

Skeel Library

Hampstead, NW3

Guide Price £7,500,000

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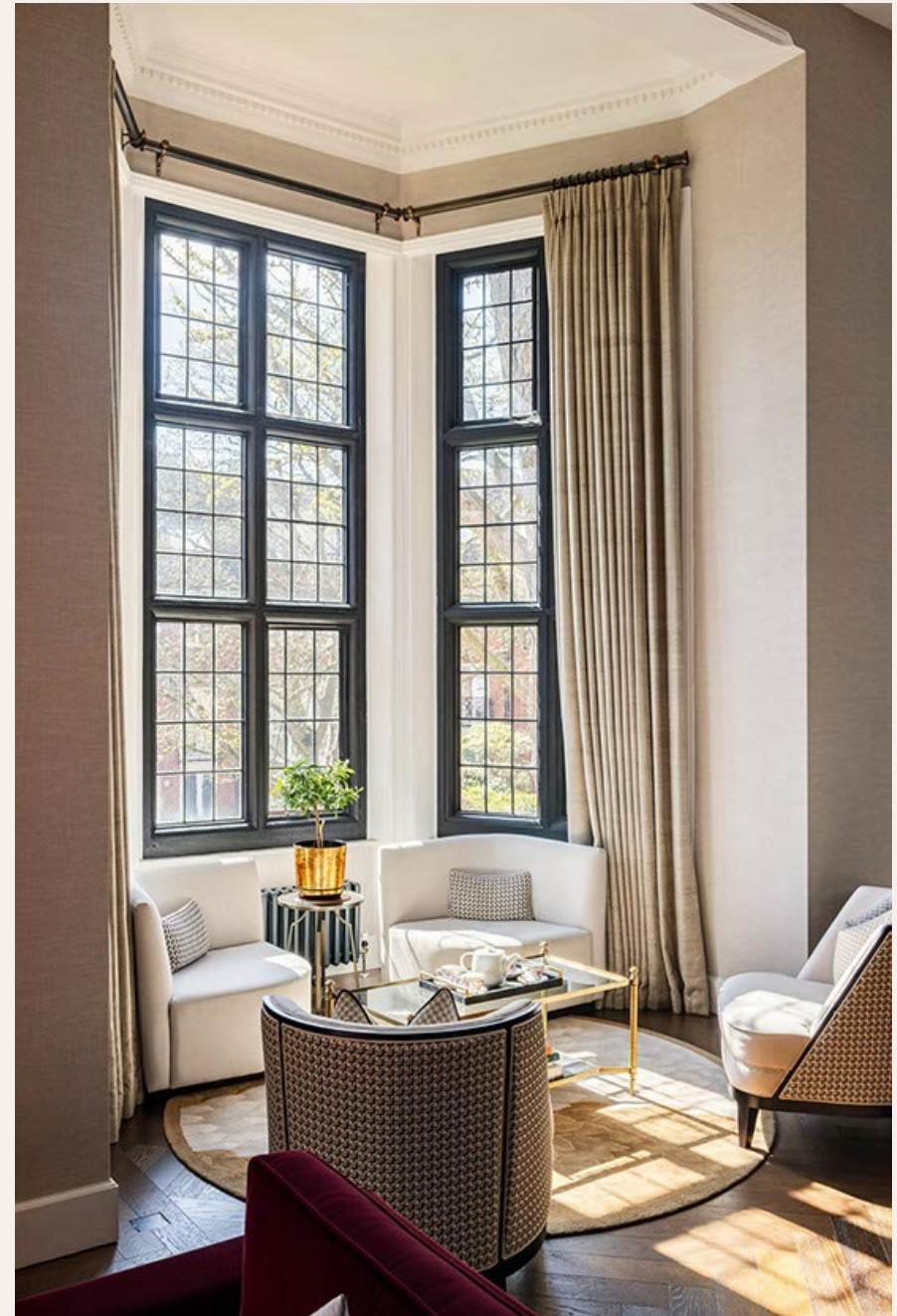


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Skeel Library is an extraordinary five-bedroom residence, meticulously restored from its original purpose as the 1903 library of Westfield College. Set within the leafy Hampstead Manor enclave, this Grade II listed Edwardian Baroque gem merges timeless architectural grandeur with contemporary refinement and has won multiple awards for its exceptional design.

Originally commissioned for Westfield College—one of the earliest educational institutions for female scientists—the building now stands as one of Hampstead's most distinctive homes. The interior combines restored period features like original oak bookshelves and lead-framed windows with modern luxury living essentials.

Skeel Library is one of the signature properties within Hampstead Manor, a landmark development that thoughtfully combines history, community, and elegance.





