



QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL

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QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL

One of the oldest country's girls' schools

In mid Victorian days it would have been described as a 'select academy for young ladies', but its story goes back to well before the accession of Queen Victoria. No one really knows the exact date, when what is now Queens Park School, had its beginnings.

The first definite record that can be traced in an advertisement in the Oswestry Herald, for 12th December 1821, announcing the Pupils Ball at the Wynnstay Inn, followed by a notice of thanks for support, from Castle Buildings, Willow Street. Since these premises had been built back in 1803, this school might have been started at anytime between the two dates. Isaac Watkin in his history of Oswestry, lists the occupants of Castle Buildings, which are now 68 Willow Street, almost opposite the Walford Cafe, as Dr Charles Humphreys, Henrietta Davies 1828, Miss Asterley (who kept a boarding and day school for girls) succeeded by Miss Goldsbor' and in 1874 the Misses Hoult.....But although he gives 1828 as the date of Miss Davies' occupation and only mentions the school in connection with Miss Asterley, the Herald advertisements establish that Miss Davies ran a school at that address and that she had been there at least seven years earlier.

Regency

This takes the origin of the school back two reigns before Victoria and possibly three for George IV succeeded in 1820 and it may well have been established during the Regency.

It is, therefore, one of the oldest girls' schools in Britain.

By a happy chance much of its history has been preserved in local records and Press announcements. There is a complete list of Principals and also advertisements announcing school terms and functions, which appeared from time to time in the Oswestry Herald and the Border Counties Advertizer.

The first Principals are listed as Mrs and Miss Davies under the date of 1820, with the Misses Asterley succeeding in 1835. These were three sisters and between them they presided over the school until 1870, when having each married, disposed of the school to their assistant Miss Goldsbor'. She stayed only four years and then also got married and sold the school to the Misses Jane and Helen Hoult, who were joined by their sister Catherine in 1881.

The College

The name by which this 'select academy' was known was 'The Educational House for Young Ladies' and later 'The College' and it certainly flourished, for by 1895 the premises were inadequate for the number of its pupils and a move had to be made. A new school was purpose built in Queen's Park and when the move was made the name 'The College' remained. Jane Hoult died in 1900 and Miss Helena Weyerman, Swiss Subject and Bessie.M.Porter came into the partnership. They changed the school's name in 1912 and it became Queen's Park School, which it remains to this day.

In 1920 the Misses Hoult retired and Miss Weyerman ran the school with Miss N Barker until 1935, then for another two years she was sole principal. She was a brilliant Headmistress, spoke four languages fluently and was a gifted pianist. Helen Hoult died in 1931 and Sarah, another sister, who had never been connected with the school, died in 1935 both were octogenarians.

Miss Ruth Norman became Headmistress in 1937 and when she retired to get married in 1948 was succeeded by Miss Mossdrop and Miss Flint, after the proprietorship had passed to Mr and Mrs Jackson of Maesbury.

"Her School Her Home"

High tribute was paid to Miss Ruth Norman, Principal of Queen's Park School Oswestry, when she met parents of her pupils for the last time on Wednesday. The man who has bought this school – Mr R Jackson of Maesbury, son of the late Mr F L Jackson of "Ivanhoe" Morda Road, for many years Manager of the Midland Bank, Oswestry – spoke of Miss Norman as the mainstay of the school during her career as Headmistress there.

Mrs James of Llanfyllin, speaking on behalf of the parents, thanked Miss Norman for the love and devotion which she had shown towards the boys and girls placed in her care and described her as an ideal mistress, because she had made Queen's Park School her home as well as her profession. Mrs James extended the warmest of congratulations to Miss Norman on her forthcoming marriage.

Miss Norman was handed her wedding present from the school and in return presented the school with a wireless set.

The above taken from the Oswestry Advertizer dated March 3rd 1948.

In 1949 another change came when Mrs C M Hill and Mr J A Davies took over the school and three years later Mr P G Thomas joined them and became Headmaster on their retirement from active participation.

