

Bell House

27 COLLEGE ROAD
DULWICH VILLAGE SE21



*A magnificent and historic
Grade II* and Grade II Listed
family home with separate lodge
set in grounds of just under two
acres, yet only some five miles
from Westminster.*



‘One of the largest family houses in Dulwich.’

Originally built in 1767 for a former Lord Mayor of London as a Georgian country villa, and named after its architecturally noteworthy bell tower, Bell House is an extremely rare and beautiful property that has been a family house for over 20 years, and before that belonged to Dulwich College.

The property is on College Road, which is a continuation of Dulwich Village, and is close to both Dulwich College and the world famous Dulwich Picture Gallery. The house offers extensive accommodation, with a gross internal area of 959.38 sq m (10,327 sq ft). Bell House Lodge (Grade II Listed) provides a further 161.83 sq m (1,742 sq ft), including two garages.

Set back from the road behind a London stock brick built forecourt wall (Grade II Listed) and with a large carriage drive, the façade features a stunning Venetian window with octagonal panes above the centrally positioned front door, which opens onto an imposing reception entrance hall. Equally impressive is the first floor landing with the same window looking to the front.

The accommodation on the ground floor in the main house (Grade II* Listed) comprises a large drawing room with full length windows overlooking the garden at the rear, a sitting room, study and formal

dining room to the front, office, library and a large kitchen/breakfast room with a square bay also overlooking and opening onto the garden at the rear. Ancillary ground floor accommodation includes a large laundry/utility room, bathroom, butler’s pantry, cloakroom and separate WC.

The upper floors are currently arranged with nine bedrooms and five bathrooms, two of which are en suite, and two large play/games rooms.

Below the original house, the cellar provides extensive storage space, including a large, binned wine cellar.

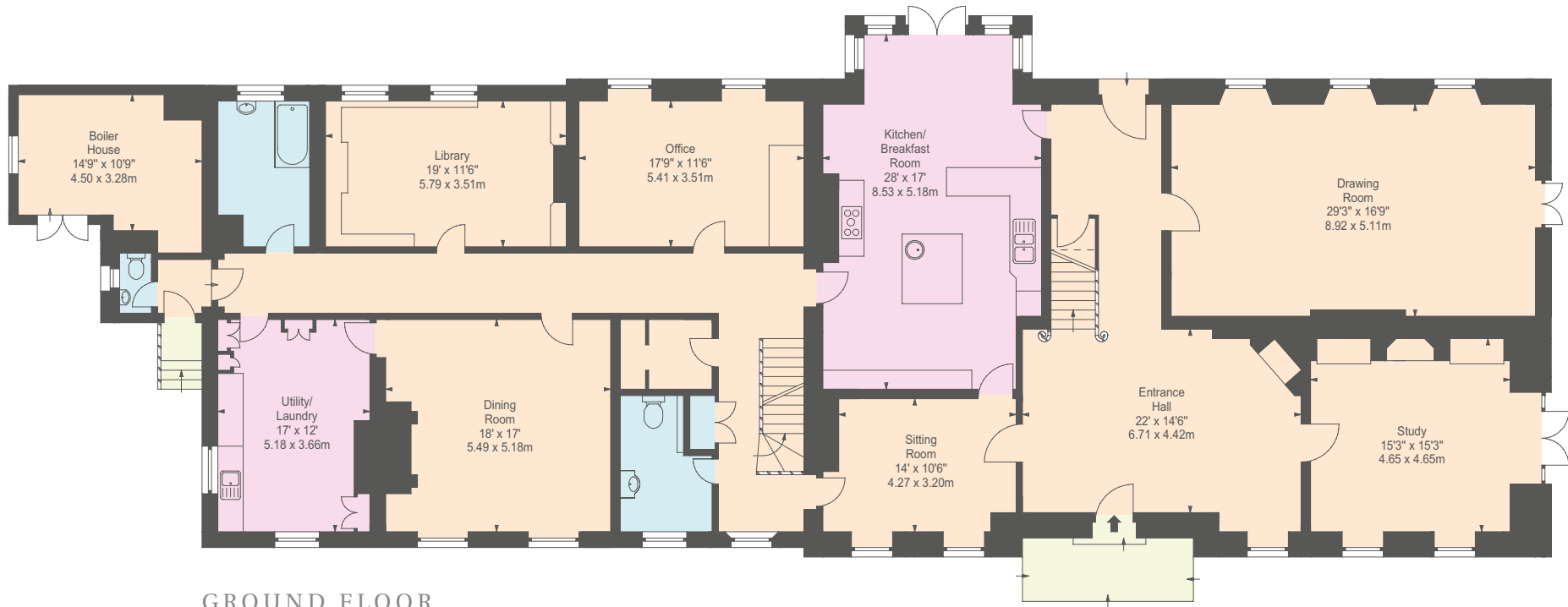
The rear gardens are separated by a wall creating two distinct areas. The larger of the two is landscaped and exceptionally well stocked with deep beds and many mature shrubs and trees, to provide excellent natural screening. The smaller of the gardens is largely laid to lawn and provides an ideal play area.