Hampstead Manor

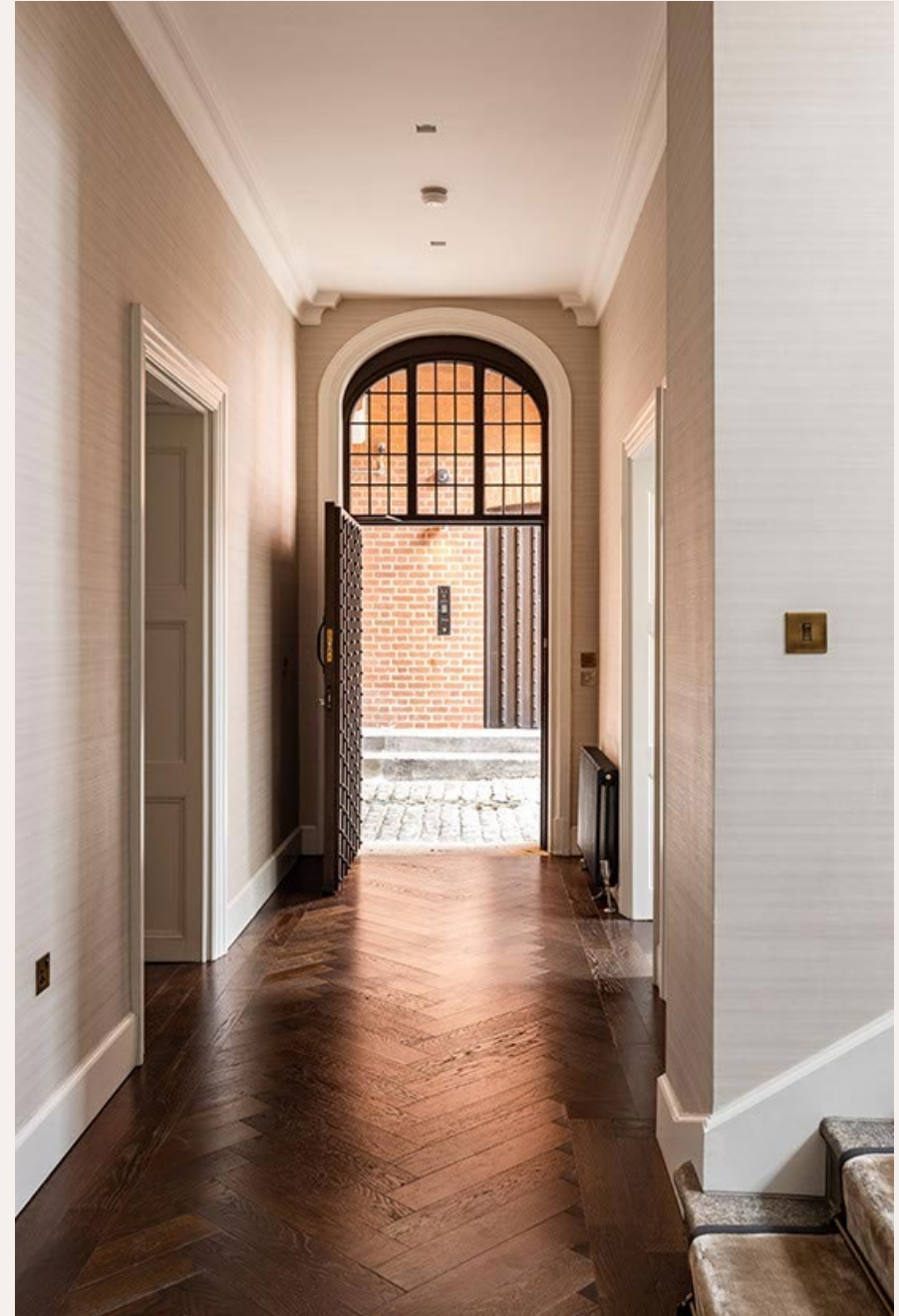
Located just a short stroll from Hampstead Village, Hampstead Manor occupies an iconic site rooted in academic and architectural history. At the heart of the development is Kidderpore Hall, built in 1843, and now surrounded by 156 high-quality homes, including newly built residences and converted heritage buildings like Skeel Library.

Skeel Library stands as the crown jewel of Hampstead Manor, the most historically significant and architecturally distinguished residence within the development. Its unique character, provenance, and meticulous restoration make it the pinnacle of the estate.

This development is designed as a landscaped retreat with ancient trees, pathways, and shared gardens. The buildings tell a story of their own—from the college chapel to converted halls and the library—creating a harmonious mix of classic and contemporary living.

Key Features

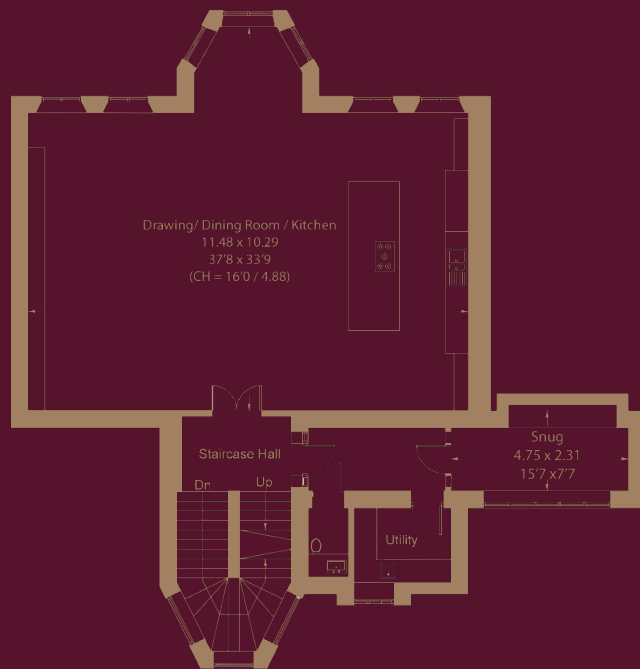
- 5,010 sq ft Grade II listed Edwardian Baroque home, immaculately redeveloped in 2020 by Mount Anvil, with award-winning interiors and design led by Bowler James Brindley
- Four spacious bedrooms, each with en-suite
- 4.9m ceilings, soaring bay windows, restored Crittall and corning, bespoke Murano chandeliers, and mezzanine gantry in the kitchen/living area
- Access to neighbouring luxury wellness amenities including a 14m pool, sauna, steam room, gym, and spa; plus 24-hour concierge and communal gardens
- Comes with two private underground parking spaces
- Builders warranty up until 2030 (10 years from manufacture)



