

Queen's Park School

Prospectus

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QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL
OSWESTRY - SHROPSHIRE

BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL

Motto:

We work not for School, but for life;
We toil not for time, but for eternity.

Principal and Headmaster:

P. G. THOMAS

Senior Mistress:

Mrs. M. J. MATHER

Telephone: Oswestry 2416

QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL

QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL is one of the oldest schools for girls in England. It was founded in 1820 in the reign of King George the Third.

Known in its early days as "The College", the school had its first site in Castle Buildings, Willow Street, Oswestry, but with the growth of its reputation larger buildings were required by the end of the nineteenth century.

In September 1895 the school moved to Queen's Park, a quiet and pleasant area on the southern outskirts of the town. The building was designed and built for use as a school.

The school continued to be called The College until 1912, when its name was changed to Queen's Park School.

In 1966 large scale alterations and extensions were carried out. A new cloakroom and changing room block, a laundry room and an additional classroom were built, the kitchen wing altered and re-equipped and a new hot-water system installed. The central heating was converted to a fully automatic oil fired, thermostatically controlled system.

In 1967 an additional large house, fifty yards from the original premises, was acquired. The classrooms for the Junior and Senior School are now in this building. The Nursery, dining room and assembly room, dormitories, boarders' common rooms and the laboratories are in the original premises.



The Classroom Building.



*The Boarding House,
Laboratories and Nursery.*



The aim of the School is to provide a broad and cultural education and to develop the mental and physical characteristics of the children to equip them to become useful and intelligent citizens. Emphasis is laid on good manners, consideration for others and service to the community, in the belief that the inculcation of academic knowledge alone is not a broad education. A special feature of the School is its homely atmosphere and the individual interest which is possible in a school of moderate size.

The School consists of a Nursery, Junior and Senior Departments, and caters for girls aged 3 to 18 years and for boys aged 3 to 11 years.

THE NURSERY. Girls and boys are accepted from the age of 3 years, and may attend for occasional morning or afternoon sessions, full time morning sessions, or for whole days. Times of sessions are given on a later page in this prospectus.

JUNIOR SCHOOL. At the age of 5 years children can enter the Junior School, where the usual basic subjects are carefully taught. Pupils are prepared for entrance examinations for other schools and our own Senior School.

SENIOR SCHOOL. At the age of 11 years girls can enter the Senior School, where they are prepared for the General Certificate of Education at 'O' and 'A' levels, and for the examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, The English Speaking Board, The Royal Society of Arts, The Pitman Examination Institute, and the Royal Life Saving Society. Preparation for other external examinations can usually be arranged.

The advice and services of the Youth Employment Officer and the Regional Careers Advisory Officer of the Ministry of Labour are fully available to all pupils and the School is in regular contact with both Officers.

For older girls there is a Secretarial Course, where the Shorthand and Typing examinations of the Royal Society of Arts and the Pitman Examination Institute are combined with G.C.E. subjects. Girls taking this course are expected to offer English Language and Principle of Accounts as 'O' level subjects. The School is an approved Pitman Examination Centre.

Classes are small and carefully graded so that individual pupils receive considerable attention. Dressmaking, Diction and Drama are part of the curriculum for all girls. Use is made of filmstrips, television and tape recorders as aids to teaching. There are two laboratories for Biology, Physics and Chemistry and a Domestic Science Room. There is a small library containing a reference and fiction section and a regular exchange of books is obtained through the Shropshire County School Library Service.

Good facilities are available for games and other outdoor activities. Adjacent to the boarding house there is a hard tennis court and netball pitch and a lawn for the nursery, where activity apparatus, consisting of swings, see-saw and sandpit, is provided. At the rear of the classroom building there is another large area of lawn.

The main sports field, a short distance from the School building, provides four grass tennis courts and lacrosse pitches. The Baths are close to the School and are used as a gymnasium and indoor netball pitch during the winter months.

Games played are lacrosse, netball, tennis and rounders, and there is swimming during the summer term. Matches are arranged with other schools.

A Speech Day, Swimming Gala, Harvest Festival and a Carol Service are held annually and from time to time Plays for public performances are produced.

