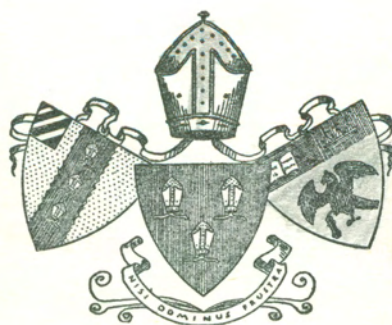
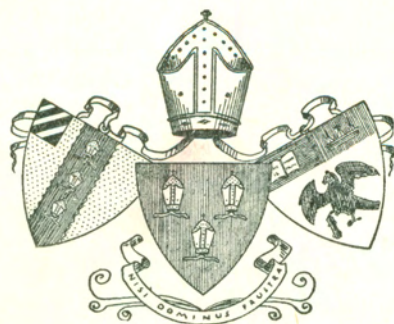




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DARLEY DALE

FOUNDATION. St. Elphin's School, founded in 1844, is one of the oldest English Public Schools for Girls. It is independent and recognised, and inspected by the Ministry of Education.

The School was founded in Warrington and owes its origin to the vision and the generosity of the Bishop of Sodor and Man, previously Rector of Warrington, Horace Powys. It was moved to Darley Dale in 1904 and stands in some of the loveliest countryside in Derbyshire.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS. The School buildings, which stand in extensive grounds include classrooms, new Science laboratories, Art room, Library, Gymnasium, a small Swimming Pool, Domestic Science Room, and a new Assembly Hall, recently opened by The Princess Margaret. The School Chapel and the Sanatorium are close to the main building. There are hockey pitches and tennis courts, hard and soft, in the grounds.

RESIDENCE. The Houses : There are seven Houses, six for Seniors, and one for Juniors, of about thirty-five to forty girls in each : Selwyn, Powys, Wilson, Gresford, Kennedy, Pigot, and Margaret Flood House, the Junior House. Kennedy House has a beautiful new wing, recently built.

The House Mistresses are responsible for the girls in their Houses and there is an Assistant House Mistress and a Matron attached to each House. Each House has its own House Room, with facilities for reading and recreation.

All meals are served in the Dining Hall and the kitchen has the latest equipment and is well staffed. There is a caterer. The food is plentiful and the menus carefully planned.

The School has its own laundry with a full-time working staff. All the girls' laundry is done here.

THE JUNIOR HOUSE. The ages of the children in this House range from six to ten years. The children are well cared for and there is a home-like and happy atmosphere in the House. There are many children whose parents are abroad and special attention and care is given to these children.

HEALTH. The health of the School is in the hands of the School Doctor who holds a surgery twice a week. Regular inspection of the girls is made. There is a Sick Bay in charge of the Head Matron, and all sick nursing is done here. Each House Matron keeps a general watch over the girls in her own House, consulting with the Head Matron, who reports daily to the Head Mistress.

Fire-drill is regularly practised and the School is well equipped with outside Fire Escape staircases and all modern appliances.

THE CHAPEL. The School has its own Chapel where all Services are taken on Sundays by the School Chaplain or by visiting Clergymen. School prayers are held in Chapel every morning.

Girls are prepared for Confirmation by the Chaplain and Confirmed in the School Chapel by the Bishop of the Diocese.

DAY BOARDERS. Some day boarders are accepted each year. These girls attend School daily until 7 p.m. for lessons and preparation but sleep at home.

COURSES OF STUDY

The Kindergarten. There is a small Kindergarten department, chiefly for children in the neighbourhood between the ages of four and seven years, though a few boarders are accepted at this age.

The Junior School. The Head of the Junior School is a Froebel-trained Mistress with qualified assistants. Children normally enter at eight years of age and follow a course which leads to the Common Entrance and Eleven Plus examinations. The curriculum includes Scripture, English, Arithmetic, Geography, History, Nature Study and some French. Other subjects are Gymnastics and Games, Art, Music, Singing, Needlework.

The aim at this stage is to lay good foundations in the basic subjects.

The Senior School. Girls normally enter the Senior School at eleven plus years for a five-year course leading to Ordinary level in the General Certificate of Education Examination. A further two-year course follows this in the Sixth Form leading to Advanced level in G.C.E. and to the University Scholarship and Entrance examinations. The aim in the Senior School is to provide a wide general education up to Ordinary level and to lay the foundations for advanced work in the Sixth Form, where girls may specialise in Arts or Science subjects.