Living Area

Embracing the Edwardian architecture and preserving the property's heritage, the design team has seamlessly incorporated a blend of classic greens and rich berry tones throughout the home. The expansive main library is divided into distinct living zones, featuring a grand ten-seater dining table as a central statement piece, complemented by sumptuous velvet seating arranged in front of bespoke bookshelves. These bookshelves, thoughtfully styled with eye-catching accessories, also double as a clever space for the television. Surrounded by carefully restored floor to ceiling Crittall windows, the living area benefits from an abundance of natural light, highlighting the library's original mezzanine floor and enhancing the space's inviting atmosphere.

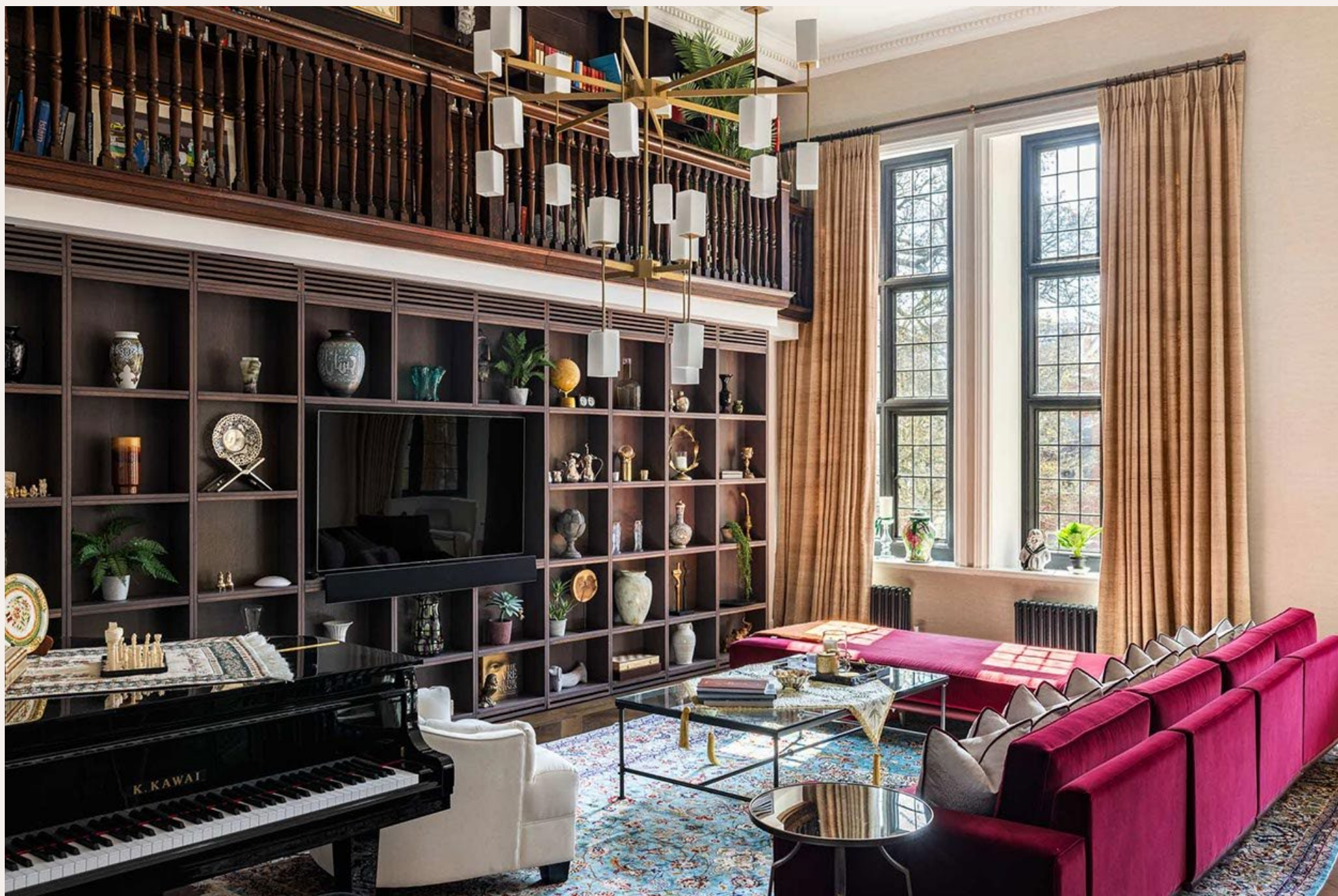
First Floor = 146.9 sq m / 1581 sq ft



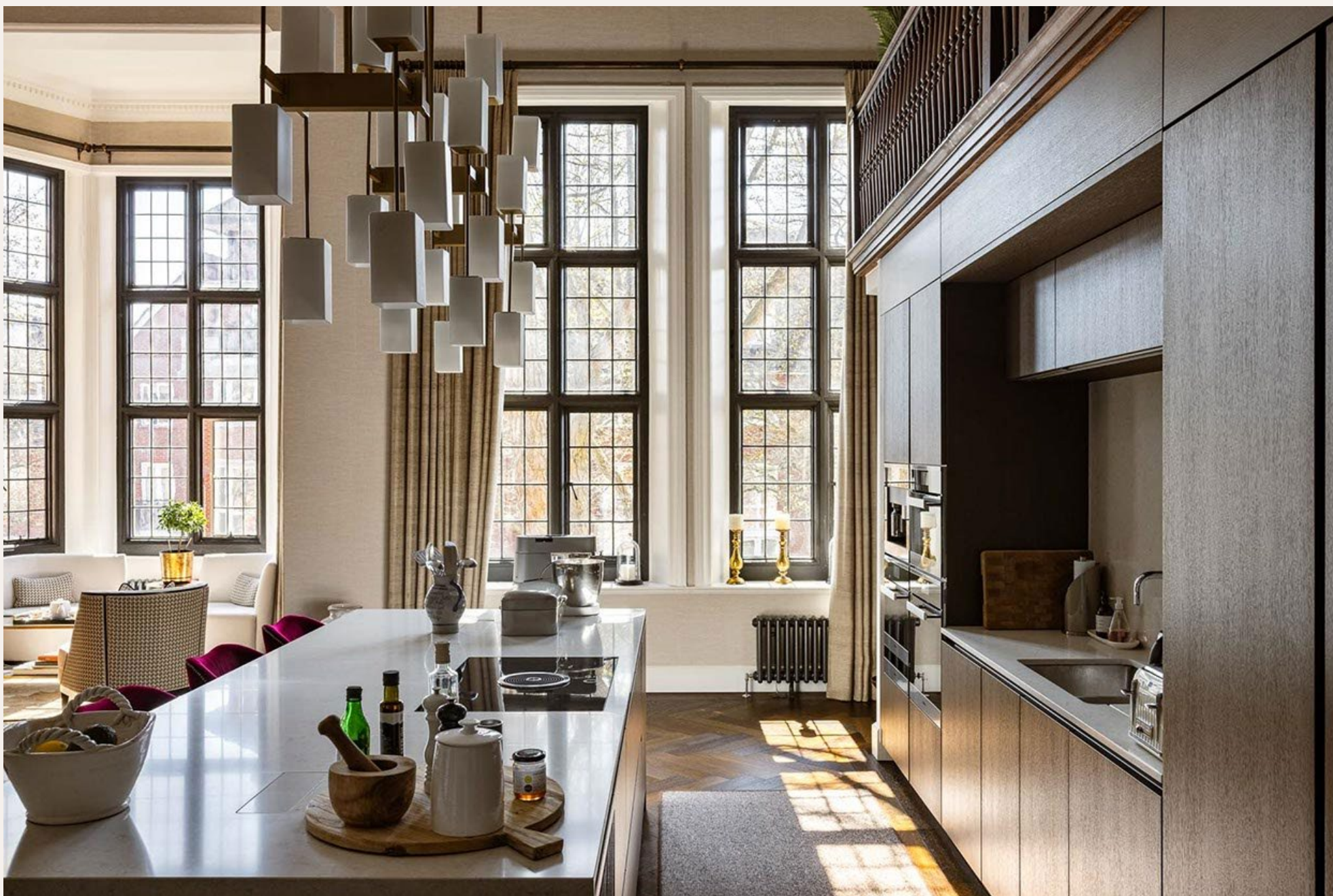
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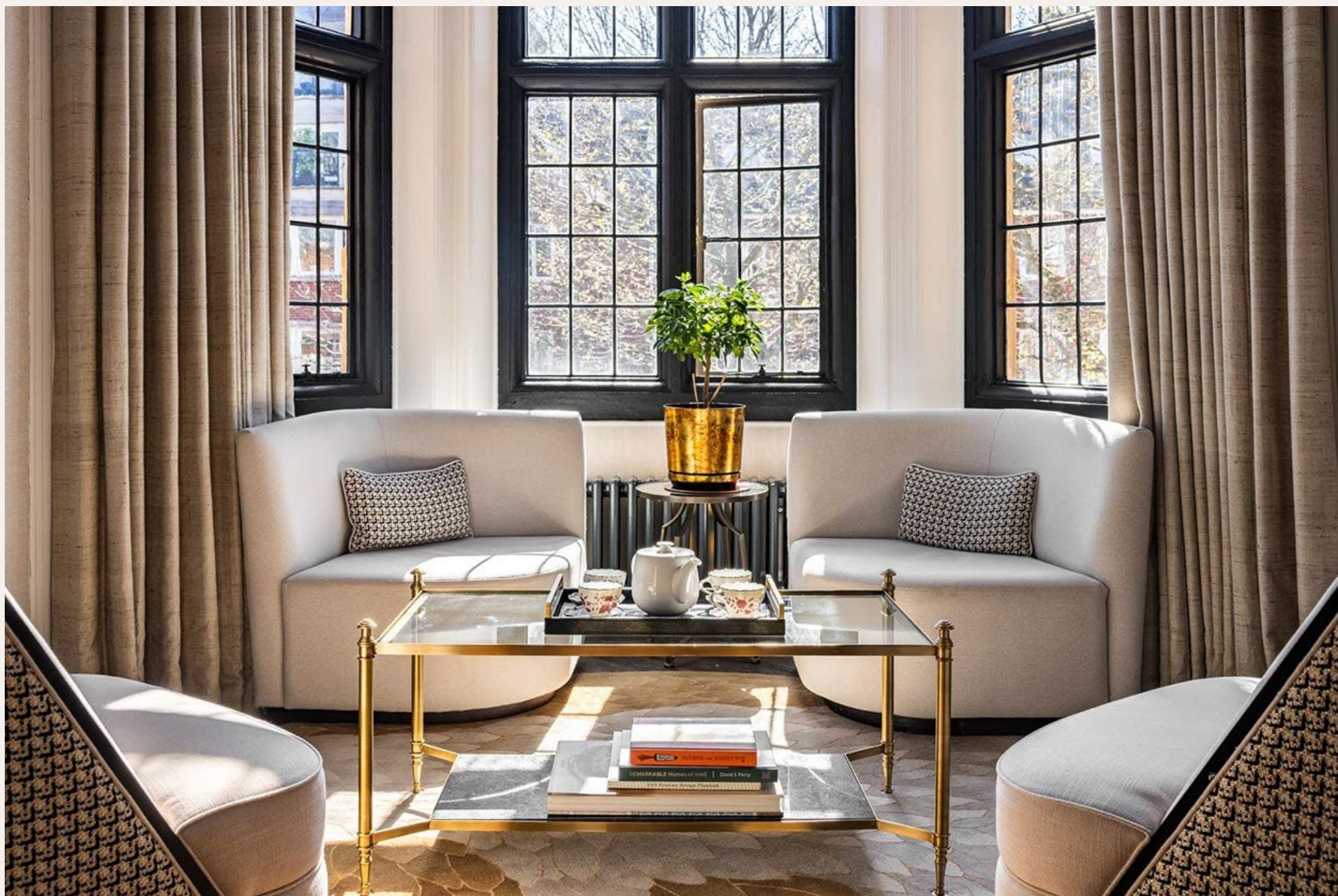