Three Boarders' Scholarships and Three Day Pupils' Scholarships, of varying values, are offered annually to girls on the results of an examination held in March. Candidates should be over 11 years

and under 13 years of age on the 1st September of the year of entry. Junior pupils of the School are also eligible when they reach the qualifying age. Full particulars may be had on application.

BOARDERS:-

Boarding accommodation is provided as follows:—

Under 10 years of age, termly or weekly.

Over 10 years of age termly only.

The health of the boarders is under the supervision of an experienced Matron.

The diet is liberal, well balanced, varied and attractively served.

The dormitories are exceptionally lofty and airy. Beds are fitted with Dunlopillo mattresses.

All members of staff take a keen interest in the welfare of the girls and a happy home-like atmosphere is therefore created.

There are ample facilities for recreation during out-of-school hours. There is a planned evening programme for each week and senior girls are encouraged to take an interest in the activities of local societies. All girls have the opportunity to become members of the Girl Guides and St. John Ambulance Cadets. The School has its own Scottish Country Dance Society affiliated to The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Boarders have their own Common Rooms, which are furnished in contemporary style and equipped with television, wireless and gramophone.

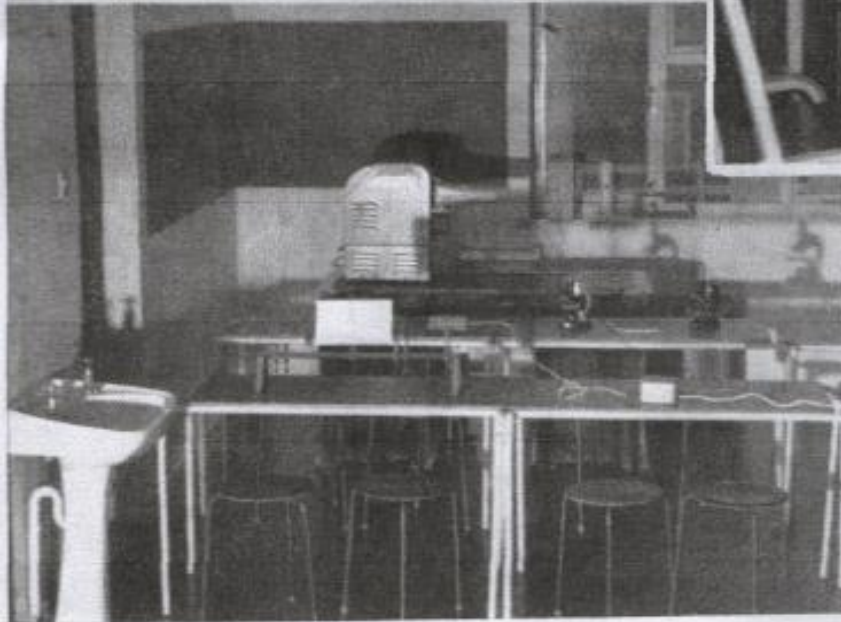
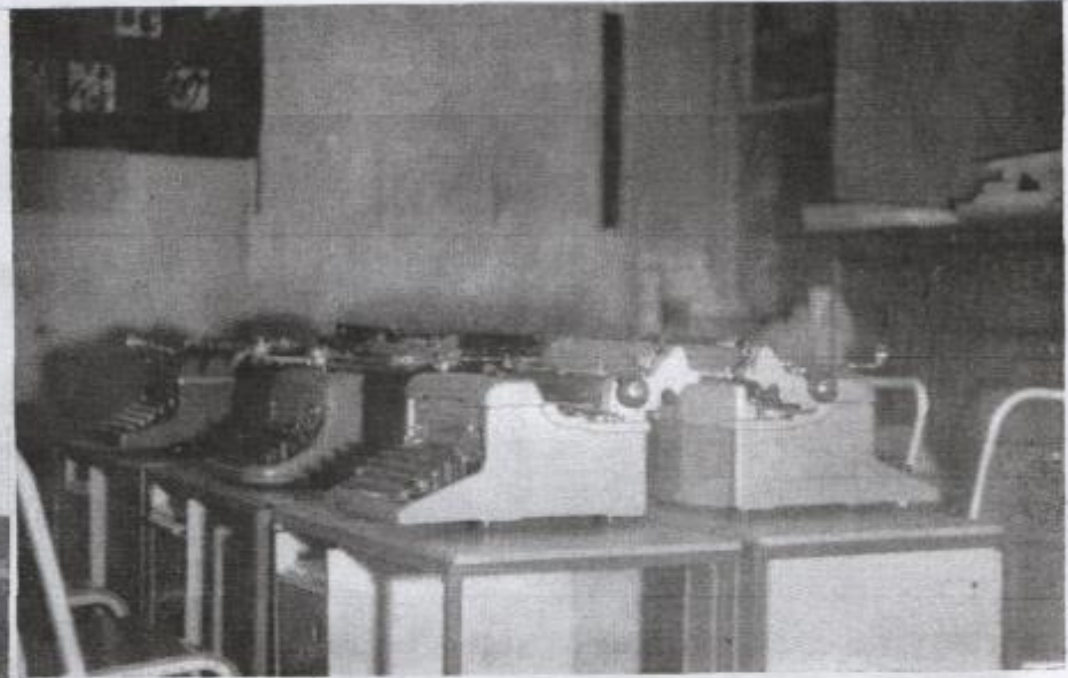
At week-ends boarders are taken into the town to make small personal purchases, and in the afternoons there are walks in the surrounding countryside.