This is one of the largest family houses in Dulwich and is particularly well located for all the amenities of the area, which include Dulwich College, James Allen’s Girls School and Alleyn’s School. The nearest stations are North Dulwich (London Bridge) and West Dulwich (Victoria, Blackfriars).





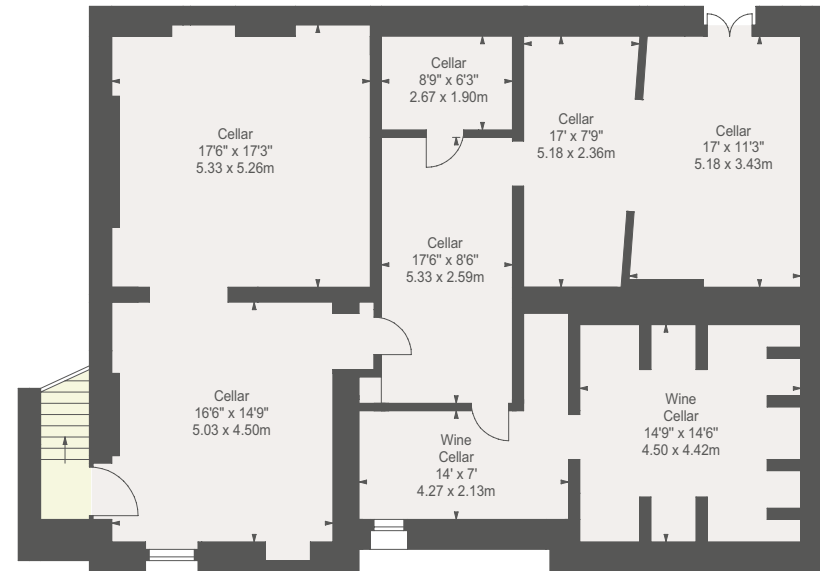




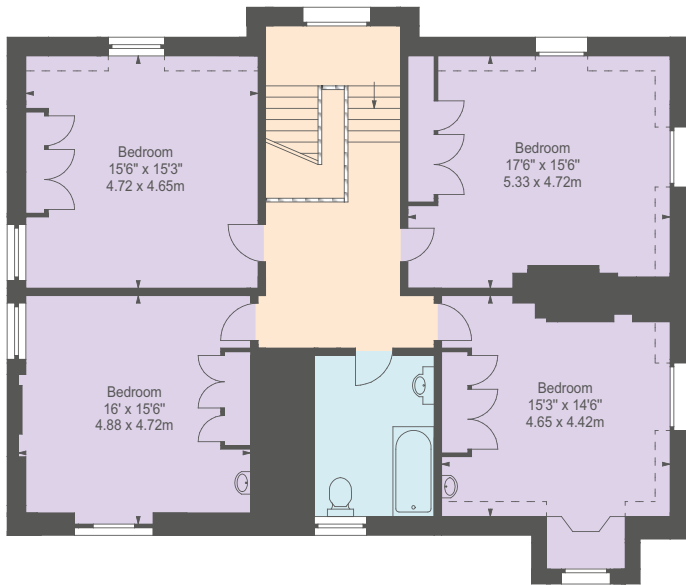
BELL HOUSE

APPROXIMATE GROSS
INTERNAL AREA
959.38 SQ M (10,327 SQ FT)
(INCLUDING BOILER HOUSE)

