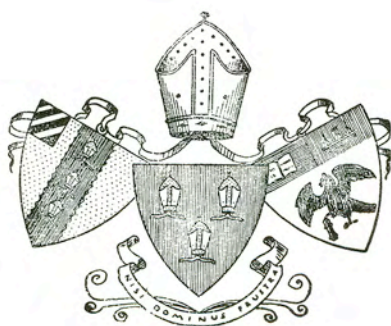




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The Governing Body

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES (the Committee of Management)

The Chairman of the Governors

THE RT. REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF BLACKBURN

Chairman of the Finance Committee

THE BISHOP OF WARRINGTON

Chairman of the Executive & Committee of Management

THE RT. REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF BLACKBURN

Secretary & Hon. Treasurer

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HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE

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THE LORD BISHOP OF MANCHESTER

THE LORD BISHOP OF CHESTER

THE LORD BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

THE LORD BISHOP OF BLACKBURN

THE LORD BISHOP OF DERBY

THE STAFF

Headmistress

MISS P. M. ROBINSON, B.A. Hons. (London), Classics.

Deputy Headmistress

MISS A. THOMPSON-SMITH, M.A.(Edin.), English

Senior Mistresses

MRS. KITCHEN, B.A. (London), Mathematics

MRS. SCOTT, B.Sc. (Sheffield), Biology

House Mistresses

SELWYN	MISS H. THOMPSON	MISS DUNK
POWYS	MISS I. SPENCE	MISS ADDISON
WILSON	MISS REES JONES	MISS HILTON
GRESFORD	MISS B. EDWARDS	MISS JENKINS
KENNEDY	MRS. STYRING	MRS. DENWOOD
PIGOT	MISS PICKERING	MISS MORRIS
MARGARET FLOOD		
HOUSE	MISS LAVENDER	MRS. WILLIES

The Chaplain

THE REV. DAVID PRYTHERCH, M.A. (Cantab.)

The Bursar

COMMANDER C. R. COLLINGS, R.N. (Rtd.)

School Doctor

DR. W. J. LOGAN, M.D., Ch.D. (Glasgow)

Assistant Mistresses

MISS C. ADDISON, B.A. (Keele), Latin
MRS. BARLING, Dep. Dom. Science
MISS BOWERING, Teachers' Certificate
MISS K. DUNK, B.A. (Leicester), Modern Languages
MRS. GILL, B.A. Hons. (London), Modern Languages
MRS. HIGGINS, Kindergarten
MISS H. JENKINS, B.Sc. (London), Chemistry
MRS. JOHNSON, B.A. (Com.) (Manchester), Economics and Geography
MRS. KITCHEN, B.A. Hons. (London), Mathematics
MISS LAVENDER, N.F.U.
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MRS. ONAC, B.A. Hons. (Sheffield), English
MRS. OUTRAM, B.A. Hons. (Reading), French and English
REV. D. PRYTHERCH, M.A. (Cantab.), History
MISS REEVES, N.F.U., A.L.A.M. (Elocution)
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MRS. TULLY, N.D.D. Art
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MRS. WILSON, B.Sc. Hons. (Durham), Chemistry

Physical Education

MRS. FEARN, Dip.P.E. (Bishop Lonsdale's College)
MISS C. DAVY, Dip.P.E. (Bedford College of P.E.)
MRS. INCE, A.R.A.D. (Ballet)

Music Mistresses (for Class Singing, Music Appreciation, Pianoforte, Instrumental tuition, Speech and Drama)

MISS H. THOMPSON, L.R.A.M., Certificate of Merit for Organ
MISS M. REES JONES, L.R.A.M., O.L.M. Gold Medallist
MISS B. EDWARDS, A.R.M.C.M.
MISS I. SPENCE, L.R.A.M.
MISS M. HILTON, A.R.M.C.M.
MISS D. WATTS, L.R.A.M., L.G.S.M.
Violin, MISS WARD, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L. (Visiting Staff)
Violincello, MR. H. A. BATES, A.R.C.M. (Visiting Staff)

