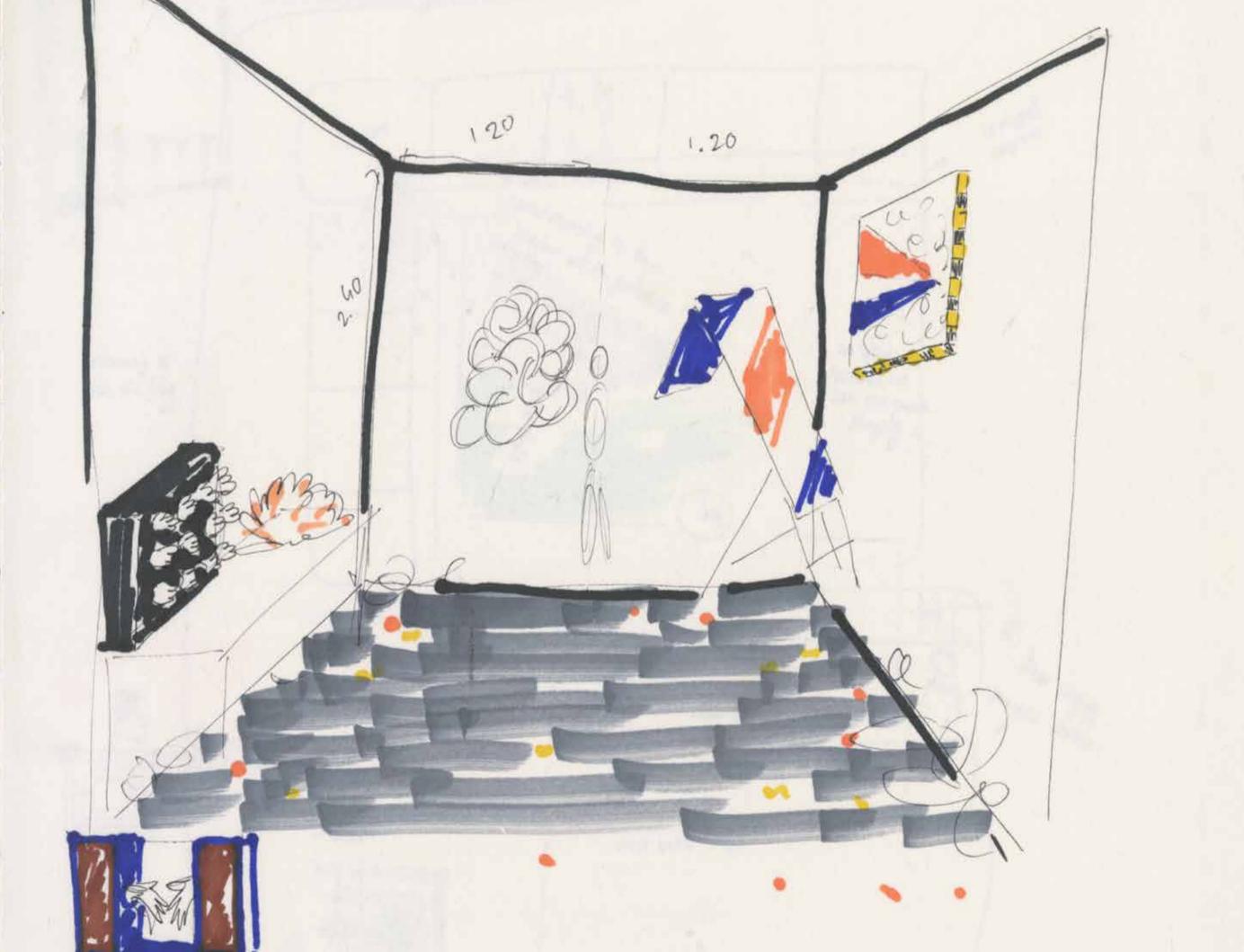


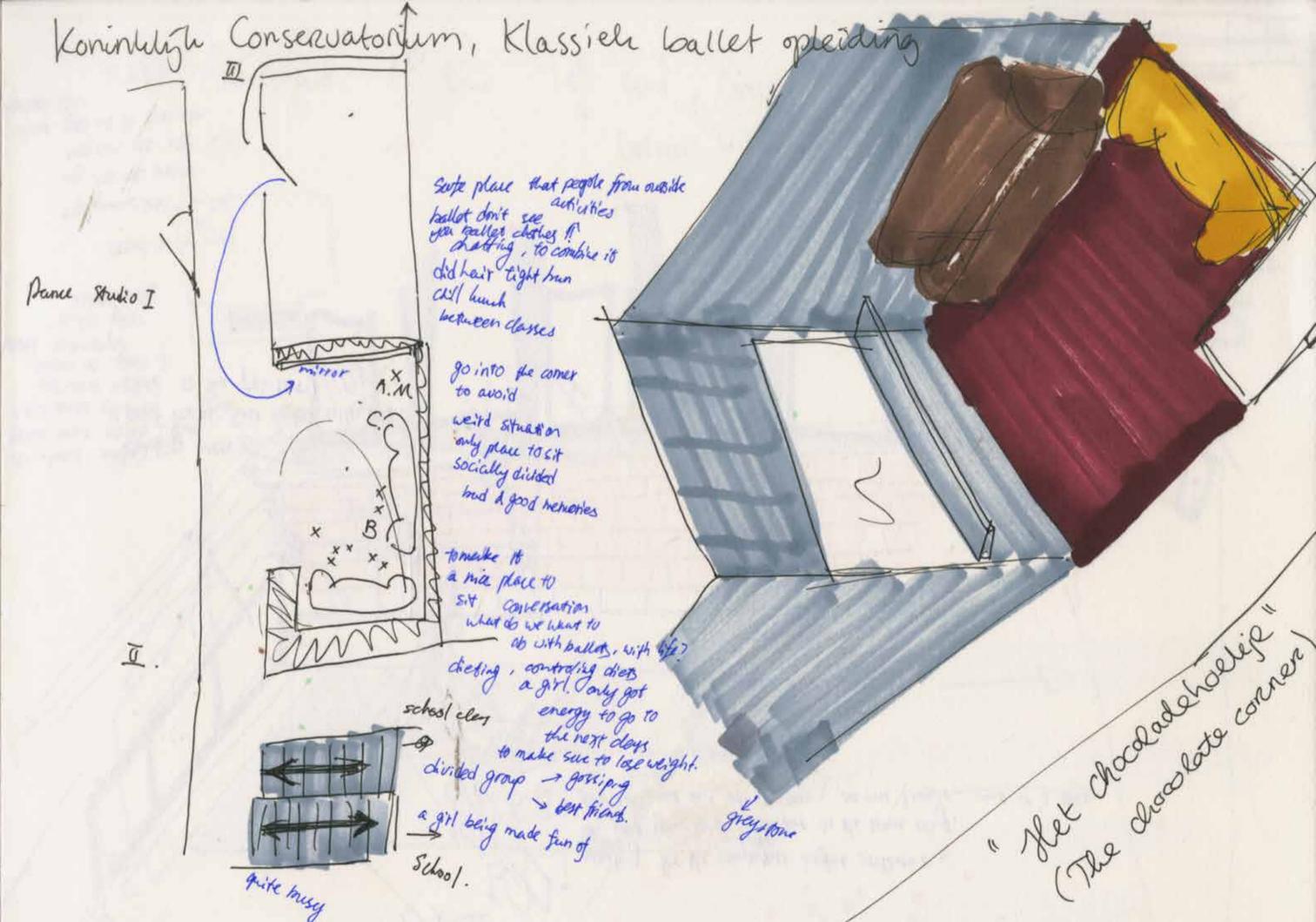
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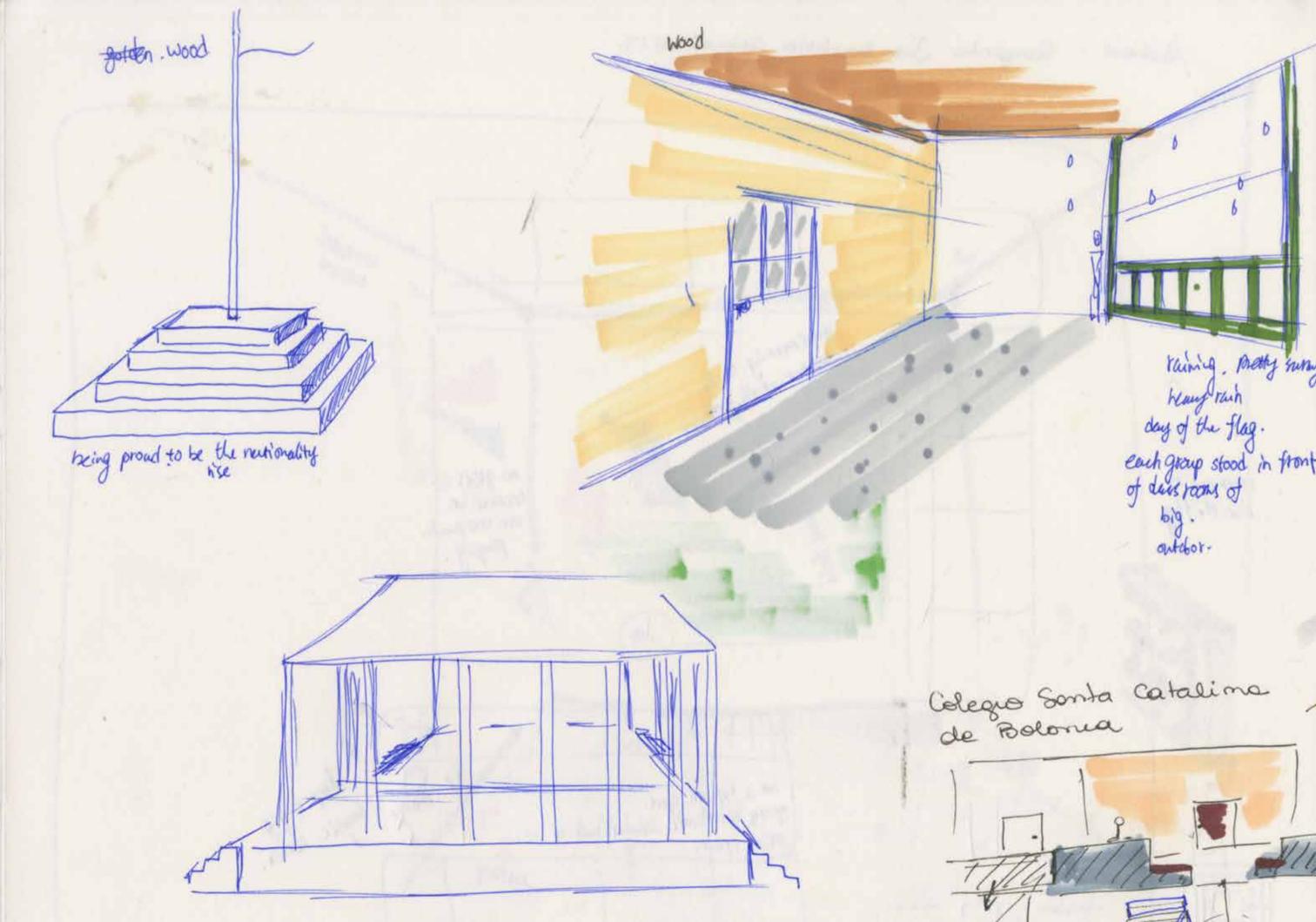


