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CAMDEN TQ2982SW FITZROY SQUARE [798-1/93/1893](#) No.41 06/03/96 Indian YMCA GV II YMCA Indian Students Union and hostel. 1952 with 1960s addition to Grafton Street. By Ralph Tubbs. Reinforced concrete; red brick; Portlands stone cladding. Roof mostly flat, but with curved feature at the corner. EXTERIOR: 5 main storeys, plus roof features and basement. 7 bays. Red brick walling above ground floor level, which is glazed with expressed circular pilotis. First floor has continuous band of windows, broken by 2 projecting screen walls towards the centre and by a recessed balcony of one bay. Metal-framed windows. 2 storeys above with individually expressed square windows, and level above with recessed paired windows behind expressed concrete box-like framing. Roof with 2 irregular, projecting pavilions to warden's flat and rectangular prayer room with semi-domical roof. Later return block linked by means of a recessed glazed link, with a flush brick wall containing entrance at ground floor level. Elevation in similar idiom, in brick, with slightly projecting individual windows and larger first-floor recessed windows, above a slightly recessed ground floor. INTERIOR: multi-storey entrance foyer to west end of the original block, leading to spacious multi-level staircase, set out on the diagonal, and pivoting visually on a single circular piloti, which rises the full height of the staircase into a curved canopy. The basement contains the galleried Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hall; dining room at ground floor level with mezzanine and lounges and reading areas at first floor level; individual study bedrooms above. On the roof is the warden's flat and a prayer room. A well-designed early post-war building with adventurous internal spaces. (Dannatt T: Modern Architecture in Britain: 1959-).



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