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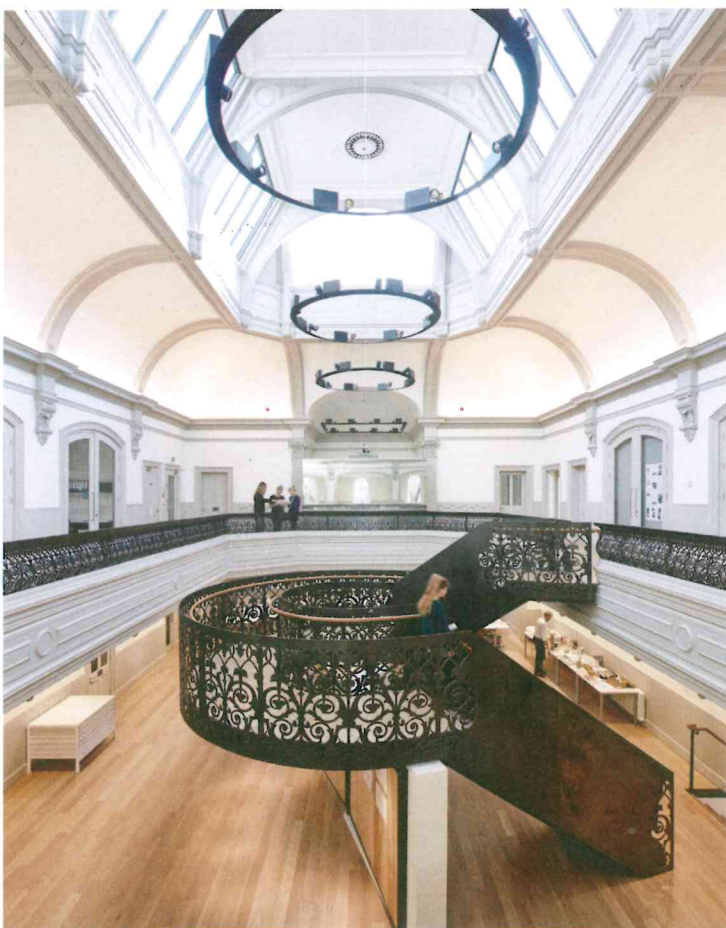
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The new Norwich University of the Arts School of Architecture is a refurbishment of a Grade II listed building in Norwich city centre. A £3.5 million programme of refurbishment and remodelling by Hudson Architects now offers a new home for NUA's expanding architecture programme, as well as state of the art facilities for the University's media faculty.

The listed building has been celebrated and preserved wherever possible. Externally, the Neoclassical facades are largely untouched, while internal features such as Boardman's original staircase - now suspended above the entranceway - provide a reminder of the building's history. The main entrance has been reconfigured as a double height central atrium encircled by a gallery, which acts as a focus for the internal arrangement. This space opens up to the vaulted ceiling, where replaced rooflights flood the area beneath with daylight.

A new sculptural staircase pierces the balustrade and connects the School of Architecture's two floors. Education and office spaces are arranged around the perimeter of each floor, with a range of open spaces and individual rooms providing flexibility for a range of uses.



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