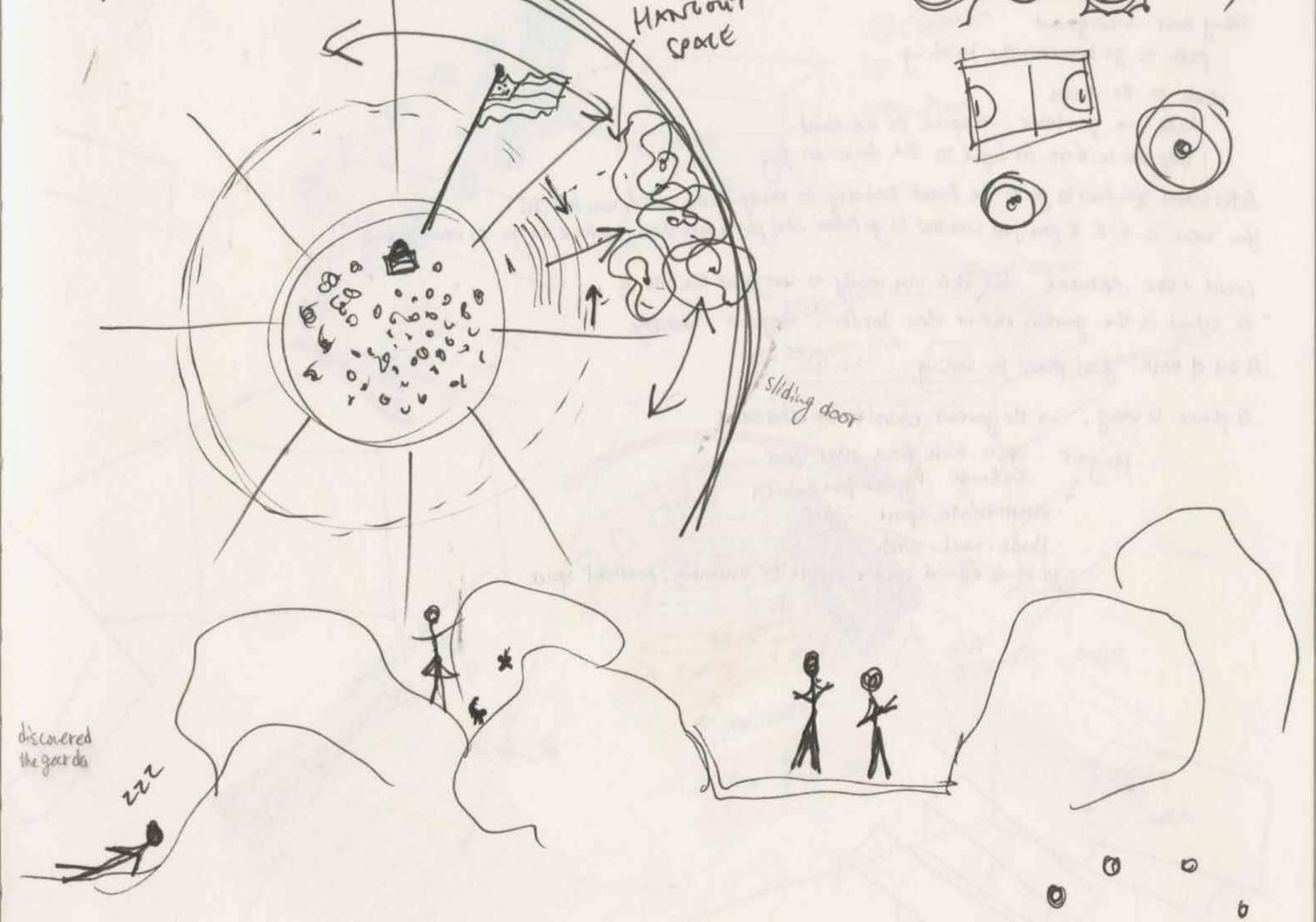


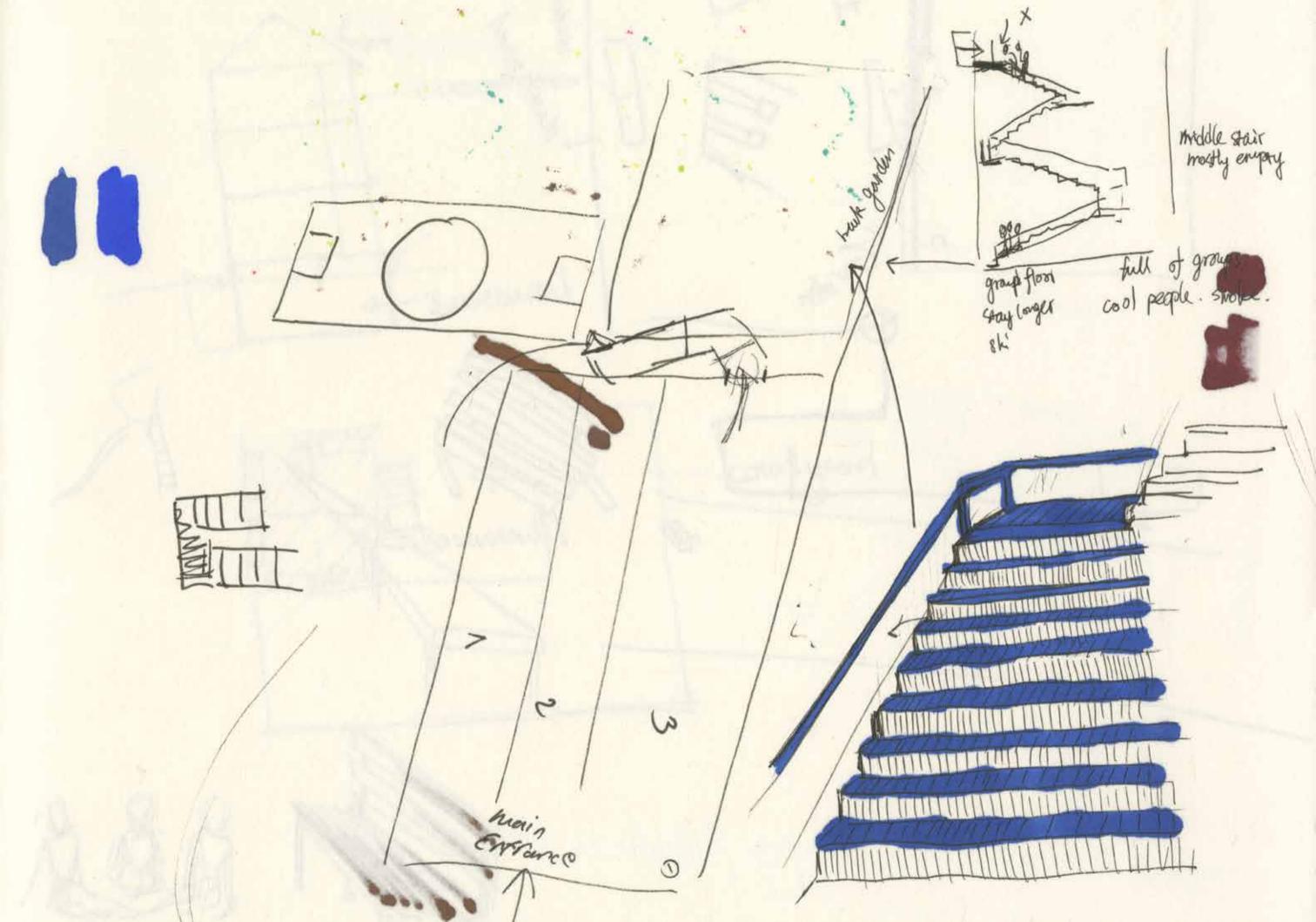


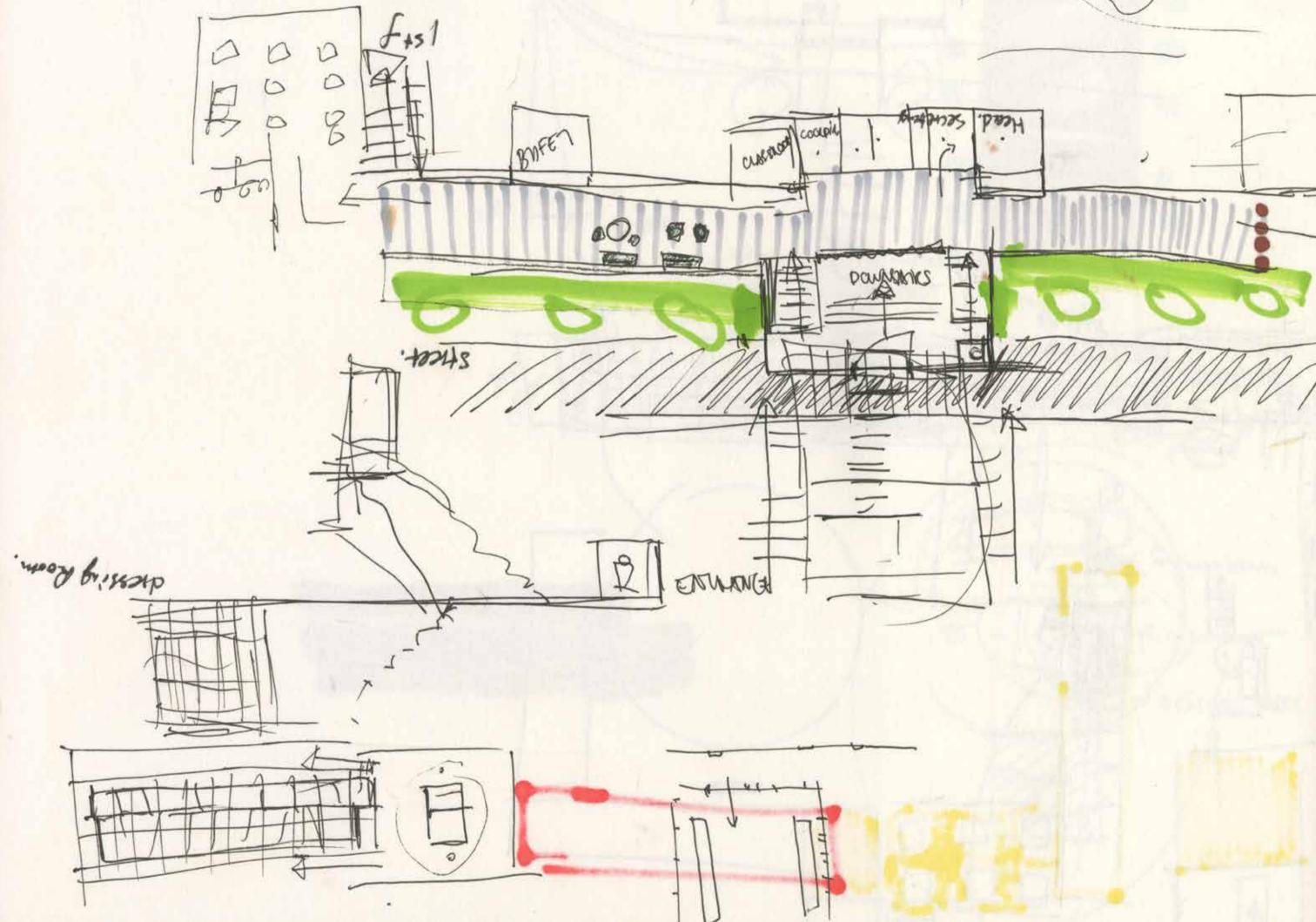






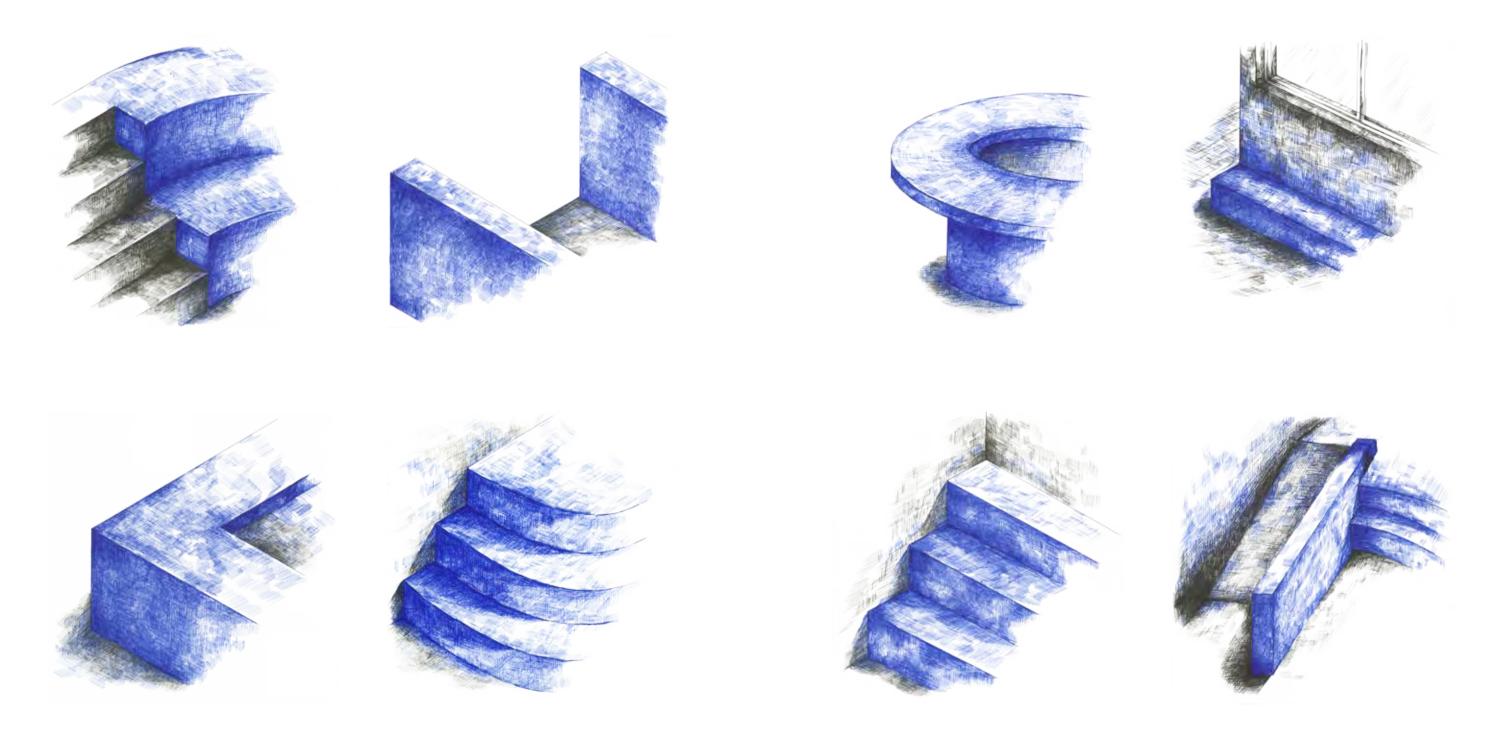


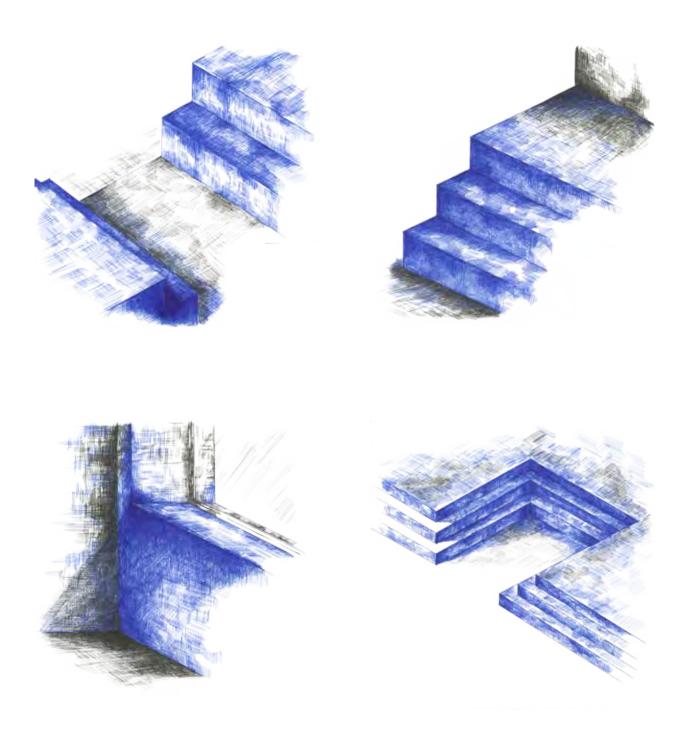


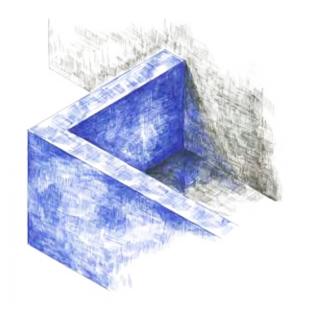