A classroom.

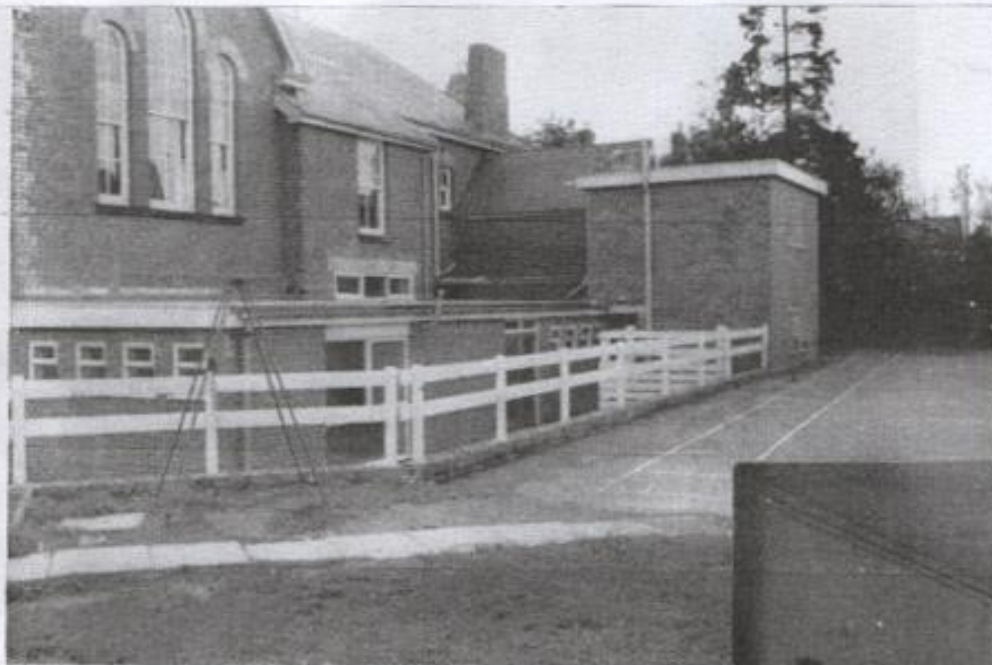


The Art Room.

The Commercial Room.



Part of a Laboratory.