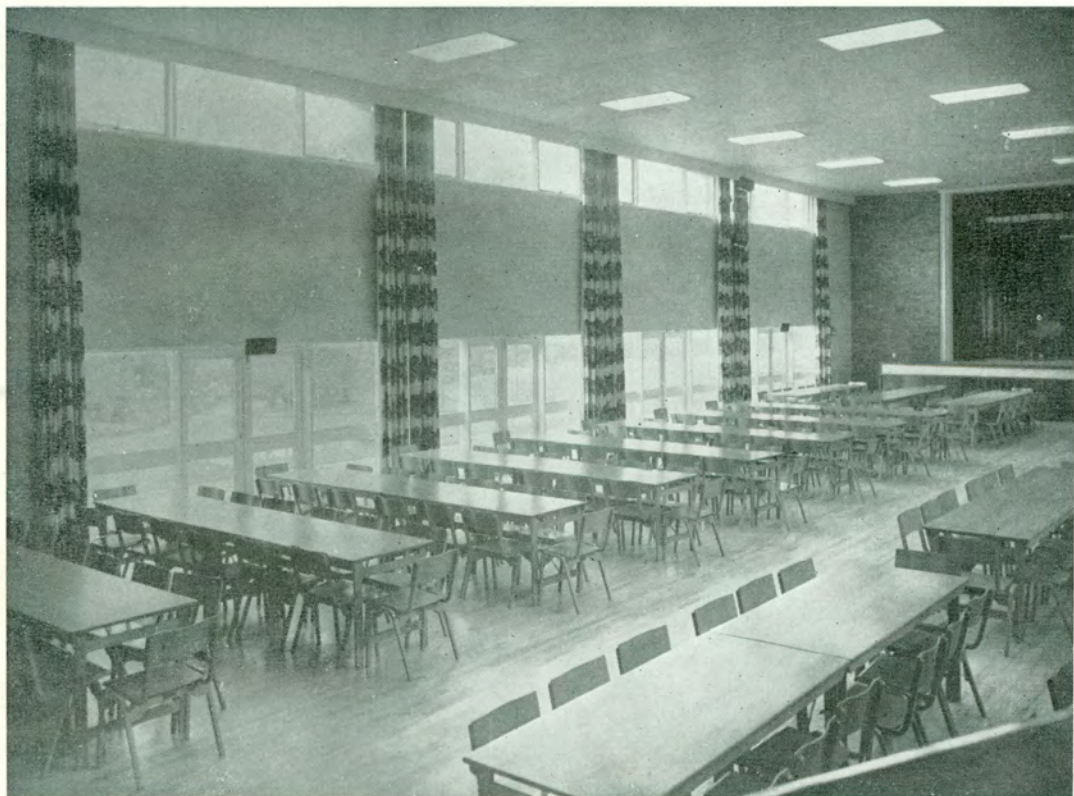
SCHOOL HOUSE



VIEW FROM THE PLAYING FIELDS



THE CHAPEL



THE DINING HALL

There are parallel "A" and "B" Forms in the Senior School up to Ordinary level. Mathematics and French are taught in divisions to enable the weaker ones to have more individual attention.

In the fourth year of the course leading to Ordinary level, girls may begin German, Greek or Music with a view to taking Modern Languages or Classics in the Sixth Form, or specialise in Physics and Chemistry if they have Medicine or some scientific career in mind.

In the Sixth there are Advanced level courses in all subjects. For the less academic girls, there is an excellent General and Pre-Nursing course with opportunities for taking more Ordinary level subjects such as Physiology and Hygiene, Physics-with-Chemistry and Zoology and for Radiography, Physiotherapy, Nursing or Kindergarten teaching.

In recent years successes in public examinations include Scholarships to Oxford and entrances to other Universities. In addition every year girls gain admission to Training Colleges, Hospitals and other training centres.

MUSIC. The School has a well-equipped music block with practice rooms. There is a large music room for Singing classes and Orchestra. There are seven music teachers of the piano, organ, violin and violon-cello, wind instruments and singing. Girls are entered every year for the Matlock and Buxton Festivals and successes include gold medals and prizes for First Place as well as many distinction marks. There is an annual School concert when the girls perform and each term recitals and concerts are given by well-known artistes. Parties go regularly to the Hallé concerts in Sheffield.

ART. Art is taught throughout the School and can be taken at Ordinary or Advanced level. Craft and Pottery are taught and the School possesses its own electric kiln.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE. There is a well-equipped Domestic Science Room and girls may take Domestic Science as a subject at Ordinary level. Needlework and dress-making are also taught in this department.

