



## RUPERT STANLEY COLLEGE TEMPLEMORE AVENUE, BELFAST

The vast majority of educational buildings to have featured as buildings at risk have been located in isolated rural areas, where shifts in population together with rationalisation had led to many closures. This inner-city building presents, however, an altogether different proposition. Built in 1924 as an elementary school, to the designs of W.G. Davies, it is described in its listing record as “a modern two-storey brick building with Classical details in artificial stone, laid out on a quadrangular plan with a central rectangular assembly hall between two courts”. Latterly used as a Higher Education College, it has been vacant for a number of years and has suffered acutely from vandalism. Its importance to the local area is significant, with the MBR listing record of 1994 stating: “This school is of both historic and architectural interest... It is one of the first two schools to be built by the Belfast Education Committee, and was constructed according to the most up-to-date ideas in regard to planning and facilities. It also contributes an important element of architectural distinction to the area in which it stands.” It is understood that discussions between the owners and the Environment and Heritage Service are continuing, which it is hoped will ensure that its future wellbeing can be swiftly secured.

*Refs:*  
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