Manners

Mr Thomas is young, smart, vital and enthusiastic. He loves his job and has his own specific ideas about education. He believes, for instance that children should be happy at school and is a firm believer in the importance of good manners. "They oil the wheels of life" he emphasises "And you can't begin to teach them too early". He is especially concerned of his pupil's behaviour in the streets and public places and they should at all times be above criticism: and indeed they invariably are!

"Service, not self" is the motto he inculcates and he says the word "impossible" should be deleted from the dictionary. He would like to see the word "strikes" expunged too!

Many people are aware of the existence of this long established school, but many more should acquaint themselves with what it has to offer. Queen's Park is not on the way to anywhere and perhaps few people find their way to it, but it is a very pleasant corner of Oswestry.

Queen's Park is an establishment which gives a complete education. It is not a preparatory school; it takes girls from three to eighteen years and boys from three to eleven years. It has a Kindergarten, Junior School and Senior School and caters for both day girls and boarders.

Most important of all, Mr Thomas stresses that it prepares girls for G.C.S. examinations.

There are scholarships to Queens Park too. Three boarders' scholarships and three day scholarships of varying values are offered each year to girls of between eleven and thirteen years. The examinations for these are held in March.

The teaching staff made up of full-time, part-time and visiting teachers include M.A.'s, B.A.'s and L.A.R.M's, a Froebel mistress, nursery trained nurse for the little ones and other fully qualified personnel. Add to this a full-time domestic staff of four and you have a total of twenty.

Vital age

Not every girl is temperamentally or intellectually equipped for a career needing scholastic attainments and many of these wish to leave school at the earliest opportunity. Mr Thomas feels that the age 15-16 is a vital one in the forming of the final character of girls. He can quote many instances of transformation of character and attitude to life, during this formative year, brought about by giving them responsibility within the school community and encouraging them to study whatever work interests them most.

To those with aptitude for study and intellectual pursuits, he believes it is of paramount importance that they should be given every encouragement from home to use their talents, take their G.S.C. and continue their studies beyond this level.

Thus the school caters for both academic and non-academic pupils and with classes of 15 pupils it is possible for mistresses to give individual attention. Incidentally the Headmaster takes classes too.

At present there are 60 pupils and there is accommodation for 22 boarders.

Pupils come not only from the town, but from places as far afield as Shrewsbury, Guilsfield and Ruabon. Boarders come from Derbyshire, Chester and many other places. At times pupils have come from the Continent.

Naturally the girls wear uniform and while the juniors wear brown gym-slips, the seniors have pleated skirts, blouses and blazers, in a colour scheme of brown and cream. As Mr Thomas says 'It's almost like an office costume'. In summer, even the juniors wear non-iron dresses and soft boaters. These colours are a change from those of the past. In 1903 they were of Oxford and Cambridge blue and the hat bands had diagonal stripes.

Houses

Similarly with the "houses" into which the school was divided, up till 1948 these were two in number. Kings and Queens, then a third was added and now they are named Edinburgh, Caernarvon and York. Mr Thomas doesn't know why these three names were chosen, though it's just possible that it was to symbolise the three countries of the British mainland.

Having been built as a school, the lay-out of the building is perfectly suited to its purpose and the classrooms and dining hall are all conveniently placed in relation to each other. Upstairs the dormitories are spacious and pleasant, instead of having the cramped feeling you get when a private house is converted to school use. All the rooms are decorated in pleasant gay colours. The old school décor of dark paint half way up the walls, with a lighter shade above, is now banished from Queen's Park. There's no Concert Hall, but one large classroom opens out for an assembly room as required.

Naturally, traditions have been built up in a school, which has as long a history as this one and there are three special occasions in the school year. They are the Open Day, Harvest Festival, which are actually held in the school and the Christmastide Carol Concert with the reading of the Nine Lessons all conducted by candlelight.

Noteworthy

There is a long tradition of balls, concerts and plays given by the girls all down the decades. When the school started it was the custom for girls schools to give a Pupils' Ball; and under every headmistress there were concerts and plays performed in the public rooms of the town.