The contemporary kitchen features dark-stained veneer cabinetry with a handle-less design, complemented by composite stone surfaces and a full-height splashback. Integrated Miele appliances ensure the space is equipped for every culinary need.





All original coricing features along the ceiling edges, bookshelves and handrails have been gently stripped back and painstakingly restored, adding further elegance to the room.

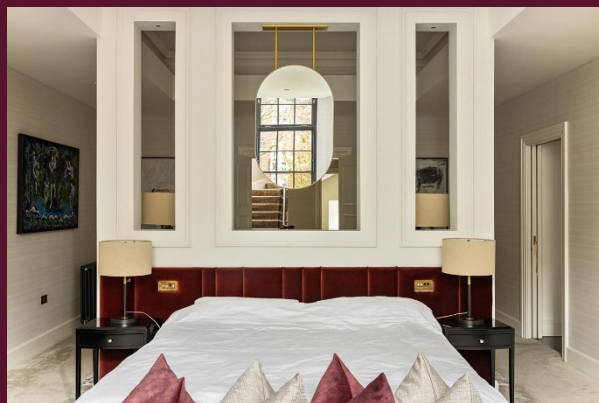
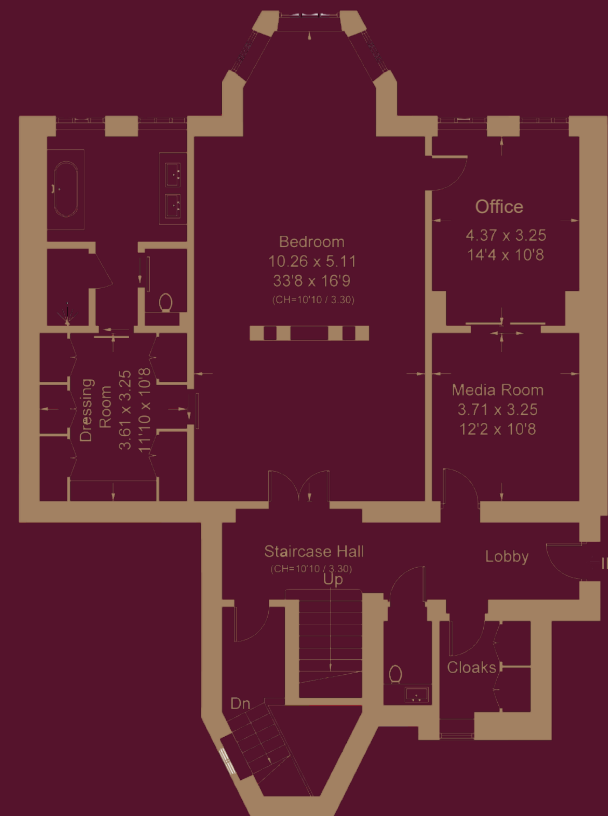


In contrast to the lively main living area designed for entertaining, the Reading Room offers a serene retreat, thoughtfully integrated into the home for moments of quiet relaxation. Alysha describes it as "the calm from the storm, a sanctuary where perhaps grandparents might retreat during large gatherings." Drawing inspiration from *The Secret Garden*, the room is adorned with exquisite wallpaper framed by detailed panelling on one side, and a natural alcove featuring a bespoke shelving unit on the other. Warm orange tones are introduced to subtly brighten the space, enhancing its peaceful ambiance.

Principal Suite

The principal bedroom is a grand ground-floor suite, thoughtfully reimaged to offer both comfort and privacy. Originally a vast open space, it has been elegantly divided with a feature wall encasing a mirror, subtly separating the sleeping area from the rest of the room. This clever layout creates distinct zones for reading, relaxing, and resting, while maintaining an open and spacious feel.

The bed is positioned to face the room's striking original window, and the bespoke panelled wall echoes the architectural character of the former library. The suite also includes a dedicated office, media lounge, and dressing room, creating a refined, presidential-style retreat. Fine beading and panel detailing tie the rooms together with elegance and cohesion.









