



Dungeness Prison
by Ben Prince

Ben Prince is AJ's star of Kent School of Architecture End of Year Show 1 August 2011

LEP's architectural assistant Ben Prince has received high praise from AJ for his work *Dungeness Prison* which was singled out by the leading architectural magazine as the highlight of the recent Kent School of Architecture End of Year Show.

The title of this year's show was REGIONerate, and not surprisingly, it focused on regeneration, working with sites in the South East including Canterbury, Dungeness and the more socially and economically deprived Chatham and Margate.

Ben's work *Dungeness Prison* is designed as a rationalist addition to the Ballardian landscape of Dungeness. It questions notions of Purgatory and conflates the genius loci of the area with the need to house prisoners on a whole-life sentence. Cells are shown as Faraday cages within a prison illuminated by full-sized mock-ups of fluorescent tubes that harvest free light from electromagnetic fields.

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