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The glass façade is entwined by lentiform shapes, welcoming the roughly 1,000 students of the high school on Contiweg. The new school was designed as a two-building construction with a horizontal emphasis. The school library sits above the glass three-storey atrium of the foyer like a treehouse. This light-flooded space grants a view of the surroundings through the lentiform openings. The greened insides of the extravagant roof are only visible to the users of the library, like in a hortus conclusus. Bridges in the atrium provide a connection between the two wings of the building. The lentil shapes as a decorative Leitmotiv can be found on the façade and in the interior of the building. They give the school its special profile and provide for an unmistakable identity at a remote location.

