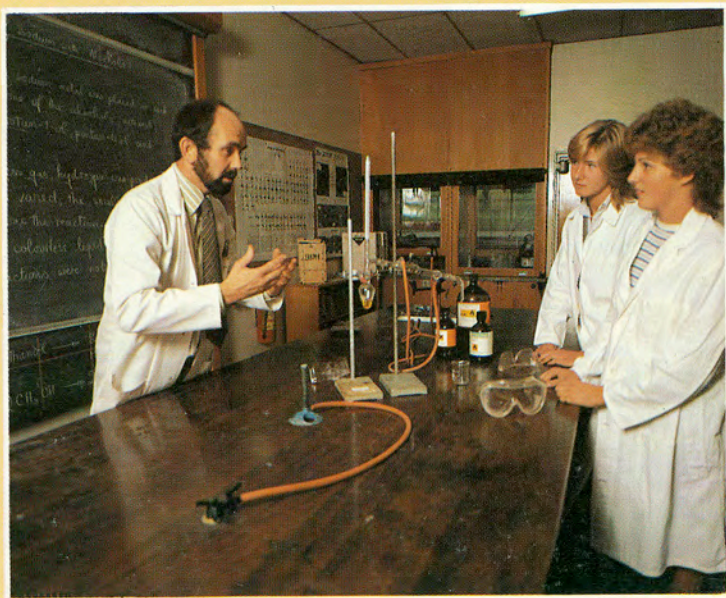


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In recent years, developments in buildings, curriculum, teaching methods and staffing have effected a quiet transformation, which has produced an educational environment and organisation relevant to the times and well able to prepare girls to face the challenges and opportunities of the decade ahead.



The new Hopkins Building, opened by the Duchess of Devonshire in 1983, which houses well-equipped rooms for art and crafts, mathematics and computer work.

First-class Environment

St. Elphin's has an enviable location – a delightful Dale setting beside the A6, within easy reach of the M1 and the nation's motorway network and a short bus or taxi ride from main line stations at Derby and Chesterfield. The buildings stand on one site, removing the need to cross a busy main road.

These natural and long-established advantages have been augmented with the building of three new teaching blocks since 1970, so that the School now has specialist rooms for mathematics, computing, languages, sciences, history, geography, art and craft, music and home economics.

Over the last few years, St. Elphin's has been steadily upgrading the standard of the living and study accommodation, and offers separate living and study rooms for members of the Lower and Upper Sixth Forms.



A St. Elphin's girl receives career counselling from a member of the team. Structured careers advice is a vital part of education at the School.

Modern Curriculum with Traditional Virtues

The St. Elphin's curriculum is up to date, whilst also paying attention to traditional subjects and virtues. This means we can offer a very wide range of subjects for the 7 to 14 year olds, including art, music, needlework and home economics as well as a comprehensive range of academic subjects.

For the 14 to 16 year olds, we offer a framework of basic subjects – religious education, English, mathematics, a language and a science – together with an options scheme enabling us to tailor the curriculum to suit the needs of the individual girl up to the O level stage. A wide range of courses is also available in the Sixth Form in which most girls study three A level subjects.

We do not skimp on the science and mathematics teaching, and all girls aged 10 to 13 are given basic instruction in computers in our well-equipped computer centre. There is emphasis too on languages. Latin, which is now being accepted as good training for computer programmers etc., is taken for at least two years by many girls.

Other languages offered include French and German. The emphasis is on spoken as well as written work and girls are encouraged, as much as possible, to travel to the native country to complete their language studies with direct practical use of the language.