Organist and Choir Mistress

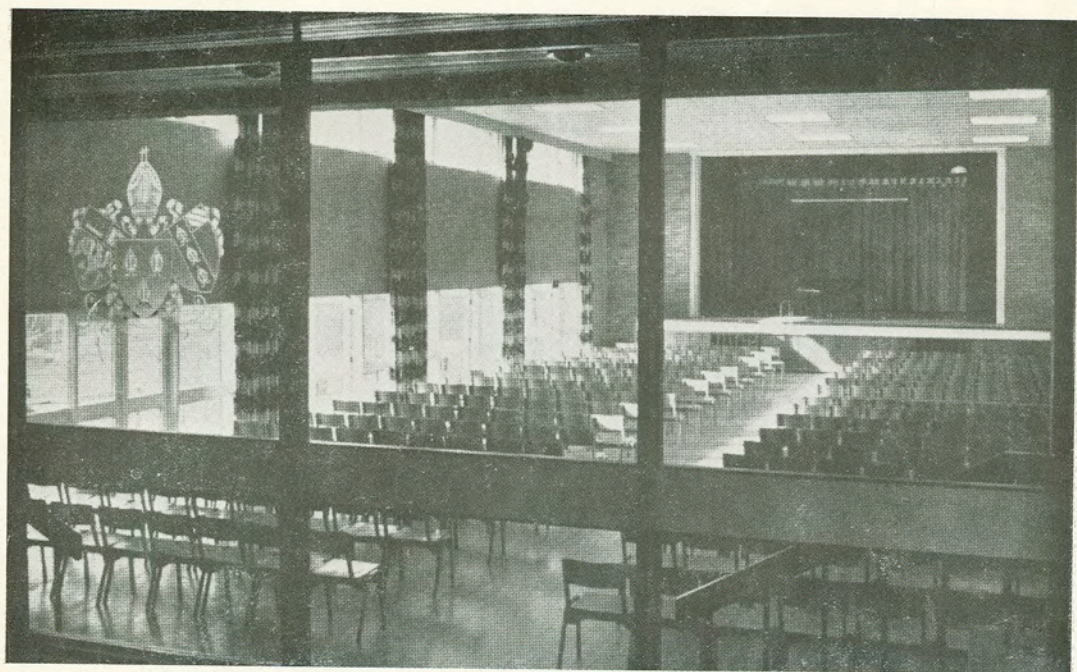
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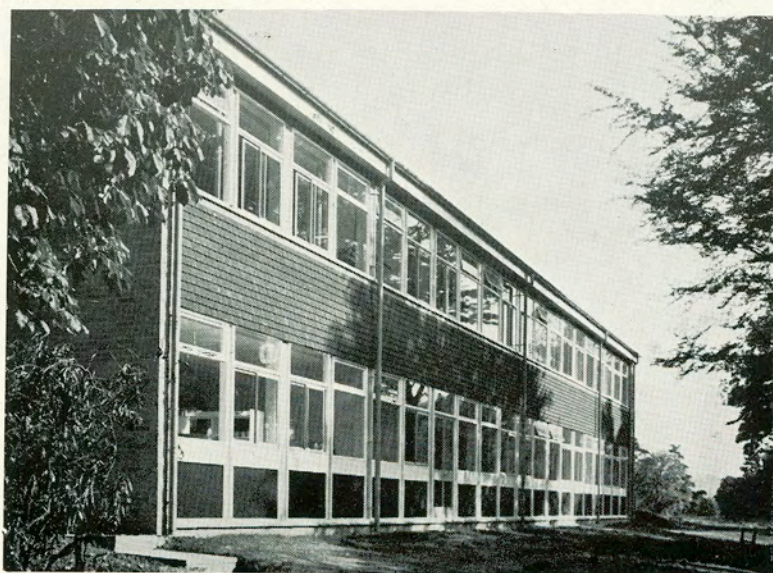
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School Secretary: MISS COE
Bursar's Secretary: MRS. RENSHAW