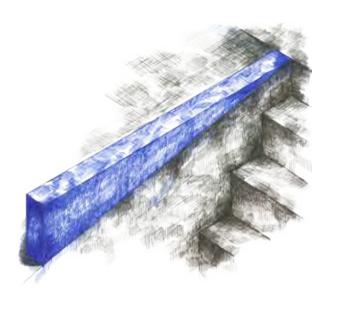
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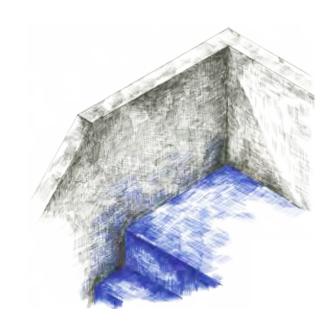
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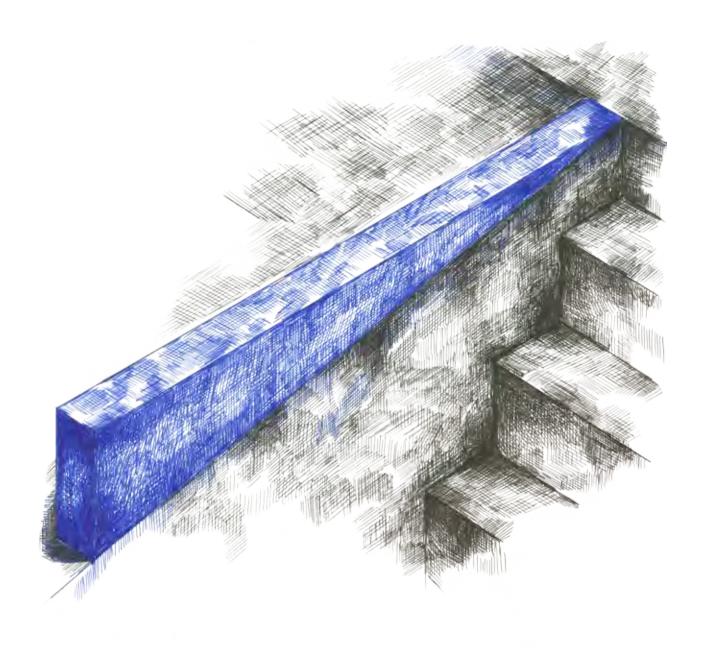