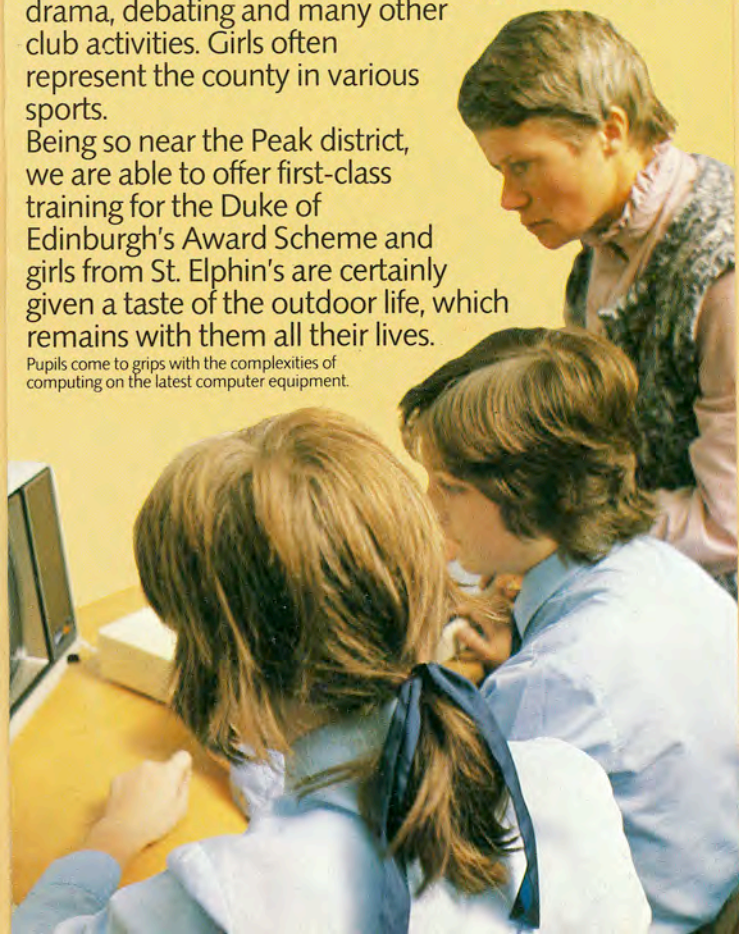
Preparing a girl for Tomorrow's World

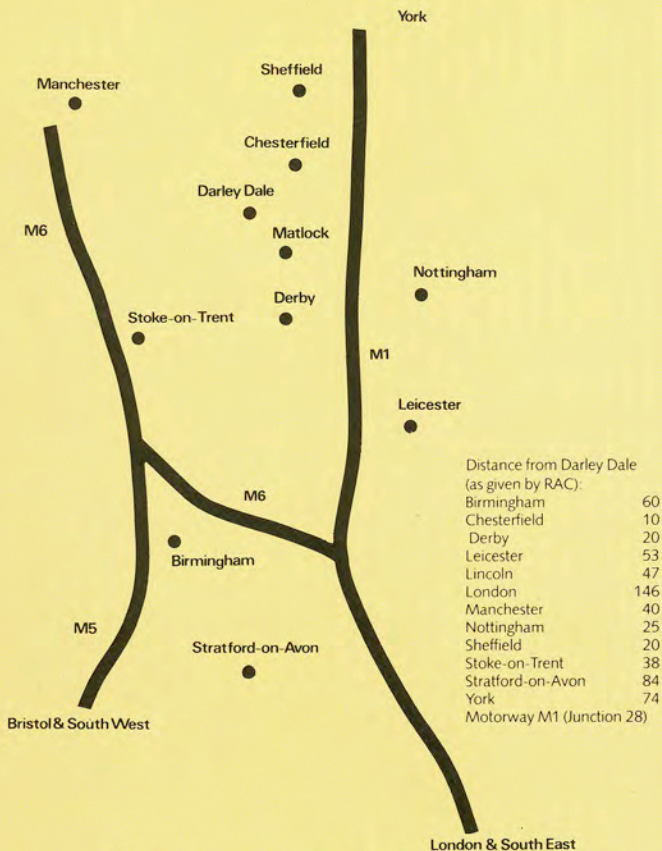
Our aim at St. Elphin's is to prepare each girl for the world she will face when she completes her school life. This means preparing a girl for tomorrow's world, where a good all-round education, the ability to co-operate with others, to communicate effectively and efficiently and the capability of leading a team and working as a member of that team are all as important as high academic success.

Career choices are considered vital and we believe our structured Career Advice programme, which begins in the Third Year, is an essential part of the School curriculum. There is a fully-trained careers team and the School works closely with the Independent Schools' Careers Organisation, making full use of aptitude tests for girls in the Fifth Year. We are also conscious that in tomorrow's world there is likely to be increasing leisure time. So there is emphasis on leisure pursuits including games, music, drama, debating and many other club activities. Girls often represent the county in various sports.

Being so near the Peak district, we are able to offer first-class training for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and girls from St. Elphin's are certainly given a taste of the outdoor life, which remains with them all their lives.

Pupils come to grips with the complexities of computing on the latest computer equipment.





One of the oldest Girls' Public Schools in England

St. Elphin's Church of England School is one of the oldest girls' public schools in England and sets out to provide a rounded education for girls between the ages of 7 and 18.

The School is run on Christian family principles, with the headmaster, his wife and family providing the nucleus of the bigger school family of up to 320 boarding and day pupils.

Founded in 1844 by the Reverend Horace Powys, Rector of Warrington, the original aim was to provide education for the daughters of the clergy, who still form a proportion of pupils and are able to enter the School at reduced fees.

In 1904, the School moved from its original site in Warrington to Darley Dale, where it now stands in beautiful Derbyshire countryside beside the main A6 road, within easy reach of the motorways, giving access to both the North and South.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ST. ELPHIN'S

- **320 in the School** – a friendly community, which cares for the individual.
- **Class sizes** – 20 is the average.
Staff/pupil ratio approximately 1:11.
- **Founded in 1844** – one of the oldest public schools for girls in England, where the traditional values of self-discipline, order, courtesy and consideration are encouraged.
- **Single sex education** – unashamedly, just for girls, offering considerable advantages in mathematics and sciences, where, in co-educational schools boys tend to be favoured.
- **University entrance** – at least 50 per cent from the Upper Sixth each year go on to degree courses either at universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, or polytechnics.
- **Scholarships** – up to 20 Scholarships are offered annually for girls from the ages of 7 to 13. These Scholarships include awards of up to the full value of School fees. There are also Sixth Form Scholarships and some awards are reserved for daughters of clergymen of the Church of England.
- **Chapel** – the School has its own Chapel, in which Services are held daily. The Chaplain is responsible for the Services and the spiritual welfare of the girls. He holds Confirmation classes annually.
- **Music** – with a strong musical tradition the School runs two orchestras and three choirs and offers an annual Scholarship for musically-gifted girls.
- **Physical Education** – there is a purpose-built gymnasium and excellent facilities for hockey, tennis and other games. Girls are frequently selected for County teams.

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