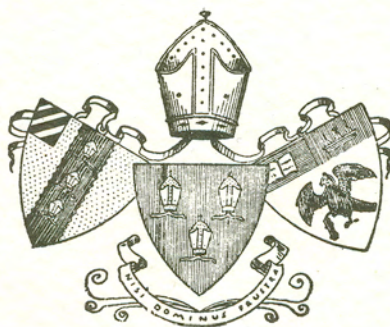
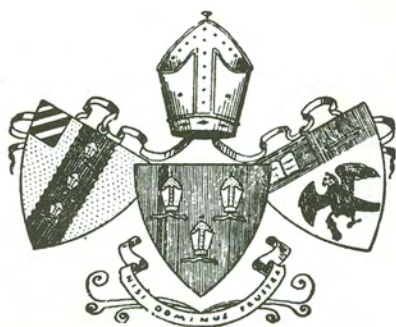




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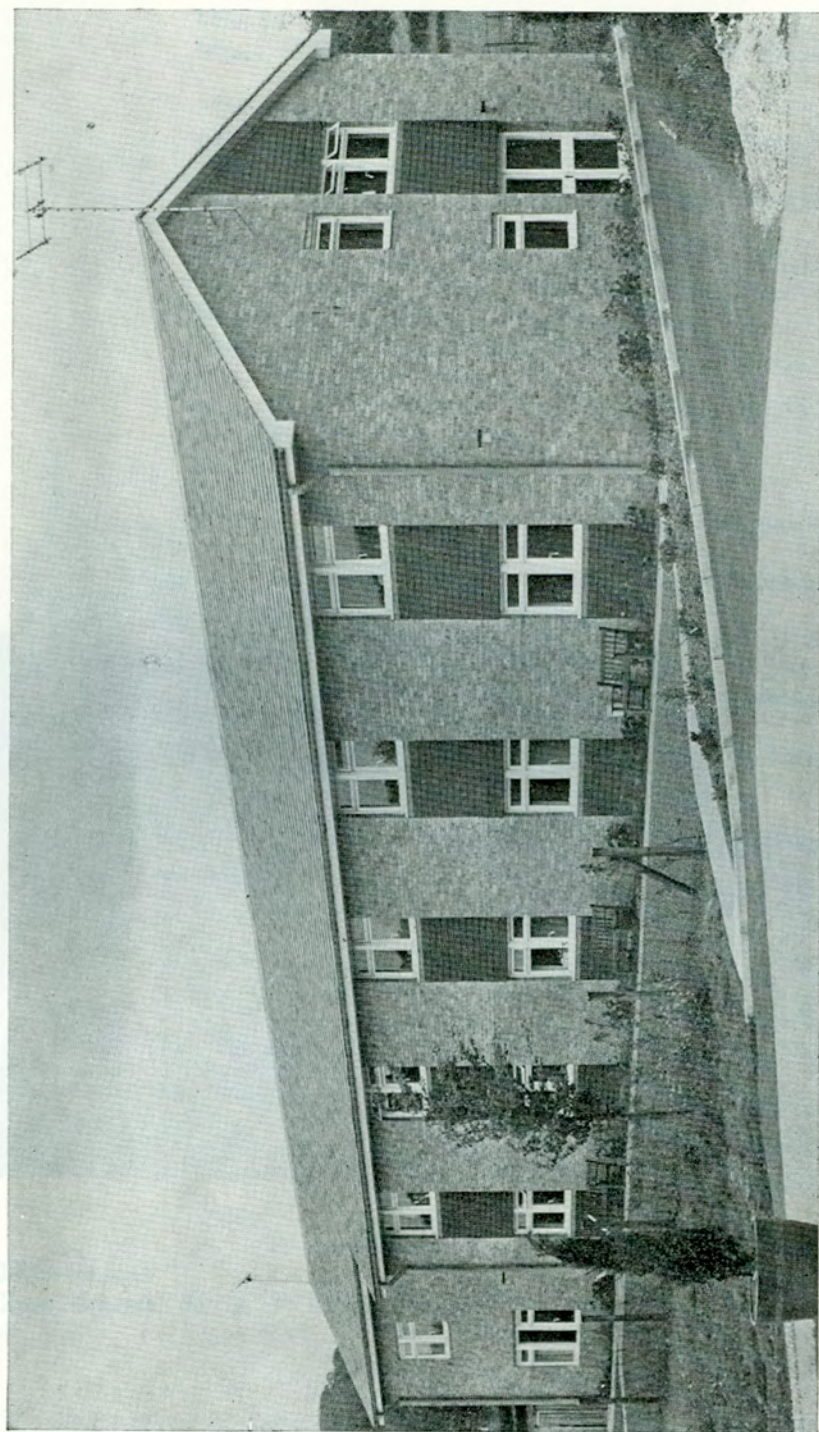
