

VICTORIA PARK ROAD E9

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(North Side)

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Cardinal Pole School Annexe

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1865 by R L Roumieu as hospital for the French Protestant community in England. Building of Gothic feeling (although only the chapel is of full Gothic style) in red brick with blue diaper and stone dressings. High pitched slated roof with central bellcote and swept pyramidal or conical roofs to projecting tower bays which vary the front plane. In centre tower entrance with pointed stone hood and 4 orders of nook shifts. Set back chapel at right and library bay at left, with returned gable. Stone mullioned and transomed windows, those on upper floor in gables breaking eaves. 2 storeys and full height basement, 11 bays in all, plus chapel. Inside the lobby, hall and staircases of exposed red or yellow brick whose polychrome decoration includes gauged banded pointed arches and patterned tympania of coloured brick and glazed tile. Central double staircase rises through wide well with roof light and continuous glazing below eaves. Staircase and 1st floor corridor have cast iron balustrades with ornamental panels, and glazed corridor roof rests on wood brackets with patterned cast iron spandrels. Chapel, at east end, of 3 bays with 3-bay apse. Elaborate carved stone corbels support timber roof ridge. Window tracery of C14 French style. Library at west end (the former Court Room of the Hospital) has handsome north and south fireplaces with 4-centred arches and marble shafts supporting tall coved soffits of hipped hoods moulded to resemble tiling. The soffits have interlaced relief ornament with beasts; and central glazed medallions representing Virtues .