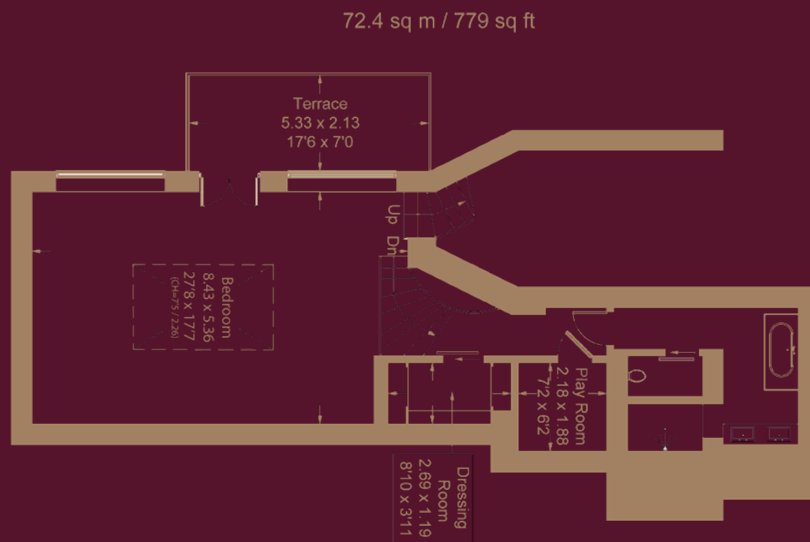
The principal suite features an elegant bathroom adorned with Arabescato marble, complemented by a bespoke double basin and champagne-coloured tapware. A dark-stained timber walk-in wardrobe and dressing room complete this luxurious space.



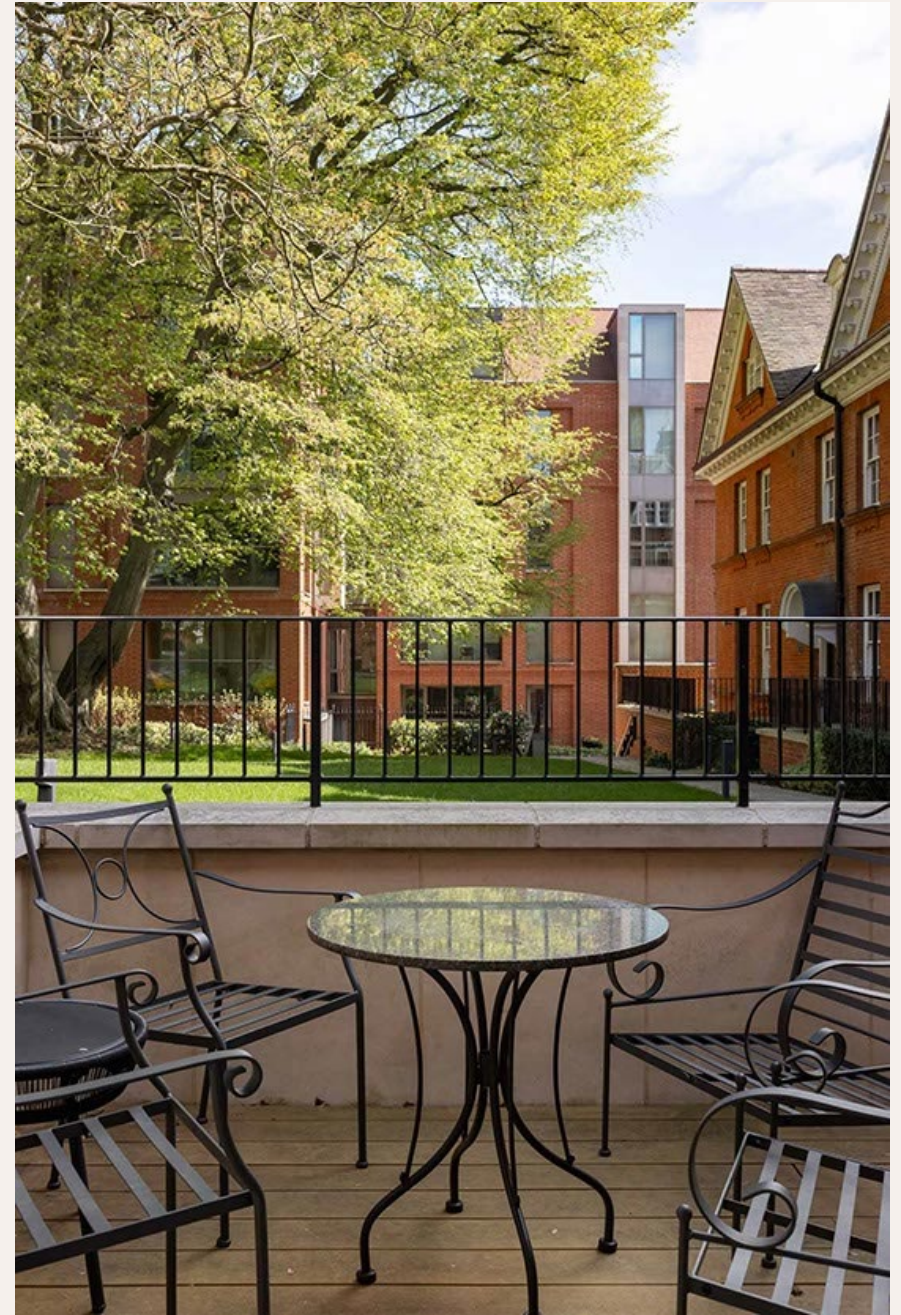
Guest Suite

Situated on the lower ground floor, the second bedroom has been styled as an impressive guest suite, ideal for visitors seeking privacy and comfort. A refined palette of rich green, duck egg blue, and soft neutrals offers a calm contrast to the warmer tones of the principal bedroom. The room includes its own seating area and opens directly onto a private outdoor terrace, enhancing its hotel-like atmosphere and providing a secluded space for relaxation.