The productions of the twenties and thirties were especially noteworthy. These were under the direction of Miss Barker, an extremely talented woman who had lived and taught in England, Ireland and Germany. She was a great drama lover, and directed the school productions in the Victoria Rooms.

National occasions made their mark on the school too, in 1915 for instance, the girls asked to forgo school prizes and have certificates instead, the money saved being spent on wool which they knitted into comforts for the soldiers, during the holidays. In 1935 the Mayoress of Oswestry, Mrs Birch Thomas, visited the school and presented the girls with Jubilee Mugs in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of George V.

In coaching girls up to G.C.E. standard, Mr Thomas is carrying on the traditions of the school, for back in the days of Miss Weyerman and Miss Barker the prospectus announced that girls were prepared for London matriculation and the Oxford Locals – which were the equivalent for those days of the later School Certificate and General Certificate.

One feature of great importance at Queens Park is the obvious happiness of the girls. I was shown round the classrooms and saw the girls at their work and everyone looked as though they were enjoyably interested. Their manners too, were above reproach. Every girl stood up as we came into the rooms and the head showed the example of courtesy, by apologising to the form mistress for the interruption.

The happiness extends to out of school times too. Boarders discard their uniform for informal dress of their own choice, as soon as the bell for the last lesson for the day has sounded. The older girls via with one other in helping and caring for the little ones. They even asked to be allowed to bath them and put them to bed! Mr Thomas is always around the school building during leisure time and this must help to complete the compliment of a normal home atmosphere. An advantage, which can be only created by a Headmaster presiding over a girls' school.

Magazine

In May 1921 a magazine Aurora was published and some of the issues are in the Headmaster's possession. They were properly printed, not just duplicated and are full of interesting material. The first issue gave a brief history of the school and mentioned the departure of a very popular Head Girl, Winifred Brown; it also described an institution known as the Thursday Council, a meeting of the prefects and four school representatives under the chairmanship of the Head Girl. Its purpose was the regulating of the school rules. There were reports of school concerts, concerts by the Junior Music Club and long accounts of paper chases, which seem to have been a popular sport at that time. In addition there were many short articles and potted stories contributed by the girls and some simple line illustrations. Looking through those old magazines it was impossible not to wonder what has become of all the girls whose names are on those pages. They would be no more than middle-age now and still very much in circulation.

Was Clever

Ivy Clarke for instance, is she still in Oswestry? Does she write for a living or for pleasure? She was a clever girl, being always top of her form. In May 1921 she was Head of 4B, by December she had risen to be Head of 4A and by October of the next year was Head of the second division of 5A, in addition she contributed to Aurora and one of her contributions was a little fantasy about a journey to the moon. Does Ivy write science fiction today?

There was Olive Bason too, who was Head of 5B in May 1921 and of the first division of the 5th the following year. This was paralleled lower down the school by Marjorie Bason who was Head of Form 2 in 1921 and of the second division Form 3 the next year.

Were these two girls sisters? How much change would these girls see in Queens Park School today if they were to pay a return visit? They would undoubtedly be struck by the lightness and pretty colourings of the rooms; they would find an enlightenment attitude towards boyfriends, with permission being ordinarily forthcoming for them to be invited into the common room for an hour in the evening and they would find the teaching supplemented with filmstrips, radio and television.

They would find, too, that the old essential values of life, which are such an important part of a good school's teaching, are still unchanged and still regarded as vital.

This article was written by Mr Cynric Mytton-Davies and copied from the Border Counties Advertiser dated February 1961.

