

# CHARACTERISTICS

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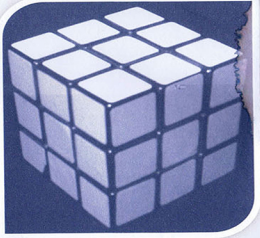
## GLASS:

One major characteristic used in Hi-Tech modernism is the use of glass. In many designs throughout this genre glass is used in great quantities. Glass is a perfect substitute to other materials because it is transparent. This therefore enables people to examine the structural components behind them, also at the same time keeping a modern and normal shape to the building. Glass also allows the building to be viewed from all angles hiding nothing. This is varied from other buildings from other eras because these buildings contain closed in areas, while the glass walls in Hi-Tech Modernism create a see all, bear all environment.

## COMPLEXITY:

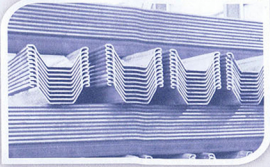
Complexity is a very important characteristic in Hi-Tech modernism (HTM) because it is what determines it from other forms of design. The design movement before HTM was minimalism. This involved very minimalist designs, hence the name Minimalism.

HTM can have all the buildings structural parts on the outside of the building, where they can be seen. Walls or roofs usually hide these parts in most other design eras. With the lack of walls and roofs because the inner parts of the building needing to be displayed there is a lack of structural support. The walls and roofs of a building usually supply this support. The architects then need to be able to use these functional parts to provide support to the building as well as an elegant and neat appearance.



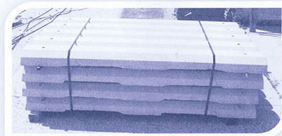
## STEEL:

Steel has strongly influenced this design movement. Steel brings to aspects to the table, strength and appearance. Steel is stronger than most other metals. It is not only sturdy but can be shaped and molded into preferable shapes and sizes malleable. This is similar to other metals but what really separates from the rest is its appearance. Steel has a very shiny appearance, which is very attractive to look at. This therefore allows it to be molded into the desired shape while offering great support and appearance.



## PREFABRICATION:

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- DAVID AJAYE**  
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 • DIRTY HOUSE  
 • WHITECHAPEL
- SHIGERU BAN**  
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# MOVEMENT INFLUENCES

The movement of Hi-Tech Modernism has been around for a few decades. The earliest form of high tech modernism was just after World War II in Chicago, USA. The style was called the "Second Chicago School". At this time there were many buildings with this particular style being constructed. The style involves the use of framed tubes that are concreted into the foundation. These tubes consist of four or three inter connected columns. These support the building from horizontal forces such as wind. The whole building is anchored to these central columns and can be seen throughout the whole structure. This is where HTM first was established because these structural features of the building would usually be hidden but in this style they are displayed for visual preferences.



Another important influence on the High-Tech Modernism movement was the Space-Race. This was the race between Russia and the United States of America for supreme space exploration. When USA landed the first man on the moon "Neil Armstrong" it was said to be the climax. With these high technological steps came people's imagination for using it to construct other earth bound structures. This technology was invested into the development of technology used to create and start the movement of High-Tech modernism.



**INITIAL IDEAS**  
 CONCEPT 1  
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 Large glass panels  
 - Hold together by steel beams  
 - Large prefabricated walls with concrete steel and glass  
 - Steel beams  
 - Usually prefabricated  
 - Modern materials  
 - Concrete, Glass, Steel  
 - NOT AN INTERNAL WALLS  
 - Stronger than regular  
 - Precise: they are not subject to war or shrinkage  
 - Highly resistant to bending and twisting

**INITIAL IDEAS**  
 CONCEPT 2  
 3  
 LARGE FEATURES  
 - IN PLACE OF PREFABRICATION  
 - MANUFACTURED ON SITE  
 - USUALLY VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL  
 - CONCRETE  
 - STEEL  
 - CAN BE COMBINED WITH PREFABRICATION