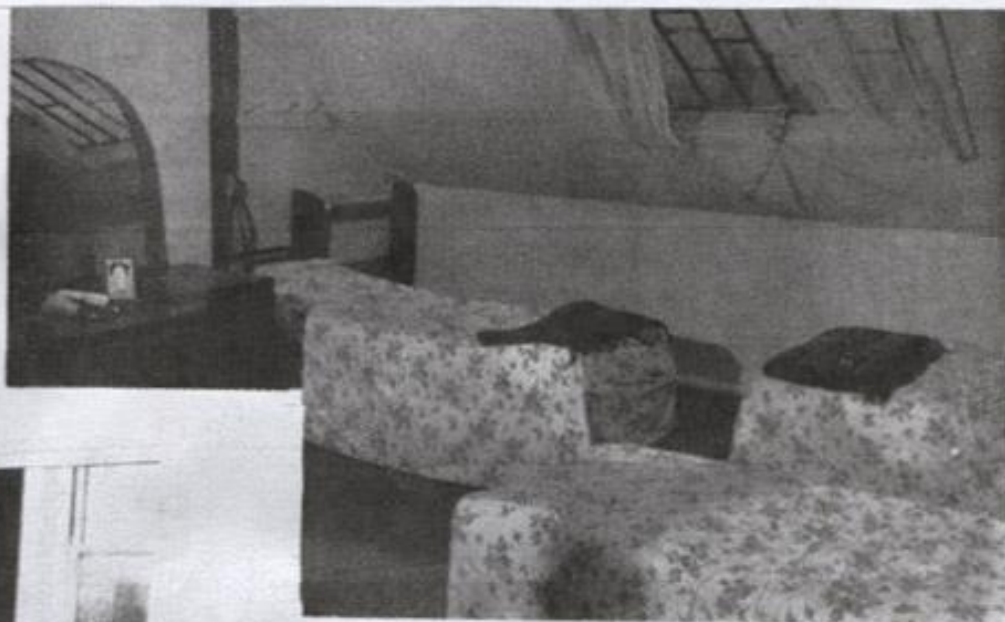


*The Cloakroom Block and extension
to the Laboratories.*

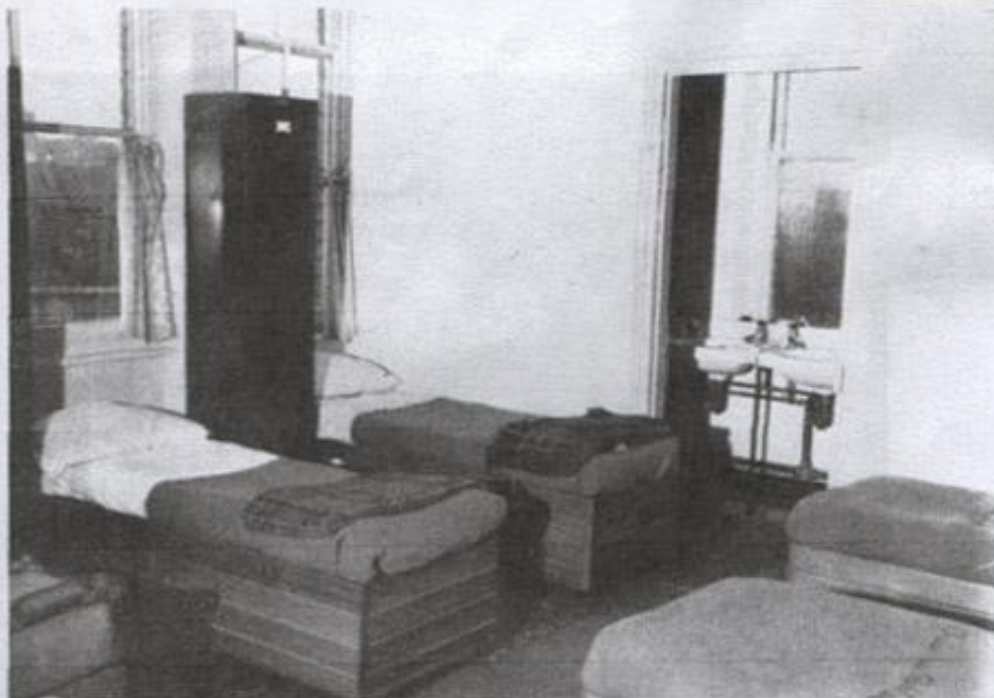


A section of the Main Cloakroom.