TWENTY YEARS HEADMASTER OF A GIRLS' SCHOOL

MR PETER GLYNNE THOMAS, Headmaster and Principal of Queen's Park School, Oswestry, celebrates his 20th Anniversary this term. "I suppose at the start I must have been one of the first Headmaster's of girls' schools. Nowadays they are less uncommon". Mr Thomas came from a top management post in industry, where one of his chief responsibilities was training, to take control of the school on April 21st 1952 and moved in fulltime in the following March. He said "I really came into it as I had been helping family friends with the administration, when I was given the opportunity to take it over. I had always been interested in administration and organization and with a first class senior mistress, Mrs Mather and Teaching Staff. I feel the school has made considerable progress". Mr Thomas, a Liverpoolian by birth, had already Shropshire connections as an old boy of Ellesmere College. Queen's Park School, founded in 1820, now has a total of 134 pupils, 78 of them day girls and 56 boarders. It is steadily expanding. During this term Mr Thomas plans to convert a former small flat for residential domestic staff in the classroom block into an administrative block with Headmaster's Study, Senior Mistress Room and School Study. His present Study on the ground floor of the residential block will become a Common Room/Classroom for the girls. Mr Thomas commented "These days we find domestic staff prefer to live at home, even if they have to turn out in time to be here for breakfast, so this small flat will make a very useful self-contained unit for administration purposes. It will offer a greater measure of privacy without cutting us off from the school".

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SCHOOL SET TO CLOSE

The oldest girls' school in the country will be closing its door at the end of the Summer Term.

Queen's Park School, Queens Road, Oswestry, has been a centre for Dyslexics since 1989, but was founded in the 1840's as a girls' school.

The 52 pupils, who come from all parts of the country, will now have to find alternative schools. The 23 members of staff will be made redundant.

Head Mrs Diana Baur said "The decision has been forced on the Queen's Park Partnership that runs the private school because of financial constraints".

It follows the Labour Government's Policy to integrate Special Needs Pupils into Mainstream Schools.

She said "It is with much regret that we have been advised by the School Accountants that we will have to close the School at the end of this term".

"The new Government Policy is to integrate Special Needs children into Maintained Schools and Local Education Authorities would appear to be implementing this policy".

The School currently owns and occupies three buildings in Queens Road which will now go on the market for sale.

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School Photograph

Taken 1918



School Photograph

Taken May 1951



QUEEN'S PARK SCHOOL OSWESTRY

Boarding and Day School

Official School Photograph May 1951

Back row left right :-

1 ?	2 Ann Blackburn	3 Meryl Sands	4 Zoe Woodward
5 Susan Peate	6 Ruth Lear	7 Christine Tomlinson	8 Robin Richards
9 Elizabeth Kempster	10 Ann Evans	11 Jill Threadgold	12 Pam Johnson
13 Annette Bevan	14 Jean Richards	15 Pat Gregory	16 Curigwen Evans
17 Gillian McVitie.	18 Janet Edwards	19 Morag Thomas	20 Joyce Darlington
21 Ruby Lloyd.	22 Ann Thompson	23 Jeanette Evans	24 ?

Third row left to right:-

25 Ruth Mitchell	26 Dulcie Croft	27 ?	28 Beryl Easton
29 Carol Hampson	30 Ann Davies	31 Dorothy Langford	32 Betty Milner
33 Gwen Jones	34 Dilys Milman	35 Pat Francis	36 Judith Boughy
37 Sarah Richards	38 Bethan Humphreys	39 Margaret Lewis	40 Hazel Hughes
41 Sheila Edwards	42 Ann Jones	43 Pat Lutton	44 Libby Owen
45 Mary Bradshaw	46 Mary Evans	47 Brenda Humphreys	48 Myfi Thomas
49 Ann McVitie			

Second row left to right:-

50 ?	51 Rosemary Manford	52 Joyce Cliffe	53 Gwyneth Davies
54 Margaret Price	55 Barbara Morris.	56 Ella Griffiths	57 Marion Roberts
58 Eiddwen Pughe	59 Matron?	60 Ruth Tomley	61 Mrs Hill
62 Mr J A Davies	63 Mrs Macdonald.	64 Mrs Jones	65 Miss Lloyd
66 Mrs Mather	67 Ruth Wickens	68 Mary Morris	69 Hazel Jones
70 Christine Beddowes	71 Joan Lunt	72 Kathleen Jones	73 Joan Hayward
74 Deidre Biggs Taylor	75 Jill Woodward		