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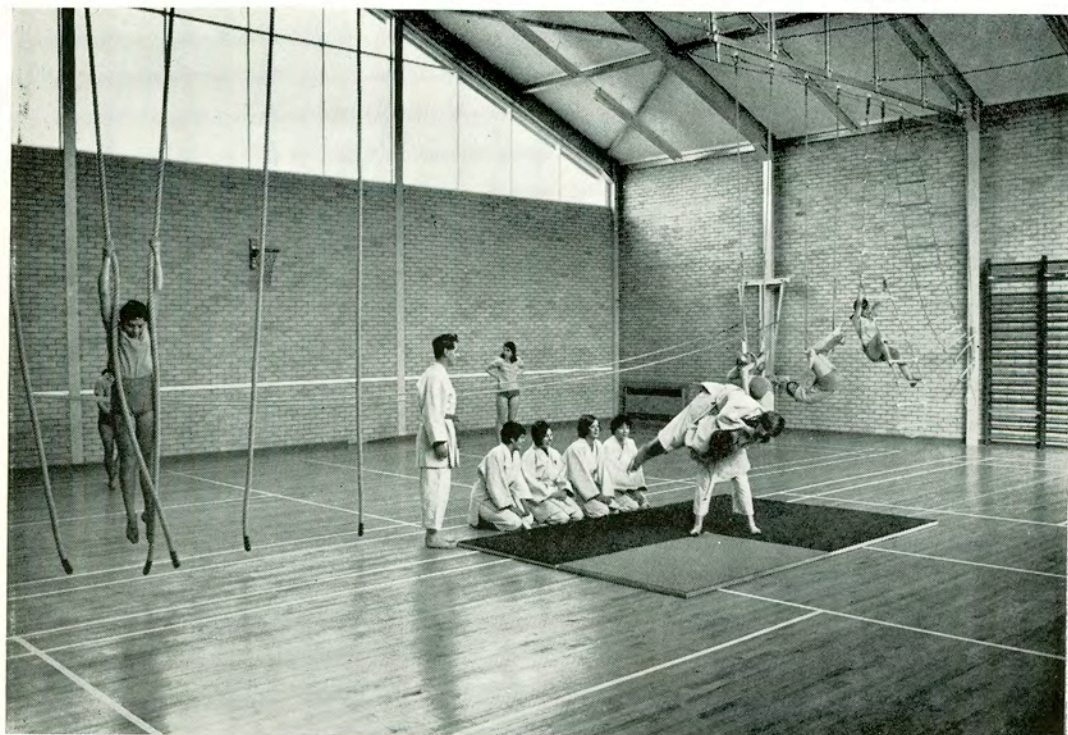
THE ASSEMBLY HALL



THE ISOBEL BURGIS MEMORIAL BUILDING



THE CHAPEL



THE GYMNASIUM

ST. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL, DARLEY DALE

School Motto: Nisi dominus, frustra

St. Elphin's Church of England School is one of the oldest girls' Public Schools in England. Founded by Horace Powys, Rector of Warrington, in 1844, it was moved to Darley Dale in 1904 where it stands to-day in its own extensive grounds in some of the loveliest countryside of Derbyshire, famous for its Peaks and Dales.

It is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education and is a member of the Governing Bodies of Girls' Public Schools.

The aim of the School is to provide a liberal education, based on sound learning and scholarship, an education which, founded on Christian principles, will enable the girls not only to qualify for a career but also to become useful citizens and members of Church and State.

History The School takes its name from St. Elphin, sharing it with the Parish Church of Warrington. St. Elphin appears in the Domesday Book as Sanctus Elfinus and was one of a band of priest-teachers introduced in 638 A.D. by Oswald, the Christian king of Northumbria who had an outpost at Winwick. Elfin lived and preached at the ford across the River Mersey at Warrington where there was a rude settlement. In 642, Penda, King of Mercia, crossed the ford to give battle to Oswald at Maserfield and in the preliminary skirmish, Elfin was killed. Excavations have shown that, in all likelihood, Elfin was buried with others slain in that battle, on the site of the original School at Warrington, called 'The Mote' or 'the Mound'.