**INITIAL IDEAS**  
 CONCEPT 3  
 3  
 PRE-FABRICATED CONCRETE  
 - MADE OFF SITE  
 - CAN BE SHIPPED BY TRUCKS OF THE ENTIRE WALLS  
 - HIGH-Tech MODERN BUILDINGS USUALLY MAKE THIS CONCRETE/STEEL  
 - THE CONCRETE IS ALSO CONCRETE

**INITIAL IDEAS**  
 CONCEPT 4  
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 SYMMETRICAL  
 - CENTRAL TO THE SIDE  
 - THE DESIGN CAN BE COMPLEX BUT NOT VERY COMPLEX  
 - CAN BE MADE CENTRAL  
 - SYMMETRICAL BY PART

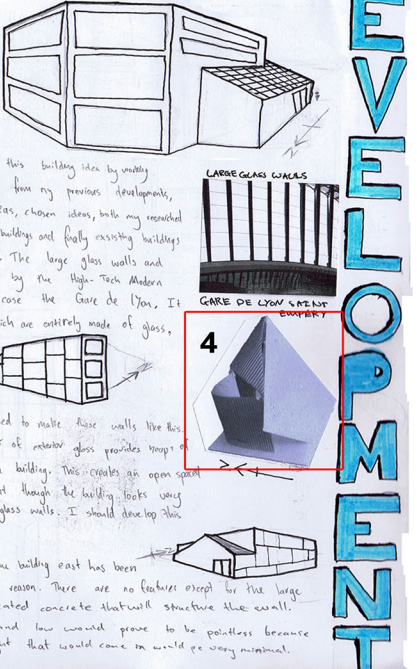
# EXTERIOR DEVELOPMENT

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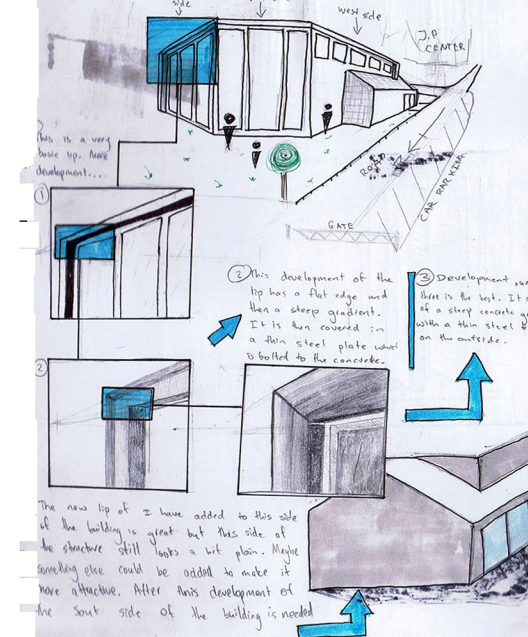
I came up with this building idea by looking at the layout plan from my previous developments, initial concept ideas, chosen ideas, both my researched High-Tech Modern buildings and finally existing buildings around the school. The large glass walls and windows are inspired by the High-Tech Modern buildings in this case the Gare de Lyon. It has large walls which are entirely made of glass.

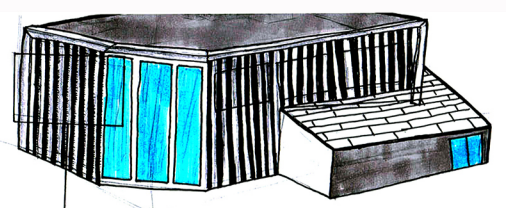
And is why I decided to make these walls like this. Also has large amount of exterior glass provides a lot of natural light into the building. This creates an open space area. At the moment though the building looks very plain, just these glass walls. I should develop this further.

The bank side of the building east has been left blank for this reason. There are no features except for the large tiles of prefabricated concrete that will structure the wall. Windows both high and low would prove to be pointless because the amount of light that would come in would be very minimal.



Currently the front and side of the building are very boring and very minimalist. So I have added a lip to all these sides, North east, North and west. These sides all have large glass windows and walls. The lip will run along these to give it character and will be made of concrete with a steel trim.