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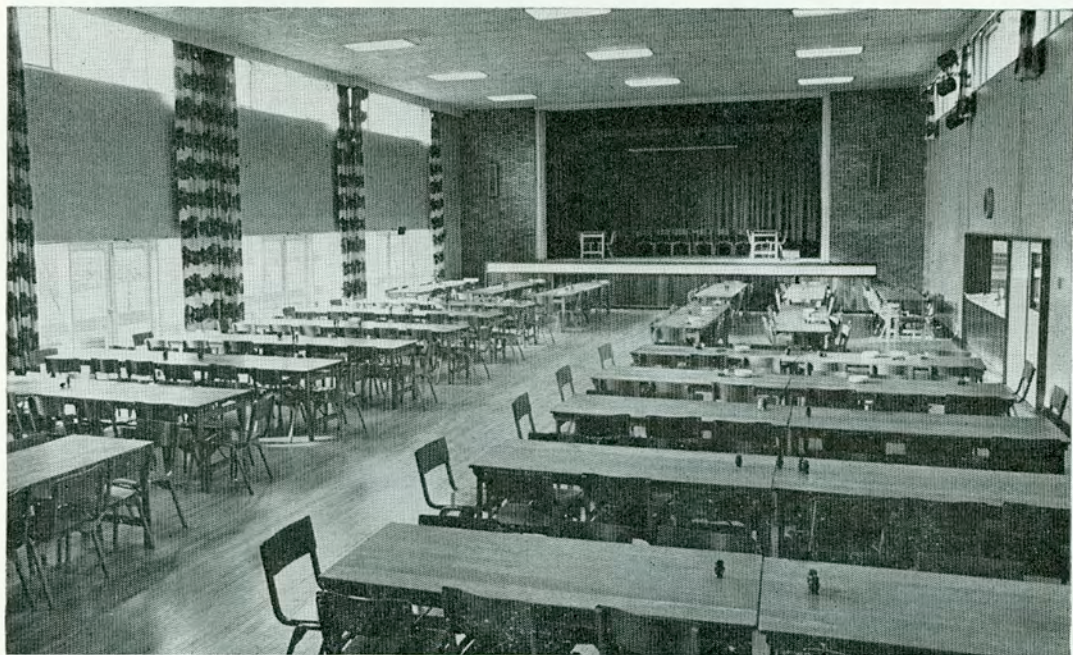
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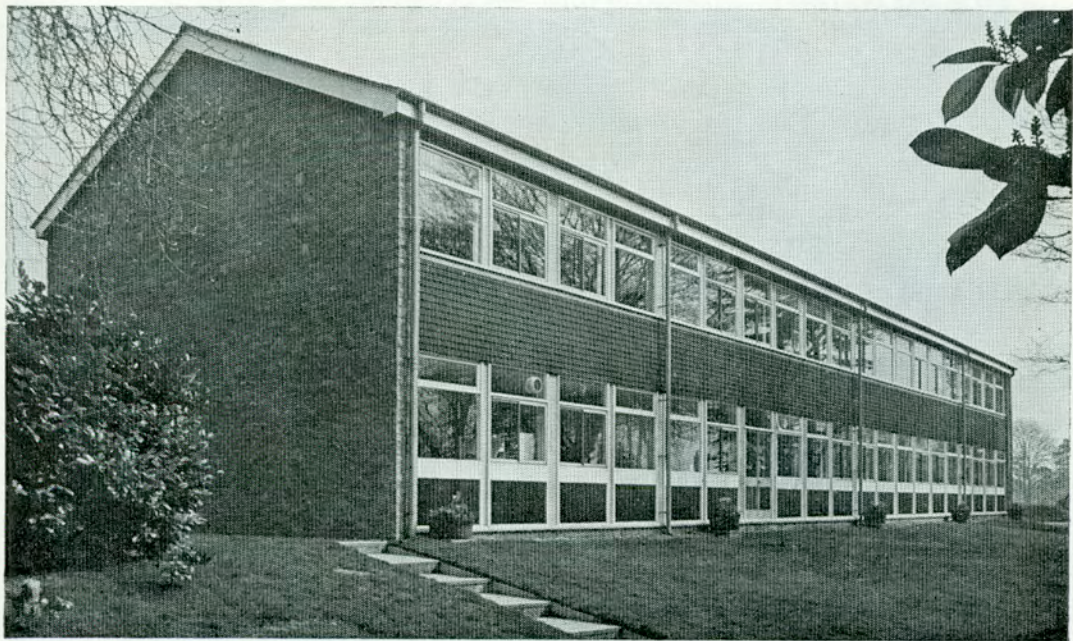
School House