The Buildings Considerable extensions to the existing buildings have taken place in recent years; they include a beautiful Assembly Hall, a modern Gymnasium and a new teaching block with Science laboratories and specialist rooms for Mathematics, Geography, History, Modern Languages and Domestic Science. Other buildings include a Library, Art Room, Sanatorium and a small indoor Swimming pool. The School Chapel stands close to the main building.

Grounds The School stands in acres of ground round the buildings with extensive playing fields for hockey, tennis and athletics.

Residence There are seven Houses, six Senior and one Junior House. The Senior Houses have 35-45 girls in each, ranging in age from eleven to eighteen. Housemistresses are responsible to the Headmistress for the girls in their care and are assisted by Assistant Housemistresses and Matrons. Each House has its own Common Room with facilities for recreation and reading. There is a block of study-bedrooms for Sixth-Form girls.

The Junior House: the ages of children in this House range from six to ten years. There is a happy, home-like atmosphere in this House and special care and attention is given to the younger children. There are many whose parents are abroad and care is given to the arrangements for air flights.

Health The health of the girls is in the hands of the School Doctor and the Sanatorium Sister. The doctor holds a surgery twice a week at the School and regular inspection of the girls is made. All sick nursing is done in the Sanatorium.

Girls normally register with the School Doctor under the National Health Scheme.

On returning to School at the beginning of each Term girls are required to bring health certificates signed by their parents or guardians. Parents are earnestly requested to inform the School if their daughters have been exposed to infectious diseases during the holiday.

Fire Drill Fire drills are held regularly during the term. The School is well-equipped with modern appliances and with outside Fire Escape Staircases. The School is inspected by Fire Prevention Officers of the Derbyshire County Council.

Day Boarders St. Elphin's is primarily a Boarding School but some girls are accepted as Day Boarders each year: Senior girls attend School daily from 8-45 a.m. until 7 p.m. for lessons and evening preparation; junior girls may leave at 4 p.m. if they wish.

The Chapel St. Elphin's is a Church of England School and has its own Chapel where the Sunday services and daily morning prayers are taken by the School Chaplain. An excellent Choir, trained by the Choir Mistress, maintains a high standard of singing in the services; it takes part in R.S.C.M. activities in the neighbourhood.

Girls are prepared for Confirmation every year by the Chaplain and the Headmistress.

Religious instruction is in accordance with that of the Church of England and is in the hands of the Headmistress, the Chaplain and a qualified member of the Staff.

Education *The Curriculum* includes the study of Scripture, English, History, Geography, French, German, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Domestic Science, Art and Crafts, Music, Singing, Needlework, Economics is included in the Sixth Form course,

Girls are prepared for public examinations; for the General Certificate of Education at Ordinary and Advanced Levels and for the Entrance and Scholarship Examinations of Oxford and Cambridge and all other Universities.

The School is divided into:

- (i) *The Kindergarten*: this is chiefly for the children in the neighbourhood who can attend daily; the ages range from four years to seven. A few boarders may be accepted.
- (ii) *The Junior School*: this is in the charge of a Froebel-trained mistress assisted by qualified staff. Children normally enter at eight years of age and follow a course leading to the Eleven Plus examination and Common Entrance.
The aim at this stage is to lay good foundations in the basic subjects and to prepare the girls for the Senior School.

- (iii) *The Senior School*: girls normally enter the Senior School at eleven years and follow a five-year course leading to Ordinary level or a seven-year course leading to Advanced Level in the G.C.E. examination. A broad education is aimed at up to Ordinary Level with a balance of Arts and Science subjects.

