

FOSTER & GANE

An Arts & Crafts walnut twin pedestal desk by Edward Barnsley
(1900 - 1987)

£9,800



REF: 5703

Height: 75.5 cm (29.7")

Width: 138 cm (54.3")

Depth: 58 cm (22.8")

Description

The rectangular solid black walnut top resting on two banks of three sycamore-lined drawers with carved pull handles on shaped trestle ends.

Stamped 'BARNESLEY' to lower drawer.

England, circa 1960

Edward Barnesley was an important British furniture designer and craftsman, recognised for his role in continuing the traditions of the Arts and Crafts movement into and through the 20th century.

The son of Sidney Barnesley, a key figure in the movement, Edward refined and modernised his father's principles, creating elegant yet functional pieces that showcased exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail. Establishing his workshop in Froxfield, Hampshire, he trained many apprentices, ensuring the survival of fine woodworking skills.

His work, characterised by clean lines, exquisite joinery, and the use of high-quality timbers, is celebrated for its timeless beauty and integrity.

Throughout his career, Barnesley received numerous important commissions, including furniture for institutions such as Winchester College and the Fitzwilliam Museum, cementing his legacy as one of Britain's finest 20th-century furniture makers.