Devonshire House (Sixth Form)



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 in 1844 by Horace Powys, Rector of Warrington, it was moved to Darley Dale in 1904 where it stands today 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 in 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 and a Sixth Form House with study bedrooms. Other buildings include a block of classrooms, a Library, Art Room and Sanatorium. 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. There is an extensive new all-weather games area for hockey and tennis.

Residence: There are seven Houses, six Senior and one Junior House. The Senior Houses have 40-45 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.

The Junior House: The ages of children in this House range from six to eleven 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.

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

At the beginning of each Term 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 and the Headmistress. An excellent Choir, trained by the Choir Master, 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.

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

Education: *The Curriculum* includes the study of Scripture, English, History, Geography, French, German, Greek, 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 eight. A few boarders may be accepted.
- (ii) *The Junior School:* this is in 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 two or three forms in each year in the Senior School, the A and Parallel Forms for the more academically able girls, the B Form for girls who work more slowly. The same curriculum in the main is followed in all Forms and there are 'sets' in some subjects.
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 examinations 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 Colleges of Education, Hospitals and other training centres.
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 Whittam
Library:**

The Whittam Library in the new Thornton Building contains over 4,000 books. New books are added every year from an allowance granted by the Governors. This beautiful and extensive new Library is used in addition for a variety of other purposes.

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, viola, violoncello, wind instruments and the classical guitar. 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.

An annual concert is given at which the girls perform and each term recitals and concerts are given at the School by well-known artistes. Regular visits to concerts and plays 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 Isobel Burgis building contains a modern Domestic Science laboratory with the latest equipment. Girls take this subject at Ordinary Level as well as Needlework. Dressmaking 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.

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 arrangements with the Proprietors for this.

Societies &

Activities: There is a wide range of activities for girls who are interested in wild life, geology, and dale walking.

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, Switzerland and Holland.

The girls, particularly the more senior girls, maintain social contacts with neighbouring schools, chiefly with Denstone College, Repton and Trent College and these include joint performances of oratorios, 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 subject 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.

Travel: Escorts are provided for coaches travelling to and from Derby station at the beginning and end of term, and at half term.

Exeats: Official leave of absence is given at half-term in each term and on Visiting Days (Saturdays) during the term, when girls are allowed a sleeping out pass, and report back by 9 p.m. on Sunday. The dates of the Visiting Days are fixed in advance and printed in the Calendar. In addition, two visits from 12 to 9 p.m. are allowed on any Saturday or Sunday in the term.

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 except on special occasions; they have greater freedom of movement outside School and social contact with other Schools. They are allowed two additional optional sleeping out passes at the weekends. In this form the girls have opportunities of engaging in other fields of activity.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Entrance Scholarships: Two open scholarships, the Major £500 per annum and the Minor £250 per annum, both tenable for five years are awarded annually to external/internal candidates. Both the Major and the Minor Scholarships will be reviewed for emolument should the holders enter the sixth form.

Clergy Daughters' Scholarships: The Powys Memorial Scholarship: £100 per annum
The Coxon Memorial Scholarship: £100 per annum
The Whittam Scholarship: £100 per annum
These are awarded on academic merit when they fall vacant. Only daughters of clergymen are eligible and in the case of the Whittam Scholarship this is restricted to Manchester Diocese.

Sixth Form Scholarships: The Stopford Scholarship of £100 per annum is awarded annually for good work in English and held for two years in the sixth form - internal candidates only.

Three Scholarships, one of £300 per annum and two of £150 per annum are awarded annually to internal/external candidates and may be held for two years.

Music Scholarship: One music scholarship of £200 per annum plus free tuition in music is awarded annually for five years.

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