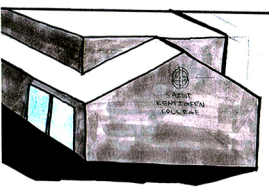


METAL BLINDS

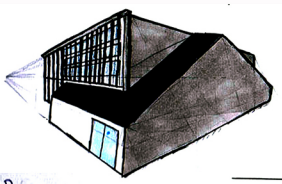
+ **WALLS:** metal blinds cover the main glass walls and windows. There are actually structural beams to strengthen the outside frame of the building. There also are a vertical element and are made from steel. They provide a reasonable amount of shade for the rest of the building. The walls are also made of concrete. The blinds are made from steel. They provide a reasonable amount of shade for the rest of the building. The walls are also made of concrete. The blinds are made from steel. They provide a reasonable amount of shade for the rest of the building.



GARE DE LYON SAINT-ETIENNE



This is a quick sketch of the building before the blinds are added to the walls and windows. At the moment I have very little detail, but I am adding the blinds and being flexible adding the blinds with a more modern feel. It has started to take the very minimalist building.



metals blinds attached looks more interesting to the whole design and makes it more like a high-tech modern building. This is because of the factors. One being the use of steel parts for architectural support for the usual effects around the second part being that it connects to the Gare De Lyon which also uses the same concept on the outside of its windows. This will make it fit with other neighbouring buildings.

The Dome shape is pulled from the West Stand at Eden Park. It also is very similar to one of the neighbouring buildings.

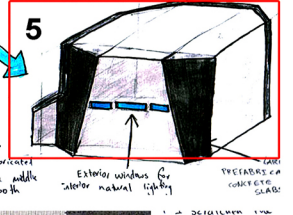
DOME ROOF



small structure. The West Stand at Eden Park.

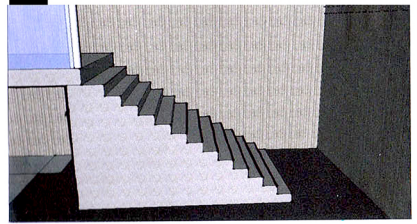
S.K.C. Logo could be added here....

+ This dome roof was inspired by the rounded shape of Eden Park's new west stand. Instead of being a circle wall I have made the roof a circle. This creates a very open feel inside the building and makes the exterior of the building look much bigger. But the domed style roof does not really fit with the rest of the structure so I could mix it with the previous design.

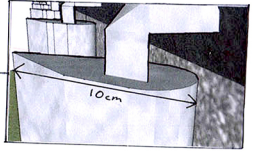


+ My new development looks much more modern than the dome roof model. It also keeps the feel that it is big inside as well as outside. It consists of three big pieces of prefabricated concrete. The largest one is centered in the middle with the two other ones at acute angles on both sides.

A staircase in a single column stair idea. It would have been very simplistic. So I have gone with the traditional stairs idea, but added a high-tech modern touch. It will be entirely made of smooth concrete.



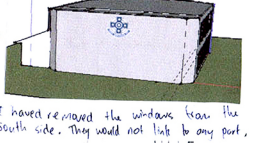
+ The metal blinds which cover most sides of the walls with windows will be connected by little arms which are attached into the frame.



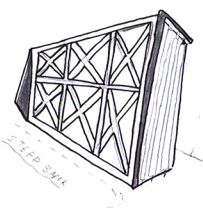
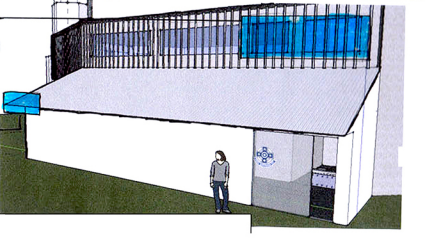
+ The metal blinds will be approximately 10cm long with spaces of 20cm between each individual one. This will be beneficial for both the wind and sun which could affect the building.

+ **SUN**  
 The blinds will limit the amount of sun light entering through the windows. This is needed to prevent the art from fading in the light.