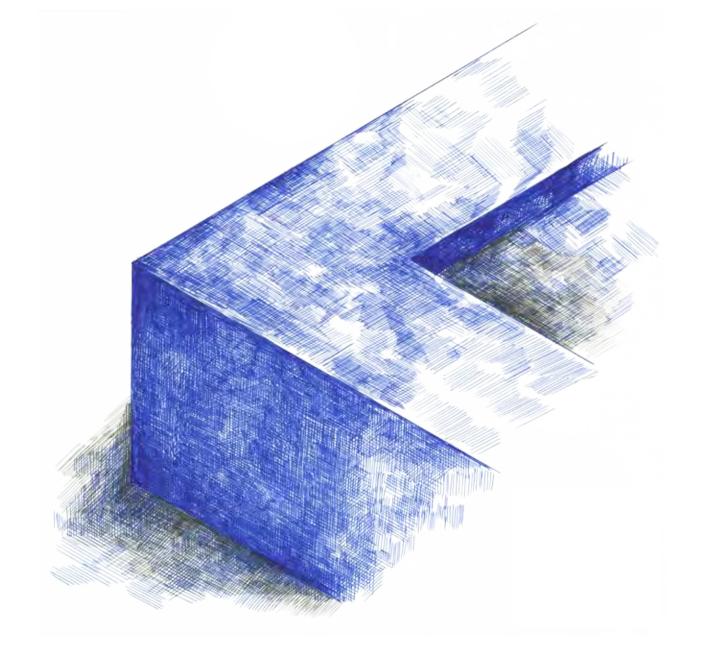


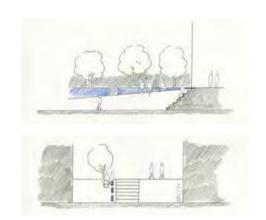


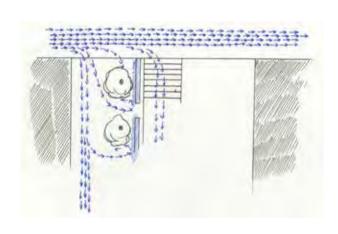


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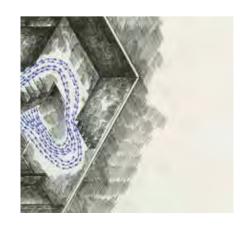


