



OSWESTRY BOYS' MODERN SCHOOL



To be opened by
SIR RONALD GOULD, M.A., GENERAL SECRETARY, NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS

A short service of dedication will be conducted by
THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF LICHFIELD
ASSISTED BY THE REV. S. E. MORRIS

ON MONDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1958, AT 3 P.M.

ORDER OF PROGRAMME



The Chair will be taken by Mr. S. G. D. Campbell, J.P., Chairman of the Governors

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. Dedication Service (see opposite): The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, assisted by the Rev. S. E. Morris.
 2. Introduction by the Chairman.
 3. Lieut.-Colonel A. P. Sykes, M.B.E., J.P., D.L., Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee, will introduce the speaker.
 4. Sir Ronald Gould, M.A., General Secretary, National Union of Teachers, will then speak and declare the school open.
 5. The Rev. A. R. Vincent, Vice-Chairman of the Governors, will thank the speaker.
 6. The Headmaster, Mr. R. Powell, will invite the audience to see the premises.
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DEDICATION SERVICE

The people standing, the Chairman of the Governors shall say:

Right Reverend Father in God, I humbly beseech you to Dedicate this school to the Service of God and for the advancement of learning.

The Bishop: Let us Pray:

Our Father

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee: Mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in this and in all things direct and rule our hearts: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSON : PROVERBS : CHAPTER 3, VERSES 13 TO 26.

Read by the Reverend S. E. Morris, representing the Free Churches.

THE ADDRESS :

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield (the Right Reverend A. Stretton Reeve, D.D.)

The people shall stand and the Bishop shall say:

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to prosper with Thy Blessing the work of this school, that they who serve Thee therein as teachers or learners, may set Thy Holy Will ever before them, and be led to the knowledge of Thy truth: that so both Church and Commonwealth may be bettered by their studies, and they themselves be made meet to be partakers of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bless these buildings, we beseech Thee O Lord, with Thy Presence:

We dedicate this school to the Service of God and the advancement of learning: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Hymn (over) :

Hymn: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing ?
Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him !
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him !
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him !
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him ! Praise Him !
Praise with us the God of grace.

THE SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL traces its ancestry back to the British School, founded by the British and Foreign School Society in 1841 in premises used until recently by the School of Art. In 1870, the school was taken over by the School Board as an all-age elementary school; it was transferred to new premises in Albert Road. In 1928, with the co-operation of the Church School Authorities and the goodwill of all, it took the first step towards secondary status when it became the Senior School for Oswestry children, organised into separate boys' and girls' departments.

After the Second World War, horizons were enlarged. The Authority bought the spacious Beechfields site. The units of temporary buildings provided for the whole district under the national emergency scheme for the raising of the school-leaving age were concentrated there in a single plan. Opportunity was thrown open to the children of the surrounding area, reaching out to the foot of the Breiddens and the Welsh border. The completely separate existence of the fully fledged Oswestry Boys' Modern School began at Beechfields.

The Girls' School, also serving the larger area, expanded into the whole of the Albert Road buildings.

However, there were still serious limitations of general and specialist accommodation, and the onset of the heavy birth-groups at the end of the War has produced severe over-crowding. Now, at last the School moves into its full range of activity and life, untrammelled by these limitations. The foundations for a broad four-year course have been well laid; the scope and variety of work will grow. The development of individual interests and powers and the social education that the School can offer will be strengthened; it will develop a new vitality. There will now be more to be gained by boys who stay to the end of the fourth year—and into a fifth year.

The School looks forward to active co-operation with other schools and especially with the Girls' Modern School, whose headquarters has now been established on the Beechfields site, using the old Albert Road School for a homecrafts centre.

For boys keen to fit themselves for their careers and to improve their prospects, continued education is increasingly important. Over and above the greater opportunities in the School itself for its older pupils, the links with the new College of Further Education (and with other institutions of further training) are fast being strengthened. There is a very close liaison between the School and College. It is to be expected that more and more boys will move on from this School into the courses of further education provided at the College.

SCHOOL BUILDING DETAILS

THE SCHOOL is designed to accommodate 420 boys for the time being with eventual extension up to 480 places by adding another classroom and one more practical instruction room. The building is planned as a three storey classroom wing, a practical wing for science, woodwork and metalwork and an administrative and communal block containing a gymnasium, assembly hall, art and craft rooms, dining hall, kitchen and staff accommodation. The dining hall has one wall which may be folded back so that it becomes one space with the assembly hall.

Throughout the building as much use as possible has been made of natural materials for their decorative appeal, and to reduce subsequent maintenance costs. Ceilings generally are of varnished timber slats or sprayed asbestos, both of which have good acoustic properties, and walls are mainly plastered, but with some fair faced brickwork. The joinery generally is of polished hardwood. With the exception of the maple strip floor in the assembly hall and gymnasium, the majority of the floors have been finished with a plastic sheet covering, which is quiet and non-slip. The same colour has been used throughout to give a sense of continuity. Externally, the building is finished with a local sandfaced brick, western red cedar boarding and dark blue panels below the windows, which have been faced with glass.

There is to be a rural science unit to the rear of the site linked with the practical wing, and a house for the caretaker is situated just off the service road.

The main contractors were Messrs. Jenks (Builders) Limited, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury.

The Associate Architects were Messrs. Richard Sheppard & Partners, London, and they were under the general direction of Mr. C. H. Simmons, A.R.I.B.A., Dip. T.P., County Architect.

Chairman of the Education Committee: CAPTAIN SIR OFFLEY WAKEMAN, BARONET, C.B.E., J.P., D.L.

Secretary for Education: H. MARTIN WILSON, M.A.

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