Front row left to right:-

76 Pat Lloyd	77 ?	78 ?	79 Rachel Ratcliffe
80 Barbara Jones	81 Margaret Jones	82 Glenys Roberts	83 Margaret Johnson
84 ?	85 Elizabeth Hampson	86 John Smith	87 Geraldine Riley
88 ?	89 Robin Bowen	90 ?	91 Bill Martin
92 David Thomas	93 Ann Denny	94 Carol Edwards	95 ?
96 Michael Thomas	97 ?	98 John Evans	

Total number pupils in 1951- 91, 81 girls and 10 boys.

Number of teachers 6 which included both the Head Master and Head Mistress.

I Matron (boarders).

Photograph of School Building taken c1950



Hat Band Queen's Park School c1951



Students 1924



Ellinor Mary & Dorothy Whitfield Foulkes



Hilary Pym & Ellinor Mary Foulkes

Students 1951



Hazel Jones & Mary Morris



**Marion Roberts, Joyce Cliffe, Jennifer Dove, Jano Haywood, Margaret Price,
Pat Francis, Megan Edwards, Barbara Morris, Gwyneth Davies,
Christine Beddows, Hazel Jones, Ella Griffiths, Mary Morris.**

Students 19??



Coach Trip

Hampson Buses Oswestry

**Jennifer Dove, Dilys Milman,
Eileen Rogers, Joyce Edwards &
Valerie Gillingham**

Students Late 1960's early 1970's



**Jane Blades, Sandra Burton &
Susan Blades**

Students 1970



THE ADVERTIZER, SEPTEMBER 9, 1970

Results

QUEEN'S Park School girls who sat for the Cambridge Local Examinations at A and AO level this summer passed in all their subjects. Results were:

A level: Jane Christine Jones, English, history, geography; Frances Thomas, English, geography. AO level: Heather Mitchell, history; Frances Thomas, history. Jane Jones obtained a pass in "Use of English."

O level: The following gained certificates at ordinary level: Jane Blake, history; Sandra Burton, English language, English literature, religious knowledge, history, dressmaking; Glenys Davies (4) religious knowledge; Mary Edwards (5) French; Philippa Edwards, English literature, history, art, dressmaking; Jennifer Gladwell (5) religious knowledge, history; Sarah Halstead, English language; Ruth Kendrick, English literature, history; Gail Schofield, English language, English literature, history, geography. Figures in brackets denote number of subjects now passed.

C.S.E.: The following gained certificates in the Certificate of Secondary Education: Lynne Batterham, art and craft; Angela Brookes, typewriting; Sandra Burton, mathematics, grade 1 pass, art and craft; Glenys Davies, typewriting, grade 1 pass, shorthand; Mary Edwards, typewriting, grade 1 pass, shorthand, grade 1 pass; Philippa Edwards, art and craft; Jennifer Gladwell,

Girls Netball Team



Queen's Park school, Oswestry held their inter-house netball matches recently. In the Edinburgh house senior team above are (back row left to right) Jancis Lewis, Susan Owen, Janet Brereton, Liz Amos (reserve); (Front row) Anne Wilton, Gaye Price-Jones, Caroline Lewis, and Julie Owen (captain). Caernarvon Seniors below are (back row) Jane Scott, Ann Jones, Jane Rogers (captain) Chris Griffiths; (Front row) Beverley Slim, Karen Jones and Valerie Hall with their mascots Curly and Cuddles.