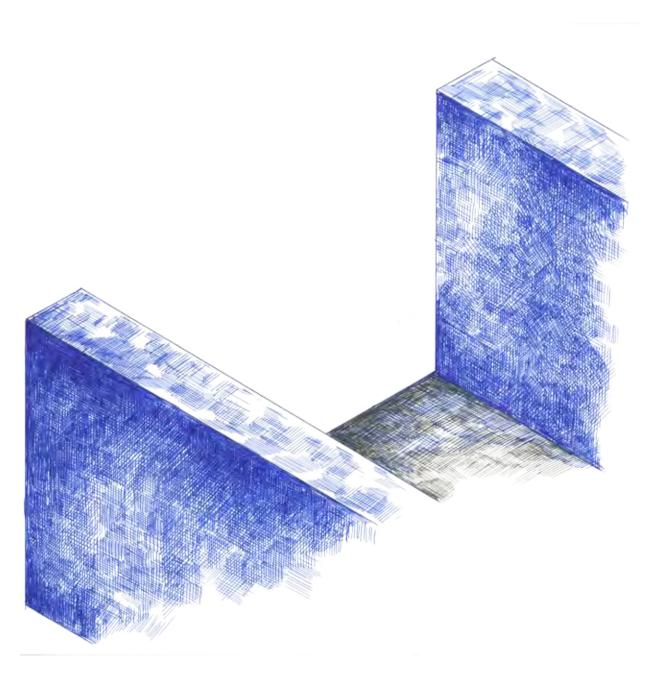


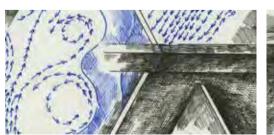






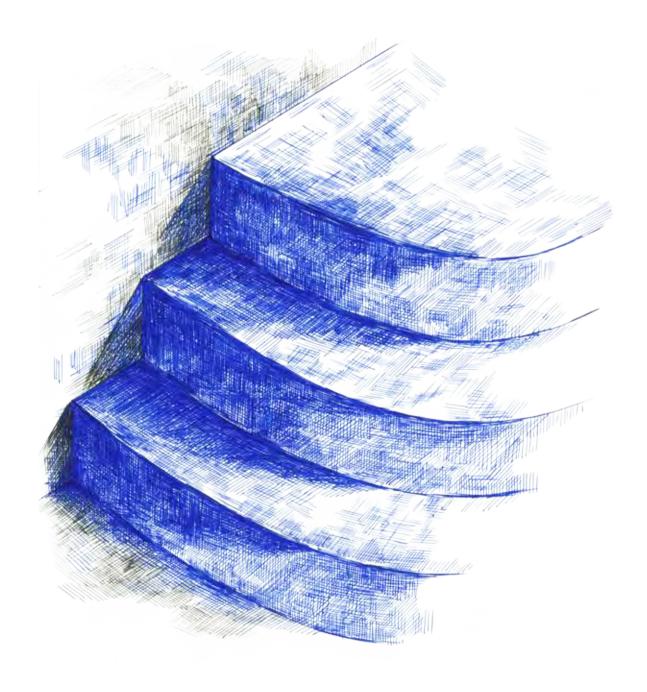




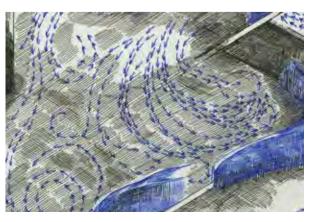


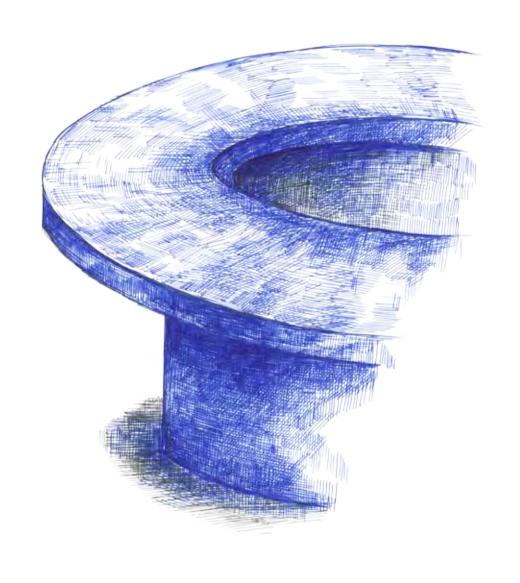


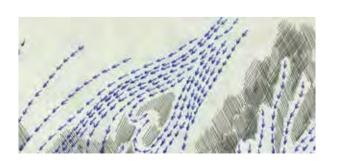




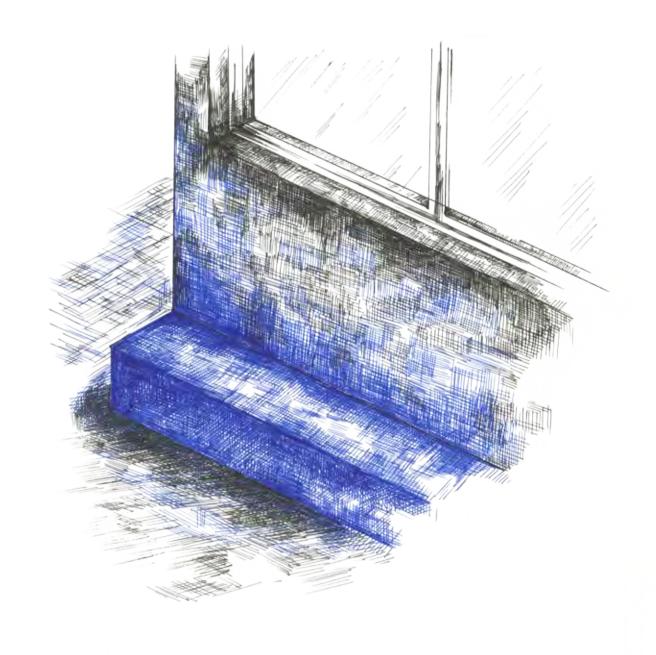


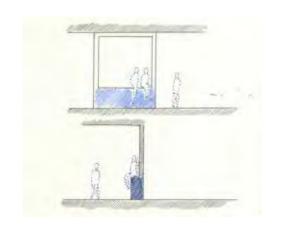


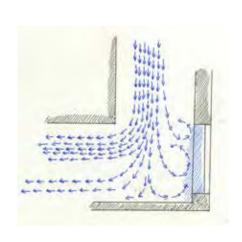


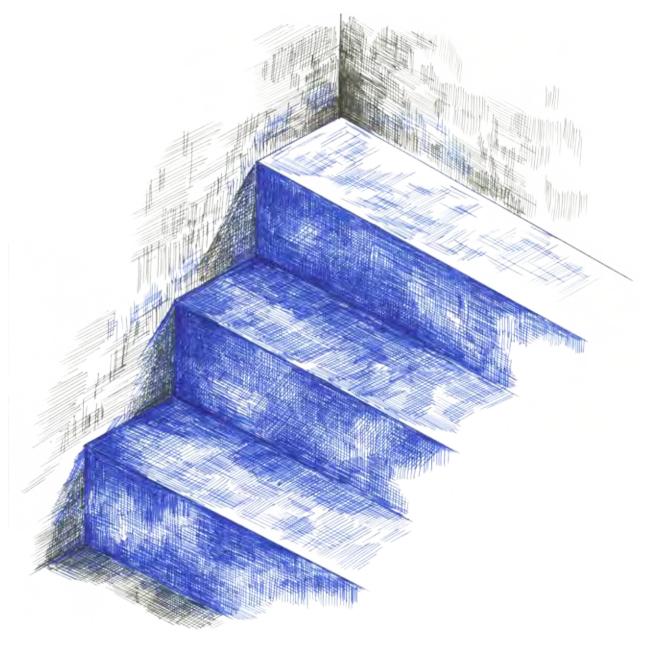


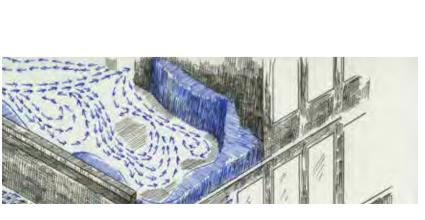




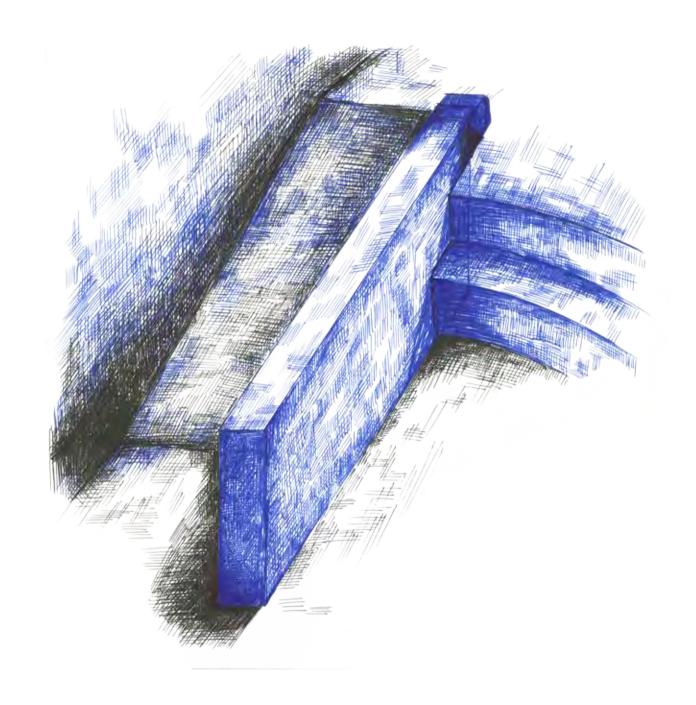


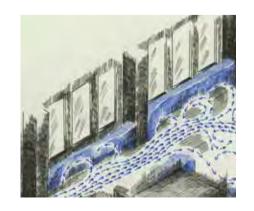


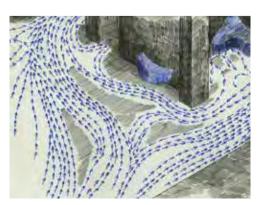


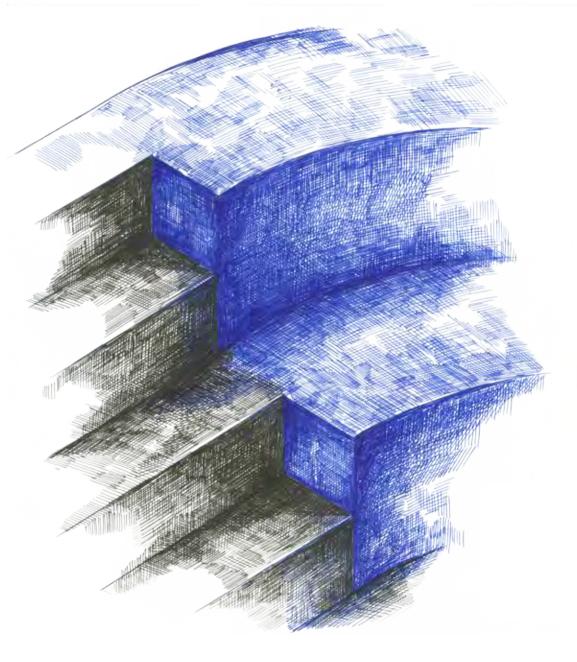


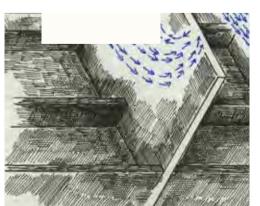




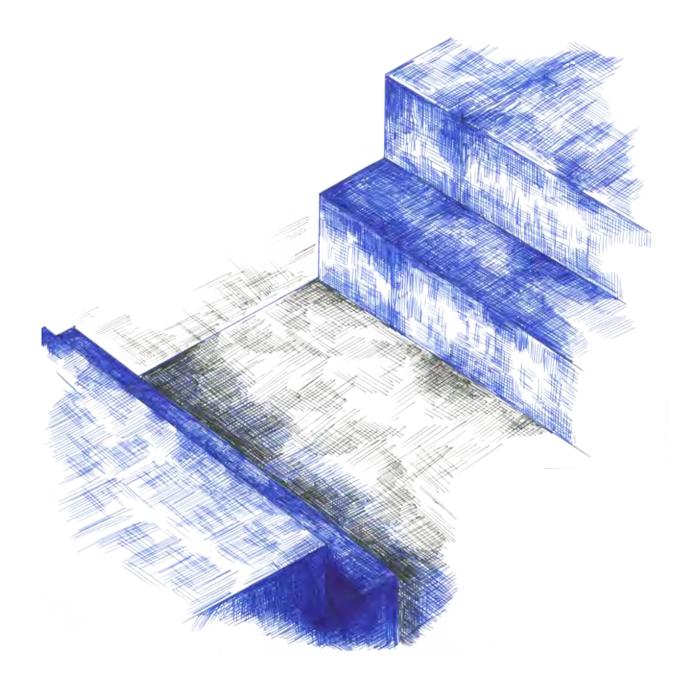


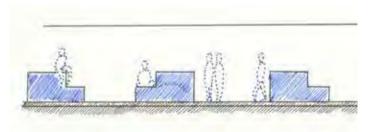


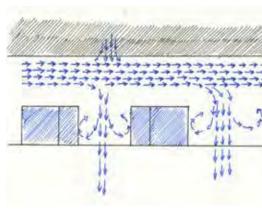


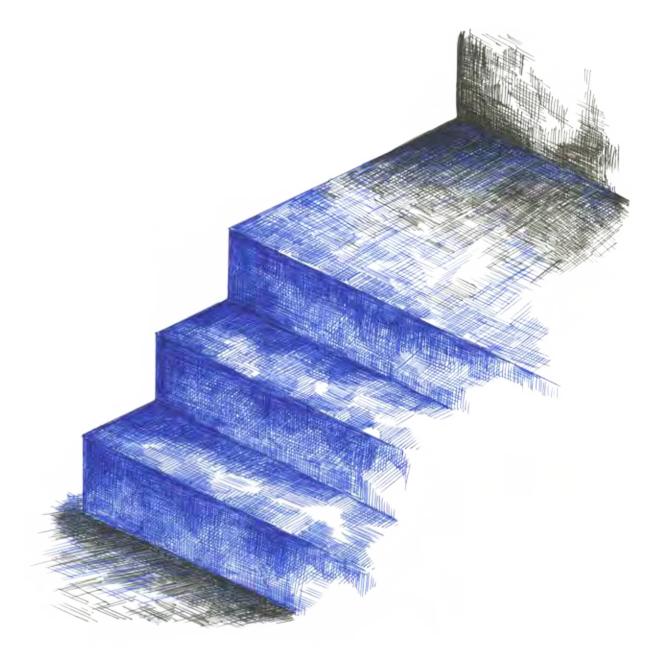


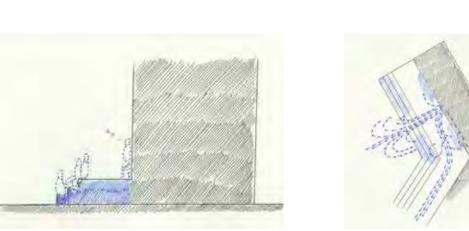


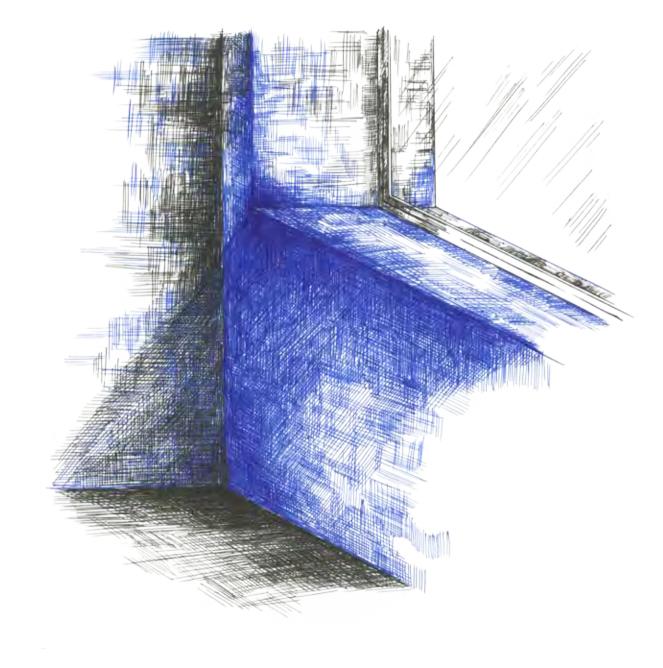


