From the building photo to a step-free entrance

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QUESTION

Which building and wing are shown, who designed the wing, when was it completed, and what offices did it house? Name its makerspace and explain its visit and booking options. Which street entrance provides step-free access to the courtyard and other wings?



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CONDENSED TRAJECTORY

[Goal]
Identify the photographed wing, its history and makerspace, then find a street entrance that reaches the courtyard and other wings without steps.

[Tool Call] reverse_image_search(image_id="input:1", num_results=5)

[Result]
Five images return Somerset House facades/details, including a source labeled "West Wing" by James Pennethorne.

[Tool Call] open_page(url="somersethouse.org.uk/about-us/history")

[Result]
The official chronology says Pennethorne's New Wing was completed in 1856.

[Tool Calls]
web_search(query="Makerversity official website visit tours booking required Somerset House")
open_page(url="makerversity.org/book-a-tour")

[Result]
Makerversity offers a free 30–45-minute booked visit, or a one-to-one/private tour arranged by email.

[Tool Call] open_page(url="somersethouse.org.uk/visit-us/accessibility")

[Result]
The north Lancaster Place entrance near Café Nero has a ramp to the courtyard and access to other wings. The New Wing's main reception entrance has internal steps.

[Tool Calls]
web_search(query="Historic England Somerset House New Wing Lancaster Place Pennethorne Inland Revenue offices")
open_page(url="historicengland.org.uk/.../1237041")

[Result]
A search snippet links the new offices to Inland Revenue; the listing confirms Pennethorne's Lancaster Place extension, 1853–56.

[Final Answer]
Somerset House, New Wing; Sir James Pennethorne, completed 1856, originally Inland Revenue offices. Visit Makerversity through a scheduled booking or an arranged private tour. For the required step-free route, use the north Lancaster Place entrance.