Girls Netball Team v Teachers 1973

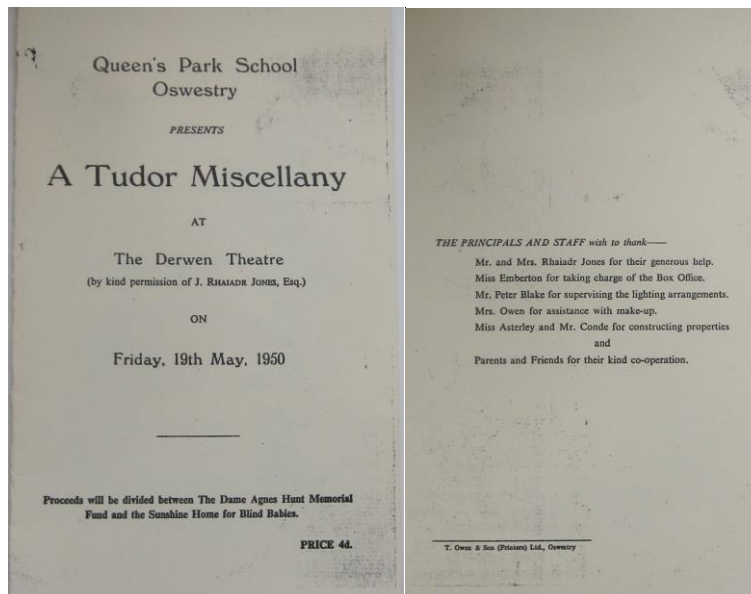


A netball team from the staff of Queen's Park School, Oswestry, recently played a pupils' team. Above are the staff team, Queen's Hells Angels, who won 6-3. (from left to right, back row (Mrs Kathy Morrell, Mrs Daryl Oliver, Mr Peter Thomas, Mrs Lucy Ashwin; (front row), Mrs Hilary Astbury, Mrs Georgina Hopkins, Miss Judith Jones and Mrs Shirley Thomas.

Below are the members of the pupils' team (from left to right, back row) Caroline Lewis, Jane Rogers, Heather Roberts, Diana Gaskin, (front row) Jane Scott, Gay Pryce-Jones, Julie Owen, and Nadine Wiggins.



School Play 1950



Programme	
1. SCENES from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" <i>Shakespeare</i>	2. LUTE-SONGS, ROUNDS AND CANZONETS.
CHARACTERS.	"Come again" ... } <i>John Dowland</i> , 1597
<i>Mortals.</i>	"Fine Knacks for Ladies" ... } 1600
Property Man ... DOROTHY LANGFORD	"When for my Love I Lookte for Love" ... <i>John Bartlet</i> , 1606
Quince, a carpenter ... CHRISTINE BEDDOWES	ARTHUR DAVIES
Bottom, a weaver ... RUTH WICKENS	"Have You Seen but a White Lily Grow?" <i>Anonymous</i>
Flute, a bellows-mender ... MARY MORRIS.	(Verse from a Poem in "The Devil is an Ass" <i>Ben Jonson</i> , 1622)
Snout, a tinker ... GWLITHYN PUGHE	ANN PHILLIPS
Snug, a joiner ... ANNE JONES	"Hey, Ho! To The Greenwood" } <i>Thomas Ravenscroft</i>
Starveling, a tailor ... BARBARA MORRIS	"Jolly Shepherd" ... } (from "Pammelia" 1609-1611)
Duke Theseus ... EIDDWEN PUGHE	"Sweet Nymph, Come to thy Lover" <i>Thomas Morley</i> , 1595
Hippolyta, his bride ... MENNA PUGH	"Whither Runneth My Sweetheart?" <i>John Bartlet</i> , 1606
Courtiers ... HAZEL JONES, MARGARET PRICE	"It was a Lover and His Lass" <i>Thomas Morley</i> , 1600
Pages ... MARGARET HOWARD, PATRICIA FRANCIS	"Cradle Song" ... <i>William Byrd</i> , 1593
Pages ... SARAH EDWARDS, JOAN HAYWARD	SENIORS
<i>Fairies.</i>	Accompanist ... Miss M. H. ASTERLEY
Oberon ... RUTH TOMLEY	3. VERSE-SPEAKING
Titania ... ANN PHILLIPS	"Winter" ... } <i>William Shakespeare</i>
Puck ... CAROL HAMPSON	"Where the Bee Sucks" ... }
First Fairy ... BETTY MILNER	JUNIORS
Peaseblossom ... MARY EVANS	(arranged by Mrs. J. B. JONES)
Cobweb ... PATRICIA LUTTON	4. COUNTRY DANCING
Moth ... SHEILA EDWARDS	The Black Nag ... SENIOR B.
Mustard-Seed ... ELIZABETH OWEN	The Maid Peeped Out ... SENIOR A
Other Fairies ... ROSEMARY CROFT	Epping Forest ... SENIOR B
	Ruffy Tufty ... SENIOR A
	The Old Mole ... SENIOR A
	Gathering Peascods ... SENIOR A and B
	Newcastle ... SENIOR A
	If all the World were Paper ... SENIOR A
	Sellengers Round ... SENIOR A and B
	(Arranged by Mrs. MACDONALD)
	GOD SAVE THE KING
SCENES 1-5 ... A Wood near Athens	
SCENE 6 ... The Palace of Theseus	
Scenes produced by YVONNE WELLS (Shropshire School of Speech and Drama)	
INTERVAL — 15 MINUTES	