There are parallel forms in each year in the Senior School, the A form for the more academically able girls, the B form for girls who work more slowly. The same curriculum in the main is followed in both Forms and there are 'sets' going across both Forms for Mathematics, French and Science.

German may be added in the Lower Fifth forms if the girls show good ability in French and hope to study Modern Languages in the Sixth Form. Music may also be taken at this stage with a view to Ordinary and Advanced Level.

- (iv) *The Sixth Form*. There are Advanced Level courses in all subjects in the Sixth Form. Economics may be taken at this stage. Entrance to Universities may be gained on the results of the Advanced Level examination taken in the second year. Some girls stay for a further term at the end of the two-year course to take Oxford and Cambridge Entrance and Scholarship examinations.

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

For the less academic girls, there is a good General and Pre-Nursing course in the Sixth Form and there are opportunities for taking new subjects at Ordinary Level, not already taken viz. Physiology and Hygiene, Physics-with-Chemistry, etc. for Radiography, Physiotherapy and Nursing.

Subjects in which girls have failed at Ordinary Level in the Upper Fifth may be re-taken in the Sixth Form at the end of the first term (January) or the following June.

*The
Kennedy
Library*

The Reference Library contains over 4,000 books and has recently been extended. New books are added every year from an allowance granted by the Governors.

Music

This plays an important part in the life of the School: musical appreciation and class-singing form part of the regular time-table.

Extra subjects in which tuition is given include pianoforte, organ, violin and violoncello and wind instruments. Girls are prepared for all grades of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and the Guildhall School of Speech and Drama. Recent successes include a Scholarship for Clarinet playing to the Royal College of Music.

Girls enter each year for the Matlock and Buxton Music Festivals; an annual concert is held at which girls perform and each term recitals and concerts are given at the School by well-known artistes. Regular visits to the Hallé Concerts in Sheffield are organised.

There is a large Music Room for Singing classes and Orchestra and a block of practising 'cells'.

Art

A well-equipped studio with overhead lighting offers opportunities for many different fields of art and painting, and craft. Pottery is taught and the School has its own pottery wheels and an electric kiln.

*Domestic
Science*

The new building contains a modern Domestic Science laboratory with the latest equipment. Girls take this subject at Ordinary Level as well as Needlework. Dress-making is taught and girls are encouraged to pursue this as a hobby in free time. A dressmaking room is equipped for this purpose.

*Physical
Education*

Coaching is given in Hockey and Netball in the winter terms and in Tennis, Swimming and Athletics in the summer term as part of the normal time-table. The School has an outstanding record in Swimming and some girls are chosen to represent the County teams each year.

Dancing and Gymnastics are part of the normal curriculum. The new Gymnasium has changing rooms and showers.

Games are optional in the Sixth Form: golf lessons are available for those who wish and driving lessons are arranged with the Motoring School in Matlock. Instruction in Judo is also given for girls in the Sixth.

Riding lessons may be taken by girls of any age at the Riding School near the School. Parents make their own arrangement with the Proprietors for this.

Societies & Activities There is a wide range of activities and societies, including a Field Club for girls who are interested in wild life, geology, dale walking etc.: other societies are dramatic, musical and literary.

The School has a large, well-equipped stage with lighting and there are regular School plays and dramatic competitions.

Many expeditions are organised during the year. Field Courses for Geographers are organised every year as well as holiday parties abroad. In recent years parties have been to Greece, Italy, France and Switzerland.

The girls, particularly the more senior girls, maintain social contacts with neighbouring schools, chiefly with Denstone College, Repton and Abbotsholme: these include joint performances of oratorios, debates, tennis parties and dances.

Social Service An active Social Service Society organises efforts to raise money for different causes; including Oxfam, Inter-Church Aid, the Red Cross, etc. or for the relief of the aged and needy in the diocese. Senior girls undertake regular visiting of old folk in the neighbourhood as part of the voluntary social service.

Admission Application (on form provided for the purpose) must be made to the Headmistress. The Headmistress is happy to see parents on Saturdays or on any day of the week by appointment.