GAMES. The girls are coached in Hockey and Netball during the Winter terms and in Tennis, Swimming, Rounders and Cricket in the Summer. The Juniors are taught to swim in the indoor pool at School throughout the year and the Seniors use the indoor bath at the Matlock Lido during the Summer term. The School has an excellent record in swimming and in recent years has held the inter-School swimming shield for five successive years. Some girls have been selected to represent the County teams in diving and in racing.

Dancing is part of the curriculum and includes ballroom dancing. Ballet is an extra subject.

Games are optional in the Sixth Form : golf lessons at a small fee are available for girls in this Form as well as driving lessons at the Motoring School in Matlock for girls of suitable age.

Riding lessons for girls at any age may be taken at the stables near the School and ponies may be stabled there for use at weekends, with parents' permission.

SOCIETIES. There is a wide range of Societies, including a Field Club for those girls interested in wild life, geology, rock-climbing or dale walking ; a dramatic, a musical and a literary society and a Bell-Ringers' Club.

The Social Service Society is active and organises efforts to raise money for different causes. Over £100 has been sent each year recently to the main cause of Inter-Church Aid in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign as well as contributions to other regular commitments.

ADMISSIONS. Applications for admission must be made to the Head Mistress. The Common Entrance examination must be taken by all intending entrants between the ages of eleven and fourteen years. Places will be allotted immediately after the examination, which is held in February or November.

INTERVIEWS. The Head Mistress is happy to see parents on Saturdays or on any day of the week by appointment.

SCHOLARSHIPS. A Scholarship examination is held every year in February for girls under fourteen years of age on September 1st in the year of the examination. Girls already in the School are eligible to enter as internal candidates as well as girls who are not pupils of the School. On the results of this examination, two open Scholarships of £100 each are awarded annually and are tenable for the duration of School life subject to satisfactory progress and conduct.

There are two closed Scholarships for the daughters of Clergymen and these are awarded when they fall vacant.

FEES. The fees for each term are payable in advance.

A full term's notice of intention to withdraw a girl from School must be given in writing to the Head Mistress **not later than the first day of that term.** In default of such notice, a full term's fees must be paid.

No deduction can be made for absence but there is an optional insurance scheme for absence caused by illness.

The Head Mistress may require the withdrawal of a pupil for unsatisfactory conduct.

UNIFORM. A list is supplied to the parent upon acceptance.

Uniform must be strictly observed by all girls. The Sixth Form girls are allowed to wear their own home clothes on certain occasions and at the week-ends.

A clothing exchange department is organised at the School.

EXEATS. Official leave is granted at half-term and on one visiting week-end during the term. A sleeping-out pass is given for Saturday night on visiting week-end. Tea visits from 3-0 to 6-0 p.m. are allowed twice a term on Saturdays or Sundays.

No leave of absence is granted during the term except in special circumstances at the discretion of the Head Mistress and parents are requested not to return their daughters late at the beginning of the term or to take them away before the end of term unless a flight home or from abroad is necessary.

OTHER REGULATIONS :

- (i) **Letter Lists :** a list signed by parents should be sent back with the girls at the beginning of each School Year, indicating the names of people with whom correspondence is permitted.
- (ii) **Visiting Lists :** no girl is allowed to go out with friends without written permission from the parents.
- (iii) **Medical Certificates** are required from the parents of each child at the beginning of the term stating that she is free from infectious disease and has not been exposed to infection during the holidays.

F E E S

REGISTRATION :

£3 3s. 0d. to be paid on entering a girl's name for admission. Upon acceptance of a vacancy, £10 is paid as a deposit, which will be deducted from the first fee account.

BOARDERS :

Lay	...	...	...	£120 a term :	£360 per annum.
Clergy	...	...	...	£85 ,, ,, :	£255 ,, ,,
Weekly Lay	...	...	...	£100 ,, ,, :	£300 ,, ,,
Weekly Clergy	...	...	...	£66 ,, ,, :	£198 ,, ,,

DAY GIRLS :

Lay (Senior)	...	...	...	£53 a term :	£159 per annum.
Lay (Junior)	...	...	...	£49 ,, ,, :	£147 ,, ,,
Clergy :	...	...	...	£43 ,, ,, :	£129 ,, ,,
Kindergarten	...	...	...	£21 ,, ,, :	£63 ,, ,,

All fees are payable termly in advance before the first day of term.

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (payable in arrears) :

Pianoforte	}	£4 4s. 0d. a term.
Violin and Violoncello		
Organ		
Wind Instruments		
Ballet		£2 2s. 0d. a term.
Speech Training		£3 3s. 0d. a term.

Riding lessons may be arranged with the Riding School by the parents direct or through the School.