Accessed through an original archway, the en-suite bathroom adds to the suite's luxurious feel, featuring dual basins, a bespoke mirror, and a floor-to-ceiling marble shower enclosure that creates a serene, spa-like ambience. Thoughtfully designed, this self-contained retreat offers guests both elegance and tranquillity.



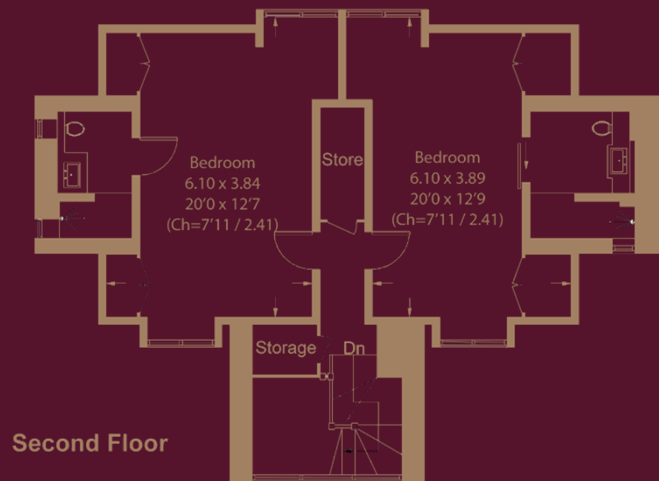




Additional Bedrooms

The third and fourth bedrooms are beautifully appointed, each featuring elegant silk-effect carpeting. Both bedrooms are equipped with built-in wardrobes for ample storage, ensuring a clean, streamlined aesthetic. The room is further enhanced with a black silk marble border around the carpet and champagne-finished floor trim, adding a touch of refinement. The secondary bedroom also benefits from timber veneer wardrobes, featuring concealed lighting, a hanging rail, and a shoe rack, along with a hat shelf, offering both style and practicality.

Second Floor = 72.6 sq m / 782 sq ft













Gym and Spa

Luxury wellness facilities located in Willoughby, a neighbouring building just a one-minute stroll from the Skeel Library's front door:

- 14m swimming pool
- Sauna & hammam
- Spa & experience shower
- Fully equipped gym (cardio, weights, punch bags, and more)



