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(north side)

Academy Fitness Centre
(formerly St. Monica's
School)

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Former school, now fitness centre, c.1865-70 as part of the Augustinian Fathers' Mission centre in Hoxton. Stock brick with red brick bands and some stone dressings; flat roof set behind railings originally serving as playground. Square plan with three storeys, one each for boys (who have their own entrance), girls and infants. Central composition divided in half by projecting buttress ending in black brick cross and surmounted by a narrow gable hoisted between the piers of the rooftop railings. Each half a symmetrical composition with central, tall two-light casement windows flanked by single, tall casements, all with round heads; those to lower floors with gauged brickwork over, those to second floor with rendered tympanums over the larger windows. Projecting cast-iron downpipes with hopper heads at ends of composition balance the central buttress. Entrance doors under porches supported on heavy timber consoles.