

THE MODERN HOUSE



*Kent
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Faversham

This wonderful, double-fronted Grade II listed Georgian house has beside it, attached via a glazed atrium, a vast 20th century gymnasium in largely original condition. Internal space totals over 5,500 sq ft.

It can be found on a residential street in the town centre of Faversham, a fantastic Kent market town, just five minutes walk from the train station which runs direct services to London Victoria, Cannon Street and St. Pancras in approximately 70 minutes.

The house has been lovingly restored by the current owner in recent years. It dates back to around 1790 and was Grade II listed in 1950, with Historic England particularly admiring the wonderful doorway with its Doric columns and elegant fanlight as well as the pretty dentilled eaves cornice that runs around the crown of the building.

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As is typical with the finest Georgian residences, it features a series of well-proportioned spaces symmetrically arranged. The ground floor has a grand double-height entrance hall at its heart with two rooms, a living room and dining room, on either side and a kitchen and study / 4th bedroom at the rear.

Up the impressive stairway are three bedrooms (one with en suite bathroom) and a large family bathroom. There is the mechanism in place for a service elevator between the two floors which is currently not used by the present owner. An extensive cellar provides excellent storage space.



The link between the original house and former gymnasium is provided by a room with a glazed roof that the current owner uses as a study and breakfast room. It is arranged as a semi open-plan space adjoining the kitchen and is also accessed via the hall. A utility room and WC can also be found in this area.

The former gymnasium is an impressive and voluminous space which still retains many original features (not least a basketball hoop). The exposed structural beams and industrial lighting, and the sheer scale of the room, make it space that is very rarely seen as part of a domestic property. The current owner has installed a mezzanine work space which could be removed or retained (subject to inspection by a Buildings Regulations inspector). The space is currently used as an art studio and storage area but is, of course, suitable for a wide variety of uses. Planning permission has also been granted to separate the former gymnasium into a separate property from the main house if desired. Much of the renovation and refurbishment carried out has been done in collaboration with Vita Architecture, a young and ambitious practice who have won numerous design awards.

There is a walled garden to the rear of the property and further outside space running around the buildings. There is off-street space for the parking of numerous cars at the front of the house.



*South-East England
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Faversham is one of the South East's most distinguished market towns. It boasts nearly 500 listed buildings (including what The Guardian has described as "the best-preserved medieval street in the country" in Abbey Street) and has a rich history dating back to mediaeval times. The market that still runs today has been held in the town for over 900 years. It is also well known as a centre for brewing with Shepherd Neame, established in the 17th century, still operating on a significant scale from Faversham. It benefits from having the beautiful Kent Downs on the doorstep and the coast not too far away. Seasalter (home of the famous Sportsman pub) and Whitstable can be reached on foot via the Crab & Winkle Way in an afternoon or morning's walk.

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South Road is a five minute walk to the train station which runs direct services to London Victoria, Cannon Street and St. Pancras in approximately 70 minutes. Faversham has a broad range of services (including a popular independent cinema, The Royal) and schools (including Queen Elizabeth's Grammar) with further services available in the nearby cathedral city of Canterbury.



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