The Cast



Teachers

Extracts Taken From School Reports of Betty LAWSON nee MILNER – Queens Park School – 1944 to 1951
She passed her 11+ along with 5 other girls and went on to Oswestry Girls High School in September 1951

Year	Head	Teachers
Christmas Term 1944	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Miss Noreen M BOWER NFF (Kindergarten) Miss Norah GODWIN - Diction
Easter Term 1945	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Miss Noreen M BOWER (Kindergarten)
Summer Term 1945	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Miss Noreen M BOWER (Kindergarten)
Christmas Term 1945	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Eileen A KELLY (Kindergarten) Norah GODWIN - Diction Joyce WHITCHER - Dancing
Easter Term 1946	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Eileen A KELLY (Kindergarten) Joyce WHITCHER - Diction & Dancing
Summer Term 1946	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Olwen E REES Joyce WHITCHER - Diction & Dancing
Easter Term 1946	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Olwen E REES Joyce WHITCHER - Diction & Dancing
Summer Term 1947	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Olwen REES Norah GODWIN - Diction
Christmas Term 1947	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Mary BAWDEN – Form Teacher K LLOYD -Nature N GODWIN - Diction
Easter Term 1948	Ruth M NORMAN NFU MRST	Mary BAWDEN – Form Teacher K LLOYD - Nature Norah GODWIN - Diction
Summer Term 1948	B MOSOCROP NFU	B MOSOCROP – Form Teacher Norah GODWIN - Diction
Autumn Term 1948	B MOSOCROP NFU	J V JONES – Form Teacher – Upper II K LLOYD – Needlework M H ASTERLEY – Nature Norah GODWIN - Diction
Easter Term 1949	Mary J D FLINT	Mary J D FLINT – Form Teacher Upper II – 14 pupils J V JONES – Form teacher K LLOYD – Needlework M H ASTERLEY – Nature /Drawing N GODWIN – Diction

Newspaper Articles

QUEEN'S PARK

ALTHOUGH Queen's Park is one of the most unpretentious looking schools to be found in or around Oswestry, it has a long and honourable history which goes back very nearly a century and a half. It may even go further, for there is no definite date known for its foundation.

The first recorded mention of the school, though not by its present name, was in 1821 when the Oswestry Herald of December 12 referred to the Pupil's Ball held at the Wynnstay Hotel for the young ladies of the academy at Castle Buildings, Willow Street.

Castle Buildings are the big red brick block at the upper end of Willow Street just before you come to Castle Street, and they were constructed in 1803. Watkin, in his History of Oswestry, lists Dr. Charles Humphreys as the first occupant of the buildings, and Miss Henrietta Davies in 1828 as the second, and then cites Miss Asterley as keeping a boarding and day school for girls. But since there was obviously a school here in 1821 or the Herald could not have mentioned it, it may have been started before Miss Asterley became Principal.

Miss Asterley had three sisters, and in due course they all got married, after which the school was sold to Miss Goldsborough in 1870. Four years later she in turn sold it to the Misses Jane and Helen Hoult, who were joined in 1883 by their sister Catherine.