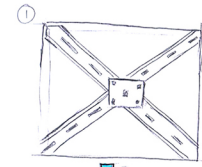
+ **WIND**  
 The blinds should reduce the amount of weathering of the building. This will be reduced by the blinds. The wind is heavy because it is channelled through the estate to the north of the building.



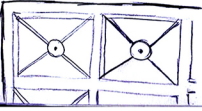
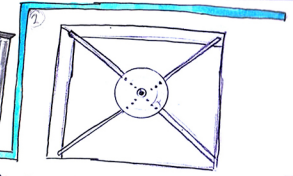
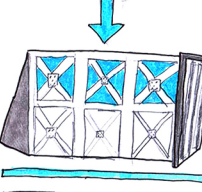
I have had to divide the third window into two sections this is because of the bath/office wall. My reception area was to simple and boring before so I added an oval reception and to give it up a bit.



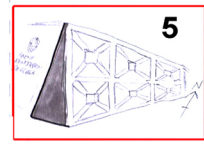
The west wall of the gallery was previously just a plain wall made of concrete. I am now developing this by putting in structural supports that are usually not seen in other areas apart from High-Tech modern. They will be inserted into cavities in the concrete wall. My next task is to develop these further. Maybe a high window could be inserted.



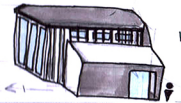
1 Steel girders will be placed diagonally in each of the six boxes. They will then be bolted to a square steel plate. This will provide a great deal of structural support as well as adding visually. These will be symmetrically done throughout each window. Also the top three could be made to be a window. This design was used in the Grande Lym.



This development involves a circular steel plate that bolts together to steel poles together. It provides structural enhancement with a nice visual appearance. The circular element of the disc and plate is inspired by Eden Park. It may be a bit to circular for my building.

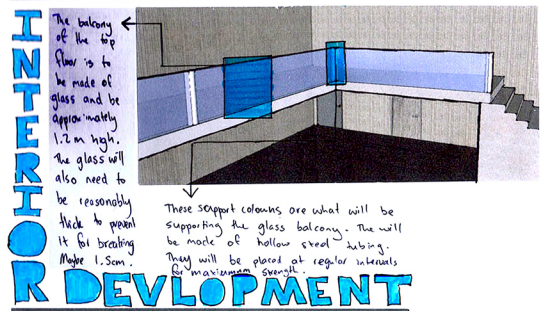
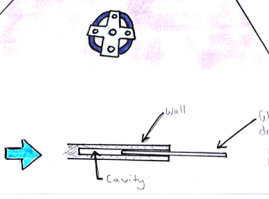


5 I have decided to go with the first development. The second one involved too many spherical shapes and doesn't fit in with the overall image of my gallery. Development one is much more appropriate because it is neat angles like the rest of the structure and makes nice straight shapes. Also High-Tech modern buildings usually are made with these neat angles and straight lines.



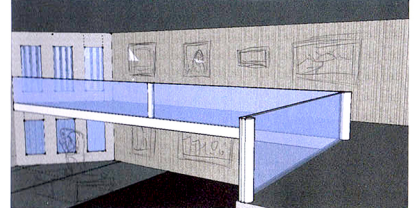
The main entry of the building is located on the western side opposite the car park. The door is going to be a automatic glass sliding door. A sensor will be placed in the center of the top to indicate when to open and close.

But there is a problem they were going to be two glass panels that slide away from one another, but due to the lack of wall space on the right hand side it had to be turned into a single panel which slides to the left when it opens. It does this by a cavity in the wall.



INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT  
 The balcony of the top floor is to be made of glass and be approximately 1.2m high. The glass will also need to be reasonably thick to prevent it from breaking. Maybe 1.5cm.

These support columns are what will be supporting the glass balcony. They will be made of hollow steel tubing. They will be placed at regular intervals of maximum 2m.



+ ART CAN BE PLACED ON BOTH SIDES ON THE WALLS. Also the large space in the middle allow for tall and wide statues to be exhibited inside the building.