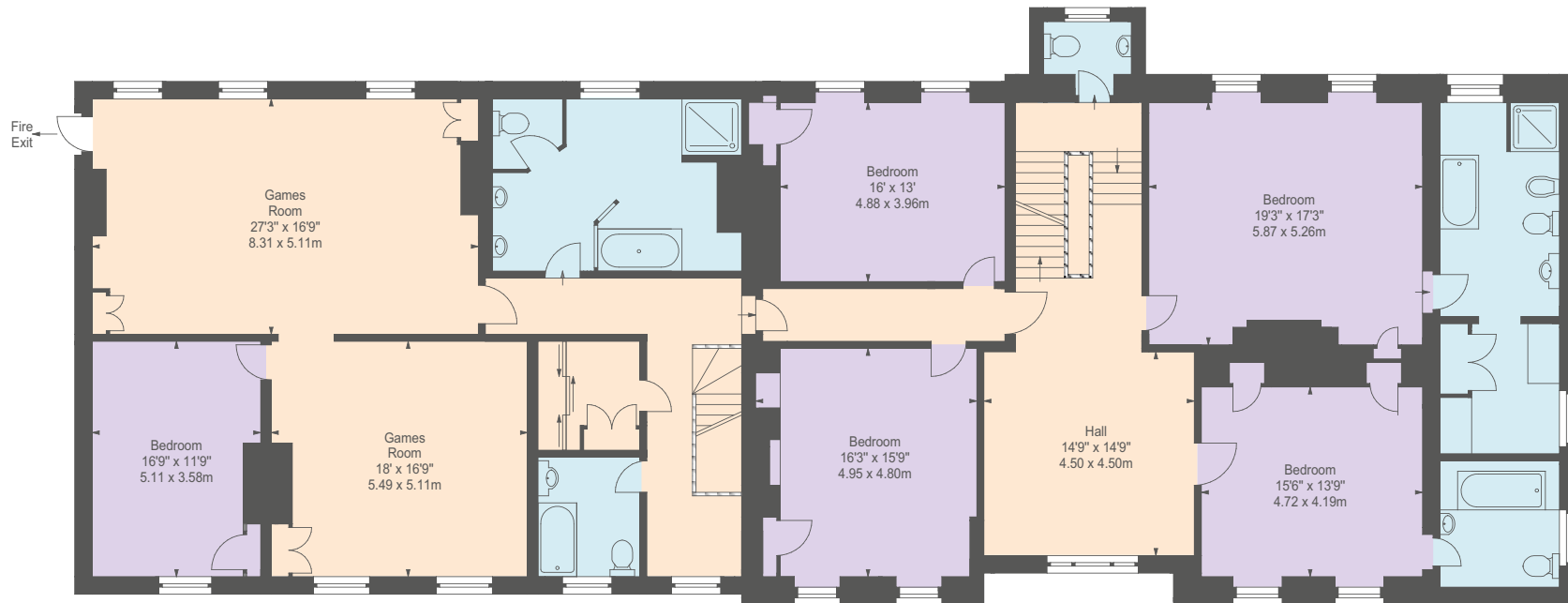
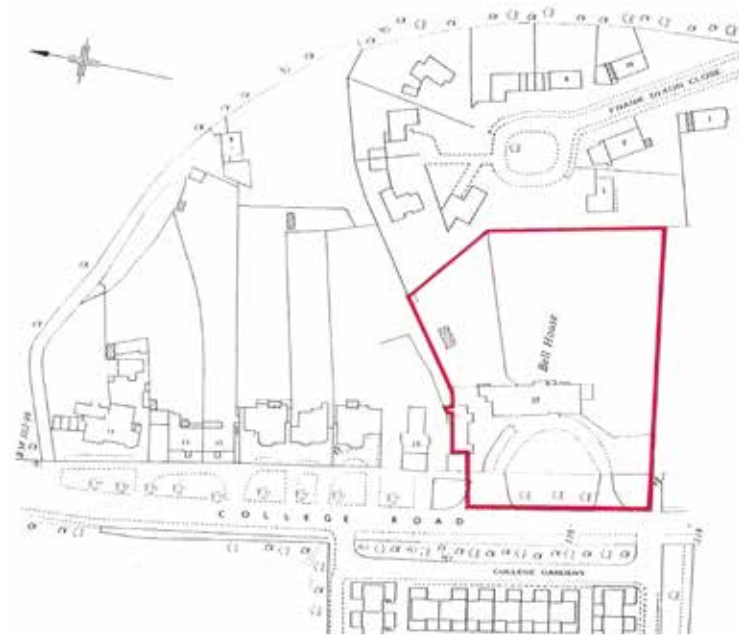
THE MAIN HOUSE IS
GRADE II* LISTED



BASEMENT



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

Further Heritage

Bell House was built in 1767 for Thomas Wright. At the time, Dulwich was a smallish Surrey village and favoured as a nearby country retreat by city merchants.

