

SA1190978

Heal & Son Satinwood Inverted Breakfront Pedestal Desk, Late 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1190978****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 74.5 cm (29.3")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Depth = 58 cm (22.8")

Description

Heal & Son Satinwood Inverted Breakfront Pedestal Desk, c.1890 A late Victorian satinwood pedestal desk by Heal & Son, London, dating to around 1890. Gracefully formed in an inverted breakfront outline, the desk is crafted in richly figured satinwood whose warm, honeyed surface has mellowed beautifully with age. Satinwood desks of this period are far less common than their mahogany counterparts, admired for their lighter, more decorative presence and increasingly sought after for refined interiors. The top features a shallow gallery to the rear and softly rounded front corners, set above twin pedestal bases of graduating drawers flanking a generous knee-hole recess. The proportions are balanced and elegant, offering both visual refinement and practical working space. A crisp "HEAL & SON, LONDON" stamp appears to the top drawer, and the drawers retain their original Victorian locks marked with the VR (Victoria Regina) cipher. Together, these details indicate production during the late Victorian period, most likely circa 1885–1895. All drawers run smoothly with a pleasing firmness, and a period key has been adapted to operate the locks correctly. The desk stands on conceal...

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