THE MODERN HOUSE



Westerham, Kent Sold

High Street

This three-bedroom Georgian home is situated on a north-south orientated plot in Westerham, Kent. Originally constructed around 1760, it has recently been extensively refurbished and modernised by the current owners, with internal space extending over 1,700 sq ft and unfolding across two storeys. There is a substantial rear garden and the home is set on the edge of Squerryes Park and an adjoining forest. The house is within walking distance of Westerham town centre.

The Tour

Entrance is through a door that opens into a brilliantly bright hallway with a glazed roof and checkerboard flooring. A cloakroom lies off the hall, which leads to the lateral living spaces. The principal reception room sits at the front of the plan. It makes use of a serene blue palette and has a striking arts and crafts fireplace at its centre. A glass section of wall links the reception with a central living space; this has a wood-burning stove and is currently used as a nursery.

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To the rear is a large open-plan kitchen/dining room, which is bathed in light by a roof light and opens directly onto the terraced garden. A contrasting palette of terracotta and petrol blue makes for a warm space, while a large island and high-quality appliances allow for effortless culinary activities. All ground floor spaces are tremendously voluminous, with generous ceilings heights extending up to 2.6 metres in the kitchen.

The original staircase leads from the central hall to the first-floor landing, where a large window ensures excellent levels of natural light. The main bedroom lies at the front of the plan; finished in a calm yellow, it has large windows facing south and east, plus an en suite bathroom. Two further bedrooms lie to the opposite side of the landing, both of which are finished with period wooden panelling that has been given a contemporary flavour through brilliant use of colour. A family bathroom lies to the rear of the plan and overlooks the garden. There is also a large airing cupboard.

Outdoor Space

The landscaped garden has been thoughtfully terraced to create a series of sections with different characters. A patio area for alfresco dining lies at the top, while a lower section of lawn and mature planting occupies the centre. The bottom terrace returns to a patioed surface. The garden occupies a secluded position and is bounded by a mix of mature trees and shrubs.

The Area

Close to the River Darent, the house overlooks fields and parkland beyond. Westerham town centre is within easy walking distance and is home to a selection of independent and national retailers, plus several pubs and eateries. The area is well-served by schools, both public and private, including Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Holmwood House, The Mead and Mayfield. Sevenoaks is a 15-minute drive along the A25, offering a wide range of restaurants, theatres, coffee shops and supermarkets.

The area is steeped in history, with Chartwell – an area on the periphery of the village – the home of Winston Churchill for over 40 years. A few doors down from the house is the former home of Pitt the Younger.

Trains from Sevenoaks to London Bridge take as little as 25 minutes. Oxted is a seven-minute journey by car, where trains run frequently to London Victoria in 40 minutes.

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