Fees The fees for each term are payable in advance; fees for extra subjects are paid in arrears.

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

A term's notice is also required for the discontinuance of optional subjects.

No remission of fees is given for absence through illness. There is, however, an Insurance Scheme arranged by the School (called the School Fees Remission Scheme) under which fees are recoverable for periods of absence through illness in excess of eight days and parents are advised to join this. Full details and application forms are sent before girls join the School.

The Headmistress has the right to require the withdrawal of a girl for unsatisfactory conduct.

Uniform Uniform must be strictly observed by all girls. A list is supplied to parents upon acceptance. A clothing exchange department is organised at the School.

Exeats Official leave of absence is given at half-term in each term (this period normally extends from Friday morning to Tuesday evening) and on two Visiting Days (Saturdays) during the term. The dates of the Visiting Days are fixed in advance and printed in the Calendar. In addition, two tea-visits from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. are allowed on any Saturday or Sunday in the term and in the Winter terms (from half-term in the Autumn-term until half-term in the Spring term) lunch visits from noon to 4 p.m. may be substituted for tea-visits.

Leave of absence during the term cannot be granted except in very special circumstances at the discretion of the Headmistress. Parents are asked not to allow their daughters to miss the first or last day of term unless air flights home or from abroad necessitate it. It is important that the girls should not miss any work.

The Sixth Form The girls in the Sixth Form enjoy privileges which seniority should bring; they have study-bedrooms and their own Common Room; they wear home clothes at the week-end and on other special occasions; they have greater freedom of movement outside School and social contacts with other Schools. Instead of tea or lunch visits, they are allowed exeats on three Sundays during the term. Games are optional in this form and the girls have opportunities of engaging with other fields of activity, golf, driving lessons, judo, etc.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Entrance Scholarships:

Two open Scholarships of £100 each p.a. are awarded on the results of an examination held in February: candidates may be external or internal and must be under fourteen and over eleven years of age on September 1st of the year following the examination. The Scholarships are normally tenable for the duration of School life, subject to satisfactory progress and conduct.

Clergy Daughters' Scholarships:

- (i) The Powys Memorial Scholarship: £70 p.a.
 - (ii) The Coxon Memorial Scholarship: £60 p.a.
- These are awarded on academic merit when they fall vacant. Only daughters of clergymen are eligible.

Sixth Form Scholarships:

Two Scholarships of £150 p.a. are awarded on the results of the G.C.E. Examination at Ordinary level and an interview with candidates who intend to follow an Advanced Level course in the Sixth Form. External and internal candidates are eligible.

Bursaries

are awarded to the daughters of the Clergy in the beneficiary dioceses of Manchester, Chester, Liverpool and the Archdeaconry of Blackburn.

On the return of the forms with a registration fee of three guineas your daughter's name will be placed
on the school waiting list.

St. Elphin's Church of England School

DARLEY DALE, MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION — LAY

<i>Name and Address of Parent or Guardian Telephone No.</i>	
<i>Profession or Occupation of Parent or Guardian</i>	
<i>Christian Name and Surname of the Pupil to be written in full</i>	
<i>Age of Pupil stating date of birth</i>	
<i>Has the Pupil been to any other school? If so, where?</i>	
<i>DAY GIRL OR BOARDER</i>	
<i>Proposed Date of Admission</i>	

NOTE.—The Committee and Head Mistress reserve the right of refusing admission to or requiring the withdrawal of any Pupil for any reason which, in their discretion, may appear to them to make such refusal or withdrawal desirable.

I request that my daughter (or ward), may be admitted as a Pupil in the above School. I undertake to conform to all the regulations of the School from time to time in force, and in particular I agree to pay each Term's Fee in advance, and upon removing my daughter (or ward) from the School to give the Head Mistress one term's previous notice in writing, or in default to pay one term's fee.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date..... 19....

To be returned to the Head Mistress, St. Elphin's School, Darley Dale, Matlock, before the Candidate's name can be entered for admission.