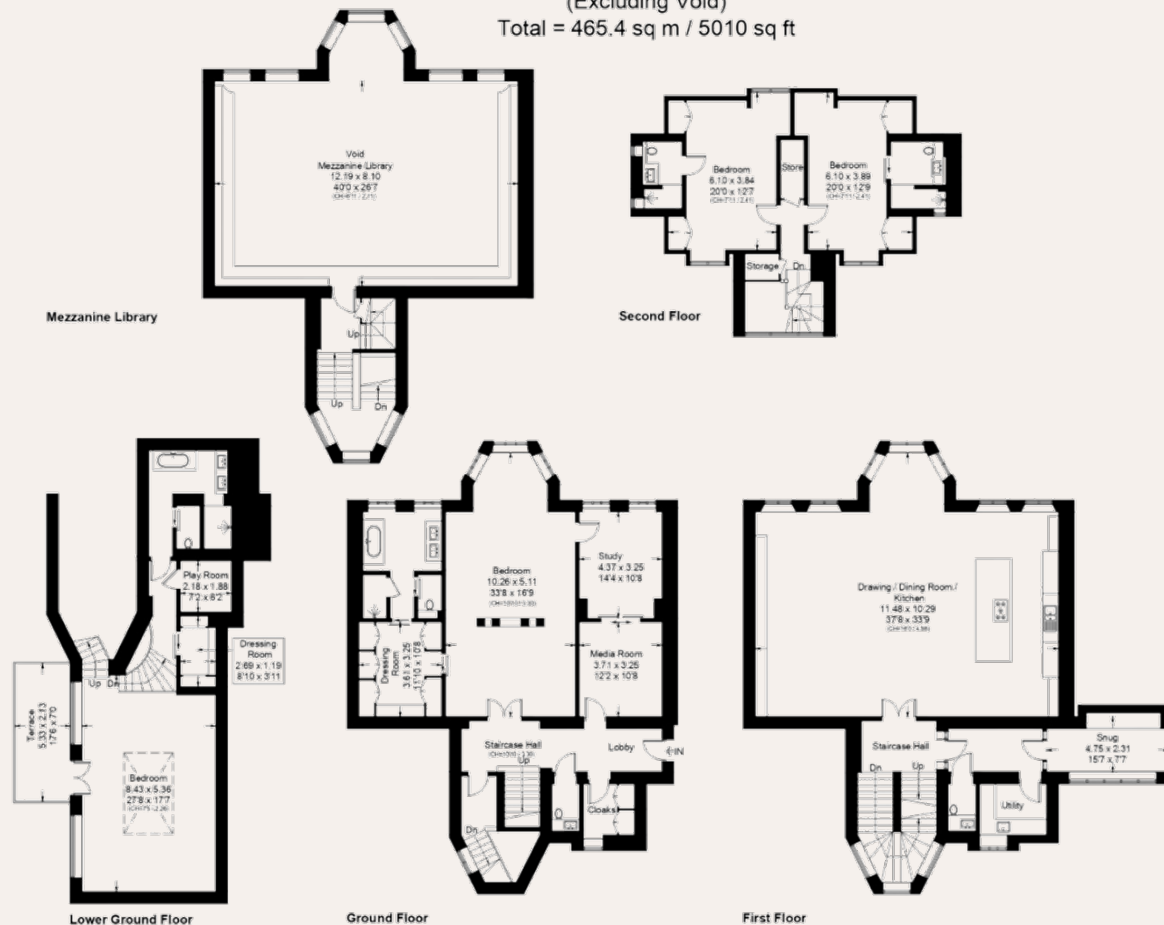
Floor Plans

Kidderpore Avenue, NW3

Approximate Gross Internal Area = 428.2 sq m / 4609 sq ft

Mezzanine Library = 37.2 sq m / 401 sq ft
(Excluding Void)

Total = 465.4 sq m / 5010 sq ft



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Location & Other

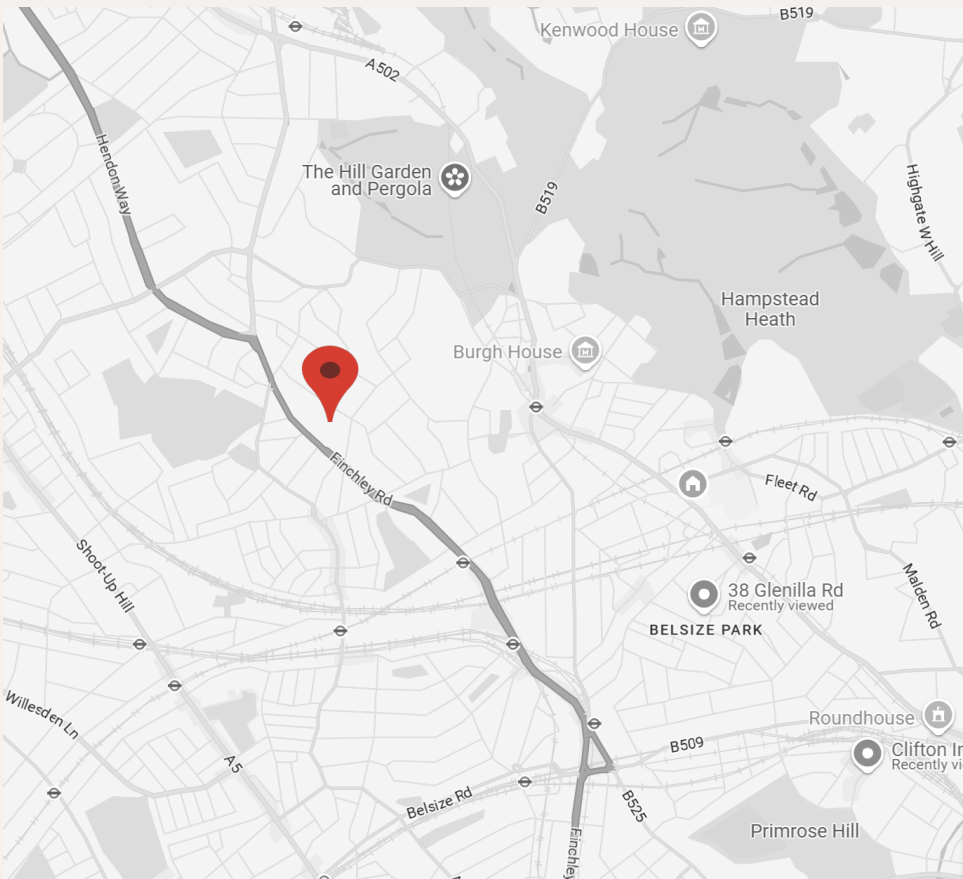
Nestled in one of London's most sought-after neighbourhoods, this property enjoys the charm and character of Hampstead. Known for its village atmosphere, Hampstead is a hub of intellectual and artistic heritage, offering a blend of history, culture, and green space. The area's rich history and picturesque streets make it one of the most desirable places to live in London.

Residents of Hampstead are fortunate to be within walking distance of Hampstead Heath, a vast 800-acre expanse of woodlands, ponds, and scenic walking trails, providing a peaceful escape from the city's hustle and bustle. The area is also home to historic landmarks such as Kenwood House and the Open Air Theatre, perfect for those who appreciate culture and nature. The Burgh House & Hampstead Museum offers further insight into the area's past, while locals and visitors can enjoy dining at popular spots like The Wet Fish Café, a 1930s-style brasserie, or The Holly Bush, a historic Grade II listed pub.

Hampstead's vibrant community also boasts the Hampstead Theatre, as well as independent shops like The Hampstead Butcher and cafés such as Ginger & White, making it an ideal place for socialising and leisurely exploration.

For commuters, Hampstead benefits from excellent transport links, including Hampstead Underground Station, Finchley Road, and West Hampstead Thameslink, offering easy access to the West End, The City, and major airports.

- Tenure:** Leasehold, with approximately 990 years remaining
- Local Council & Council Tax** Camden, H (£4,213 p/yr)
- Service Charge:** ~£52,000 per annum
- Parking:** 2 private underground spaces



Score	Energy rating	Current	Potential
92+	A		
81-91	B	81 B	85 B
69-80	C		
55-68	D		
39-54	E		
21-38	F		
1-20	G		



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