A corner of a small Dormitory.



Part of one of the larger Dormitories.



Dormitories are of various sizes,
ranging from eight to four beds
in a room.

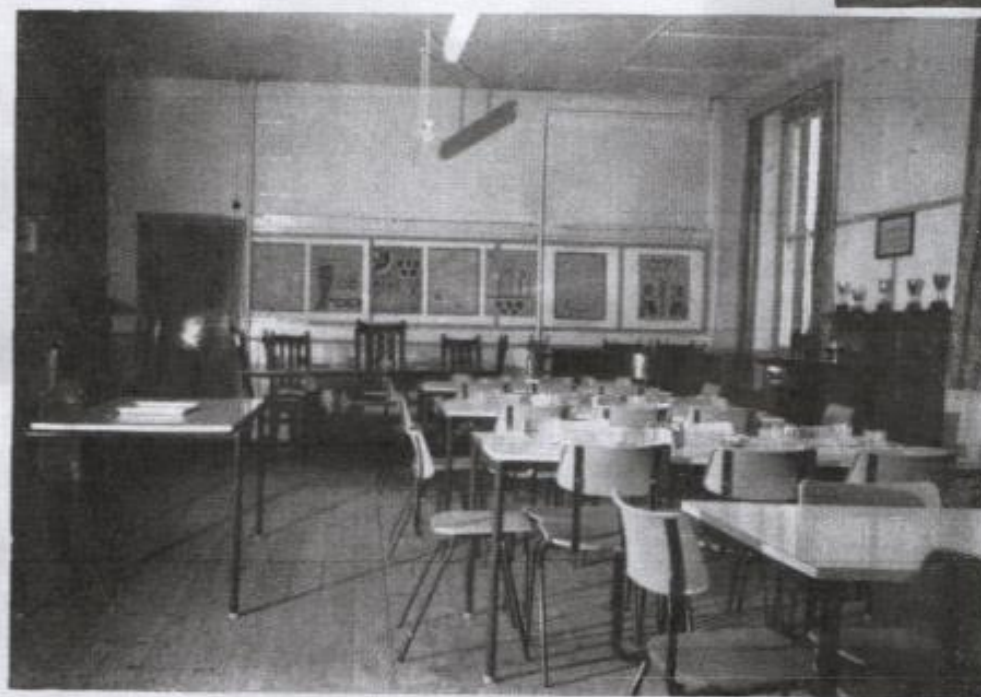


The Junior Boarders' Common Room.



The Senior Boarders' Common Room.

Another small dormitory.



The Dining Room.

The School attends Morning Service at the Parish Church every Sunday, but arrangements can be made for children of denominations other than the Church of England, to attend their own churches, if parents so wish.

Whenever possible, boarders are taken to concerts and plays of cultural value and occasional visits to places of interest are also arranged.

Termly boarders are allowed out at the following times in addition to half term:—

The third and ninth week-end of each term from noon Saturday to 8 p.m. Sunday.

One afternoon either side of half term on either Saturday or Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

Girls may write home at any time, and on Sundays they may write to friends whose names appear on a list signed by the parent or guardian.

Girls may wear clothes of their own choice during out-of-school hours.

OVERSEAS PUPILS

For a number of years now the School has taken entire charge of, and provided holiday accommodation for, overseas pupils, and is fully conversant and experienced with the problems of travel and other arrangements involved. Use is made of Chester or Liverpool Airports to avoid the bus and train journey from London. Journey time, in the School's own bus, is 50 minutes to Chester and 90 minutes to Liverpool. Full details are sent to interested parents.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE:

Nursery	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Junior & Senior School	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	1.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.
Saturday is a whole holiday.		

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory in the Junior and Senior School.

Summer Uniform for girls:—

School Dress, Blazer, Panama Boater, plain white socks, fawn cardigan, nigger brown gaberdine raincoat, white gloves, brown shoes, brown house slippers.