Thomas Wright was a successful member of the Stationers' company, and became an Alderman for the Ward of Candlewick in 1777, Sheriff of the City of London in 1779 and in 1785 became Lord Mayor. He lived in Dulwich at Bell house until his death in 1798.

The house was substantially extended to provide servants quarters in 1833 with further extensions believed to have been added in the 1870's and after the First World War.

The Lodge may have been designed by, and is certainly in the style of, George Tappen the Dulwich College architect and surveyor, who was active on the Dulwich Estate from 1804, so this could have been a later addition.

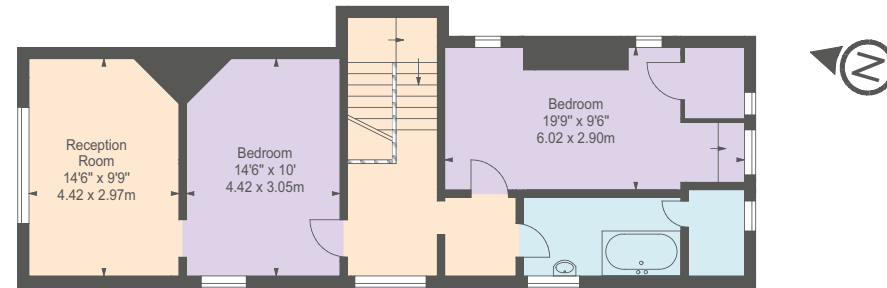
The house stayed in private hands until 1926 when Dulwich College took the house over and it became the official residence of the Master. It was latterly a boarding house until sold to the present owner by the Dulwich Estate in 1993.

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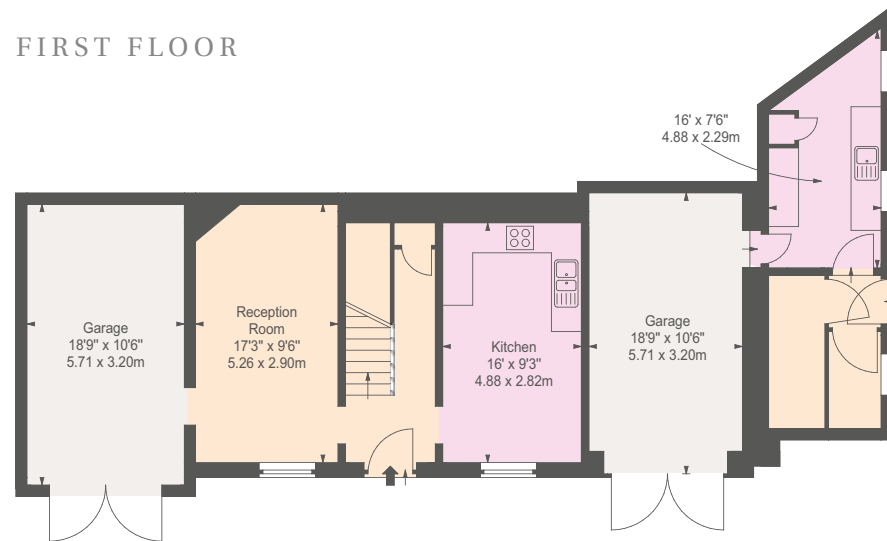
BELL HOUSE LODGE

APPROXIMATE GROSS INTERNAL AREA
161.83 SQ M (1,742 SQ FT)
(INCLUDING GARAGES)

BELL HOUSE LODGE AND ATTACHED
WALLING IS GRADE II LISTED



FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



TERMS

Tenure: Freehold

Guide Price: Upon Application

Local Authority: London Borough of Southwark and the property is subject to the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management



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