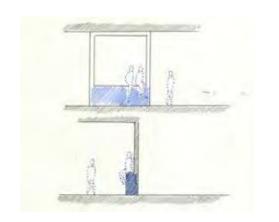


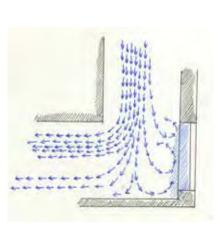


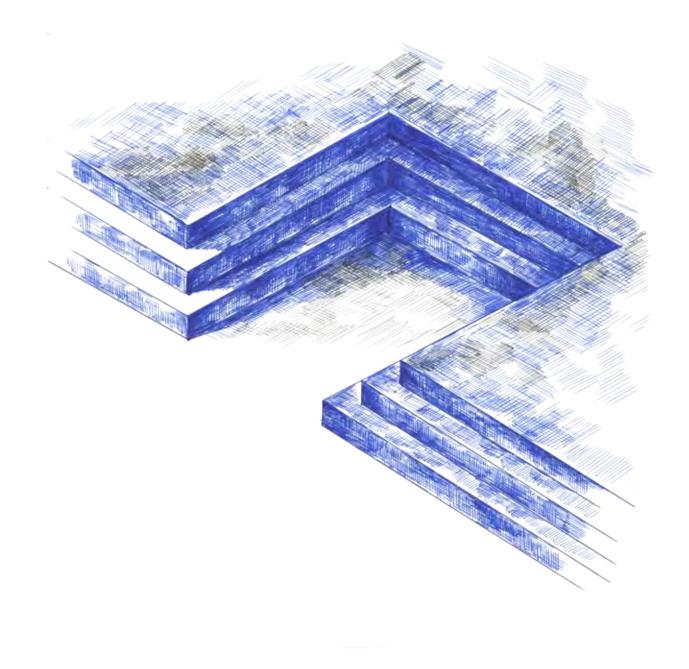


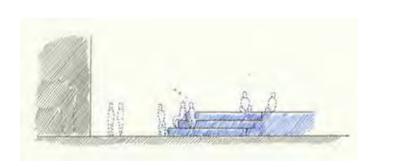


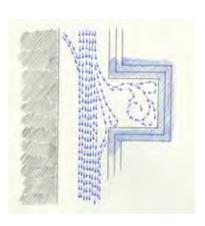


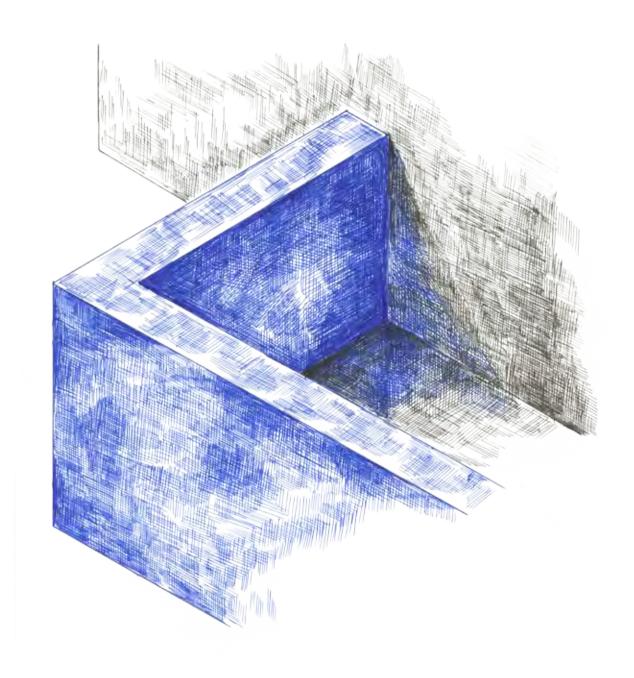


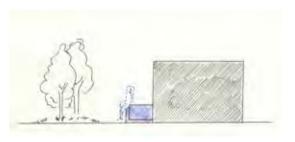


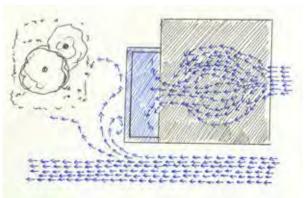


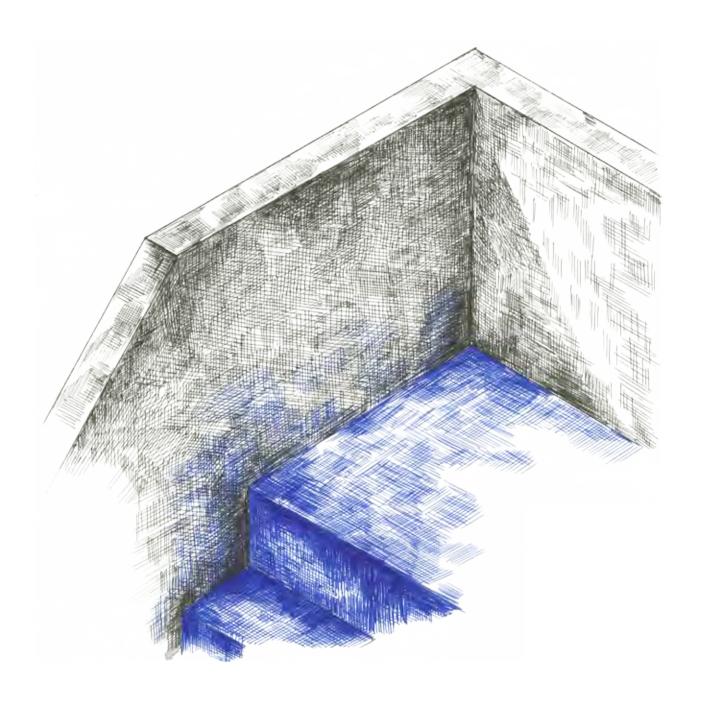


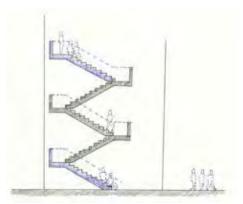


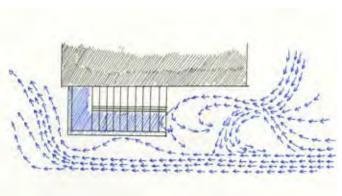






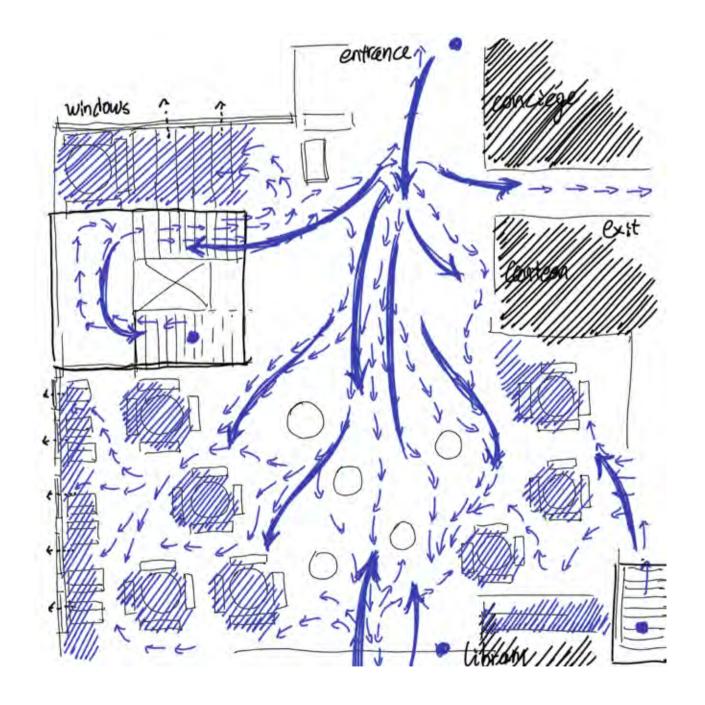


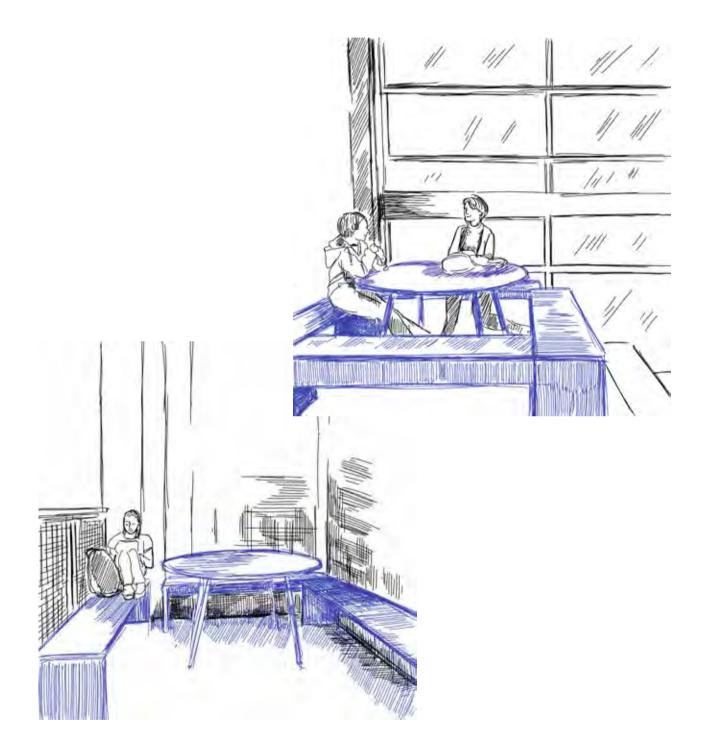




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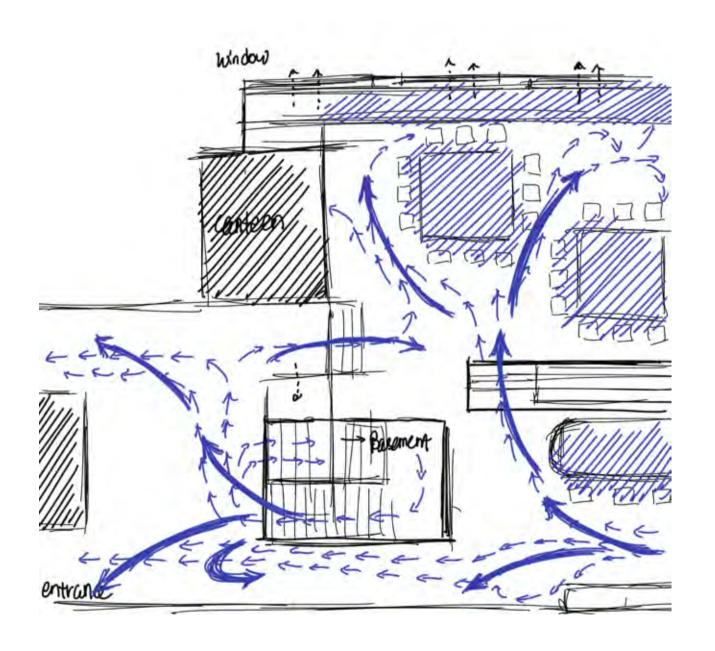
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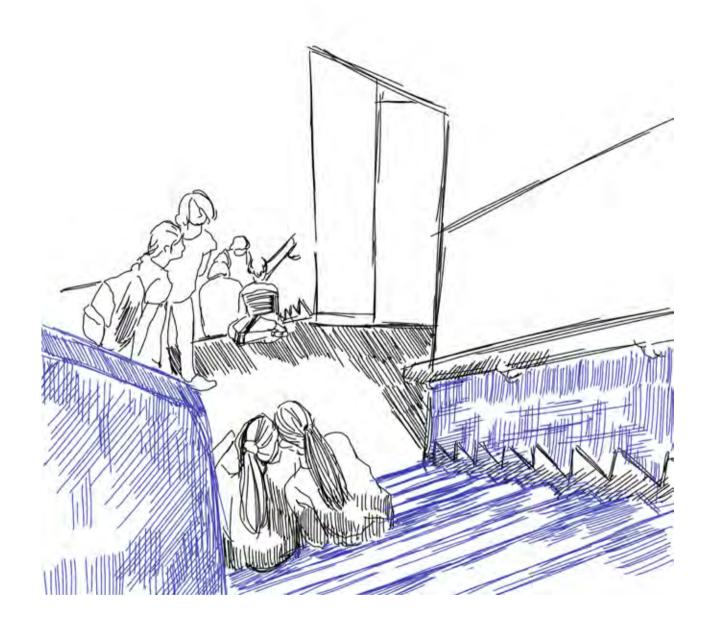




Round and rectangular shapes frequently appear in composition in this college. The main flow starts from the general entrance/exit and diverges in three directions. Flows and eddy corners have clear spatial and dynamic relationships.