Winter Uniform for Girls:—

Cream Blouse, nigger brown skirt (Juniors—gym slip), School tie, School blazer, fawn pullover, nigger brown gaberdine raincoat, cream socks or fawn stockings, nigger brown hat, nigger brown gloves, brown shoes, brown house slippers in school, overcoat (compulsory for boarders).

Boys, Summer and Winter:—

Grey shorts, grey shirts (cream shirts in summer), School tie, fawn pullover, School blazer, School cap and badge, nigger brown gaberdine raincoat, fawn stockings, brown shoes, brown gloves, brown house slippers in school.

Games equipment:—Nigger brown gym skirt, white blouse, white gym shoes, lacrosse boots, lacrosse stick, tennis racket, black track suit.

The listed items of uniform for girls, with the exception of shoes, are available through the School.

The School holds no responsibility for lost property. All articles must be clearly marked with the child's name.

School Milk (Government Milk Scheme) is available.

Mid-day dinners are provided for day pupils.

Parents are requested to send a written explanation in any case of their child's absence from School and are asked to keep their child at home only in cases of ill health.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Principal.

All requests for short or long periods of leave and exemption from games must be in writing.

The Principal reserves the right to request the withdrawal of a pupil.

FEES

The current fees are given on a separate list.

All tuition and boarding fees are payable in advance and are due on or before the first day of each term. Cheques should be made payable to P. GLYNNE THOMAS.

Fees for optional extras and incidental expenses for boarders are charged a term in arrears.

A TERM'S NOTICE IN WRITING is required before the withdrawal of a pupil, a change from boarding to day status, or the discontinuation of an extra subject. Such notices must be received by the first day of a term otherwise full fees for the next term will be charged.

Fees cannot be remitted for absence from any cause whatsoever. Parents are advised to insure against absence through illness or quarantine by participating in the School Fees Remission Scheme, which is in operation at the School.

There are certain ways of meeting the cost of school fees, through Grants from Local Educational Authorities, the Services, certain Government Departments, Deeds of Covenant and Educational Settlements, Insurance Policies, Credit Facilities and some professional organizations. Further information may be obtained from the Principal.

PRINCIPALS

- 1820—1835 Mrs. Davies and Miss Davies.
1835—1870—Misses Asterley.
1870—1874 Miss Goldsboro.
1874—1900 Misses Jane, Catherine and Helen Hoult.
1900—1920 Misses Jane and Catherine Hoult, H. Weyermann, B. M. Porter.
1920—1922 Misses Helen Weyermann and B. M. Porter.
1922—1937 Miss Helen Weyermann.
1937—1948 Miss Ruth Norman, N.F.F., M.R.S.T.
1948—1949 Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson.
(Headmistresses: Miss M. Mossdrop, N.F.F.—Miss Flint.)
1949—1952 Mrs. C. M. Hill and J. A. Davies, M.Sc., A.R.I.C.
1952—1959 P. G. Thomas, Mrs. C. M. Hill, J. A. Davies, M.Sc., A.R.I.C.
1959—1966 P. G. Thomas, J. A. Davies, M.Sc., A.R.I.C., R. H. Hill.
1966 P. G. Thomas

STAFF.

Miss. J M Jones, NFF

Mrs G M Reese, BA (Hons) Dip Ed.

Rev J E Reese, BA (Hons)

Miss C P Moss, Bsc

Mrs D F Davies, (Slade School of Art)

Mrs J Craddock, (Registered Pitman Teacher)

Mrs M Davies, Diploma in English & Speech Training

(Trinity College London.)

Mrs B Goolden, Teacher's Diploma, (Bedford College of Physical Education)

Mrs S M Morris, Teacher's Certificate, (Stockwell College.)

Mrs D M Oliver, Teacher's Certificate, (St Catherine's College)

Mrs G M Perkins, Licence es Lettres, Montpelier.

Mrs J Wilton, Dip Ed Sup.

Miss N Godwin, L.R.A.M. (Eloc.), M I A T S D.

Miss C S Olive, N.N.E.B.

Mrs M Jones, L.R.A.M.

Miss C Corfield, M.A.T.D.

Mrs S F M Beauclerk,

Housemistress.

Mrs S Barraclough.