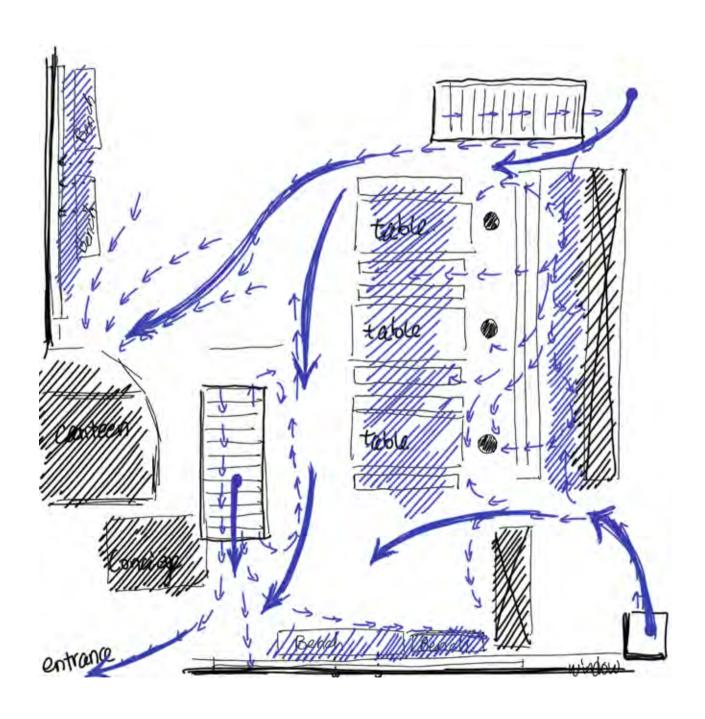
CASE STUDY 2 B College Leiden





As a previous monastry, the spaces in the building have been improvised largely to students with different individual schedules. However, the school building still face the problem of insufficient spaces for students druing breaks. Spaces like a temporary ramp along the steps and windowsills are also in use during the busiest break time.

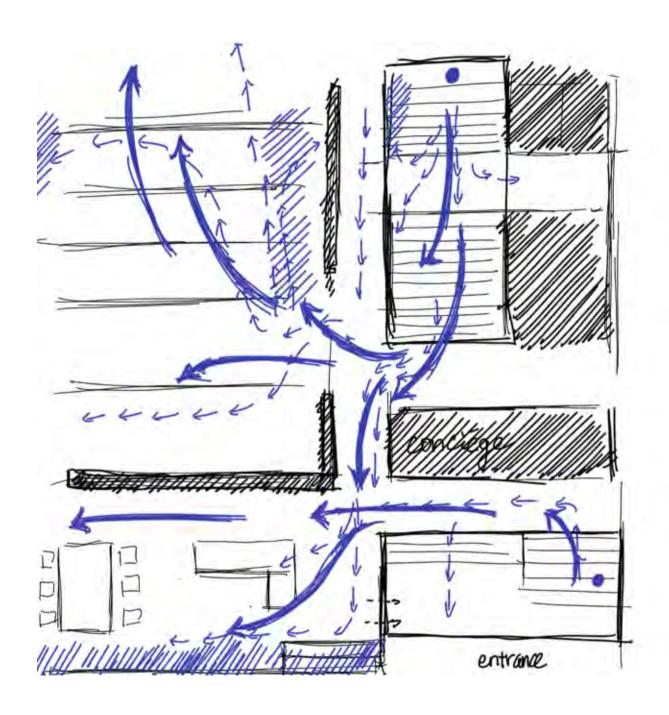
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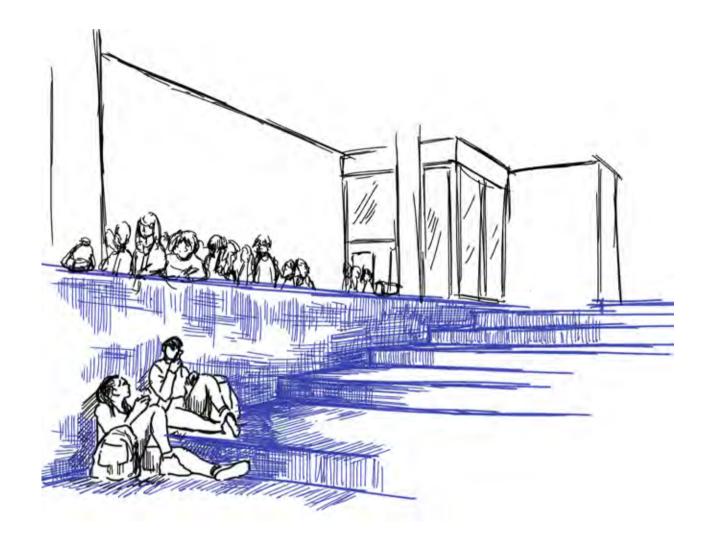




Most of the students in this lyceum share the big dining hall during breaks. Also facing the issue of lacking spaces for students to be in-between classes, the students claimed the corners around the lockers or the wall outside along the classrooms. Sitting on the floor is common.

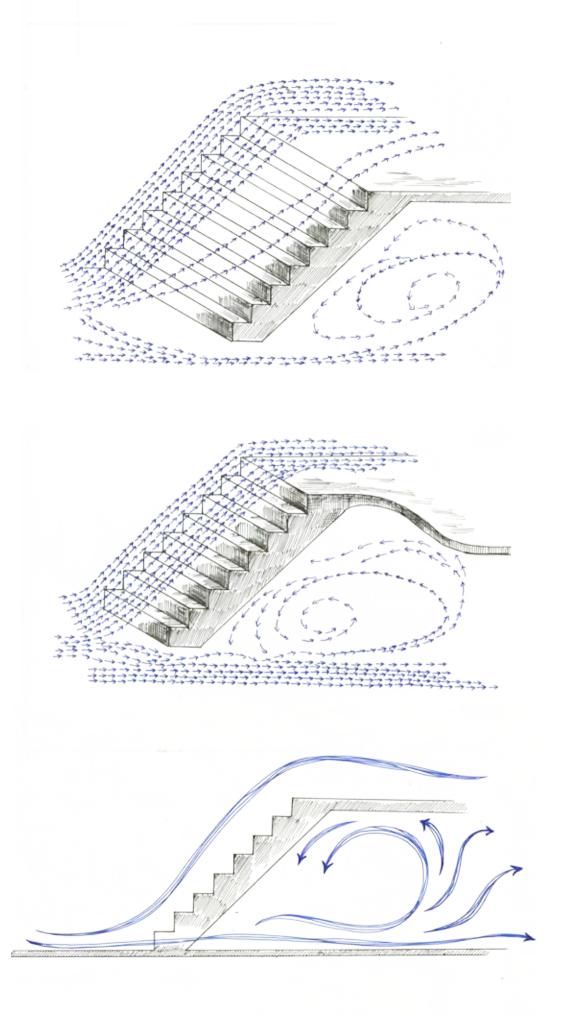
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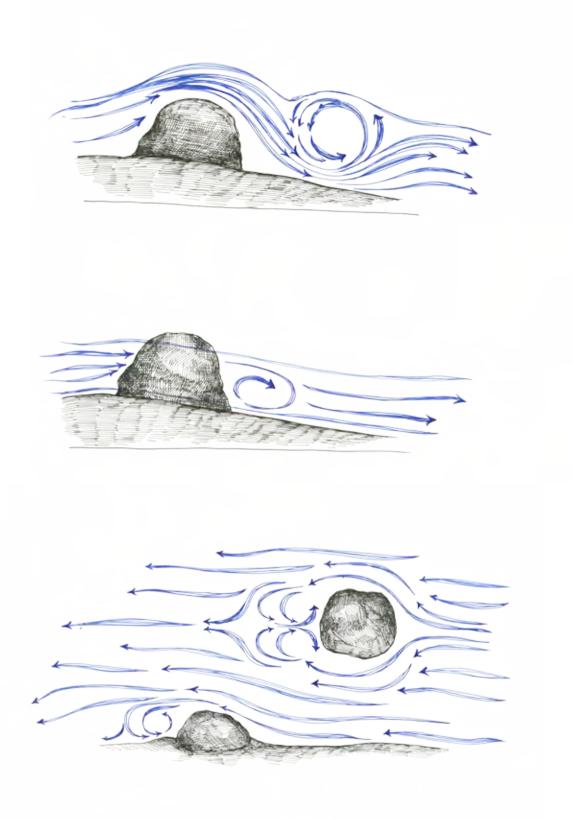




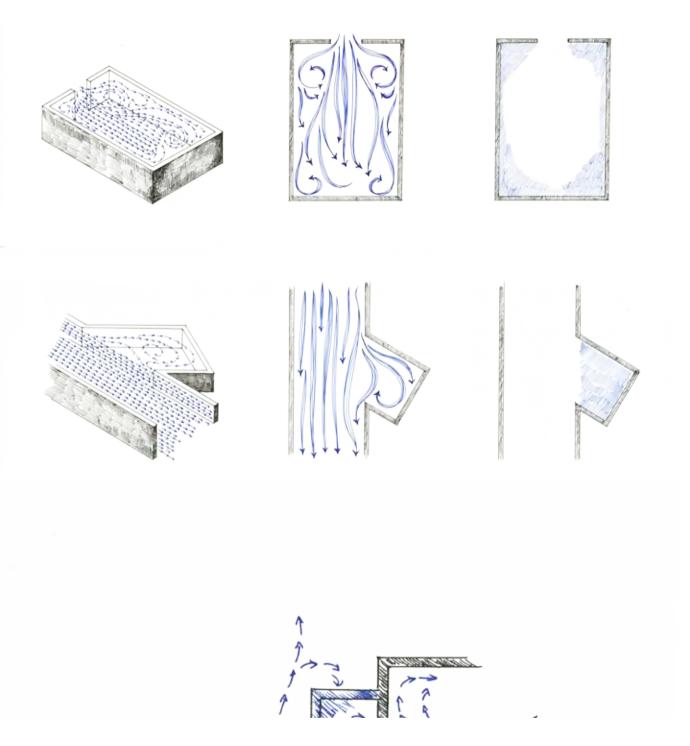
With brightly open structures, steps of different dimensions are considered in this school spaces. Visual access and connection are maximized with applying a large amount of glass material. The staircases direct the flows of students in different spatial composition in the building, providing the access to diverse zones.

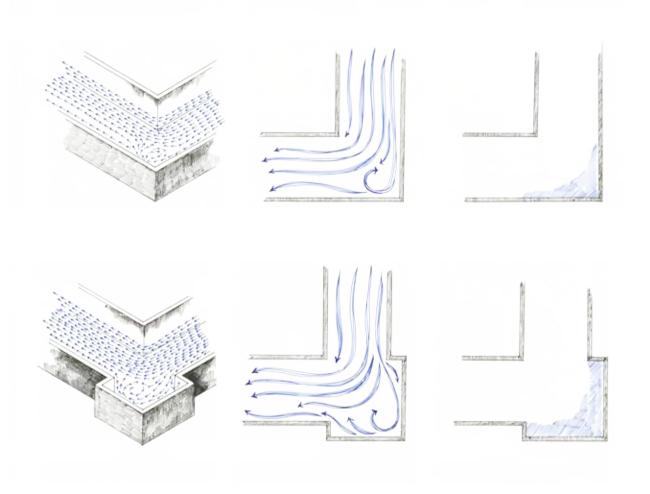
FLOW STUDIES





The schematic analysis of body-space relations simulate the flows and water eddies in natural environment.





The diagrams to represent the flows in different spatial configurations. The eddy spaces take place next to the main flow as moemnts to stay and to withdraw next to the flow.

EPILOGUE

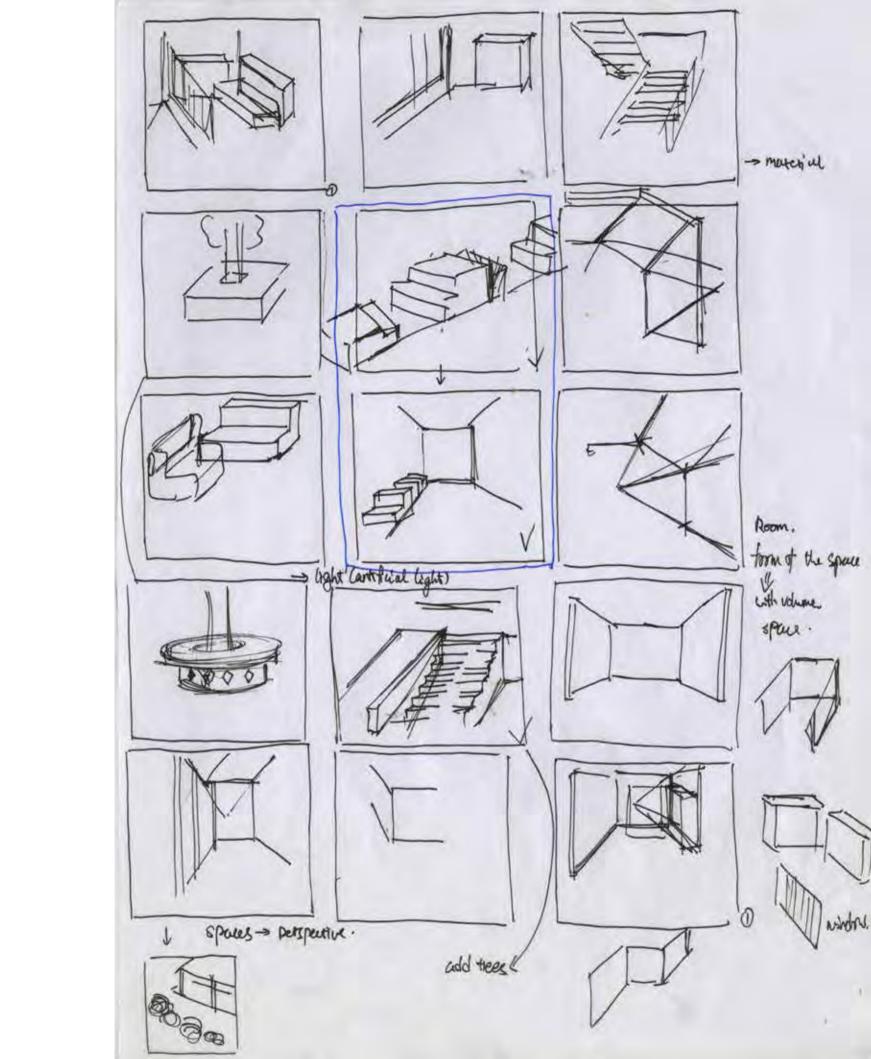
My own high school days between 2012 and 2015, have always been my salvation of all. However, I never regret the time at the junior middle school between 2009 and 2012. It was difficult and I made it difficult for myself. I have decided on a change within those three years since the very first day I started there. The decision of an instant back to the late summer of 2009 resulted in a marathon of three-year that I did not know that when was the end.

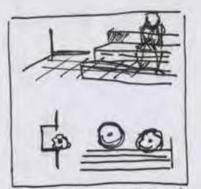
I did not want anything else but trying to be a different me, a better me. I could not see anything and anyone. The day I finished the last exam of that period, I could not feel that I was happy. It was untrue.

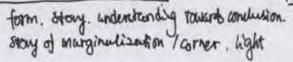
All the sacrifice has finally brought me to the renowned place in 2012. I was lost there at first. I did not know the other way to climb there. I only knew one way up but that did not work there. I did not want to be with anyone because I was ashamed. I was glad that the half-moon balcony was my shelter. It was right next to the door to the classroom, but stretched outward another two meters along the wall surface. It was trees underneath, resonation of footsteps, the whispering from around...

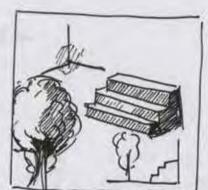
Things got gradually better. I will not owe this to a mere balcony, but when I looked back, I was glad that it was just a balcony. Probably what I needed by then was just nothing more than a place that I can be alone but it did not make me to be afraid of being alone.

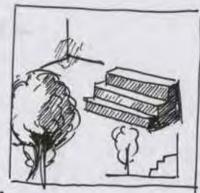
I am still making myself difficult. I am still trying to be a better me. I think there is not an end to this. I am afraid of stopping, so I was happy that the half-moon balcony has become a source of another beginning.

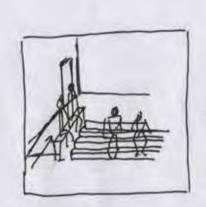


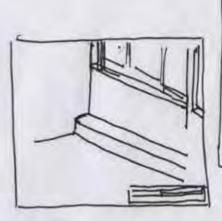


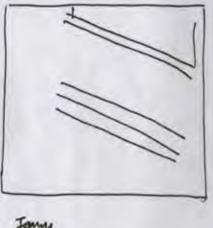




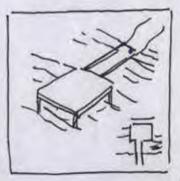


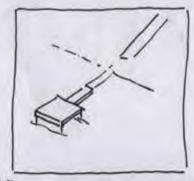


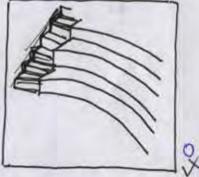




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