At this time the school was known as The Educational House for Young Ladies; later the name was changed to The College.

Presumably it occupied only a part of Castle Build-

ings, for in 1895 the premises were found to be too small and it was moved to its present building, a pale brick house of Victorian appearance in Queen's Park. But it was still called The College.

NAME CHANGE

Jane Hoult died in 1900 and Miss Helen Weyerman and B. M. Porter came into the partnership, and in 1912 they changed the name to Queen's Park School. Helen and Catherine Hoult retired in 1920 and Miss Weyerman and a Miss Barker ran it together until 1935 after which Miss Weyerman was sole Principal for two years.

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There seems to be an erroneous impression in the district that Queen's Park is a preparatory school; also that it is very expensive. It isn't a preparatory school. It takes girls up to the age of 18, and coaches girls up to G.C.E. standard. Indeed, it is the only private day school in the district which does this.

A few of the girls are boarders, and some of them are from abroad and spend the holidays as well as the term at school, but most are day girls. And the fees are by no means out of reach of the majority of parents who want a school of this type for their daughters. What may give the impression that they exceed those of other schools is the fact that they are quoted as one comprehensive figure with none of the extras which are liable to add up so alarmingly at other schools.

NURSERY

Small boys can go to Queen's Park until they are eleven, and there are nursery classes too. Moreover, the Headmaster has recently introduced a new facility for parents in the shape of a pay-by-the-morning nursery class. Here mothers can leave their very small children while they go shopping, and they can do it one morning a week or several. They pay only for the mornings when the child goes, and they get a bill at the end of the term. And if the total of the mornings should exceed the cost of a term's nursery school, they are charged the lower figure. This should dispose of the idea that Queen's Park is too expensive to consider.

There's a strong emphasis on art and music which goes back to the school's earliest days, and these subjects are fostered and encouraged. There's also a strict insistence on good manners which Mr Glynn Thomas feels are an indispensable item of personal equipment for everyone. He frowns severely on girls running in the streets of the town, and on eating sweets and ice cream while out walking. And his pet aversion is the word 'impossible' which he would like to see struck from the dictionary. 'Service, not self' is the motto he inculcates in his pupils.

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One often hears that flower arranging is good for the harassed nerves of the older folk. Perhaps that is true but I'm sure that I found it unusual and refreshing to find the art so highly developed in such a young and talented competitor.

JOYCE THOMAS.

Mrs E. A. Jones Gobown

THE death took place suddenly on Sunday at her home, Ferndale, School Lane, Gobown, of Mrs Esther Annie Jones, aged 76 years, wife of Mr Robert L. Jones. They had been married over 53 years. Mrs Jones had lived most of her life in Gobown. She was a member of Preeshenille Congregational Church and was a founder member of Preeshenille Women's Fellowship. Her husband, one son and one daughter survive her.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Preeshenille Congregational Church, followed by interment in the cemetery.

The Rev. G. Mortimer Neads conducted the service and Miss Brenda Phillips was organist.

Family mourners were: Mr

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One of the country's oldest girls' schools

IN mid Victorian days it would have been described as a 'select academy for young ladies', but its story goes back well before the accession of Queen Victoria. No one really knows the exact date when what is now Queens Park School had its beginnings.

The first definite record that can be traced is an advertisement in the Oswestry

By CYNRIC
MYTTON-DAVIES

Herald for 12 December, 1821 announcing the Pupils' Ball at the Wynnstay Inn, followed by a notice of thanks for support, dated from Castle Buildings, Willow Street. But since these premises had been built back in 1803, the school might have been started at any time between the two dates.

Isaac Watkin in his history of Oswestry lists the occupants of Castle Buildings, which are now 68, Willow Street, almost opposite the Watford Cafe, as Dr Charles Humphreys, Henrietta Davies 1828, Miss Astorley (who kept a boarding and day school for girls) succeeded by Miss Goldsburn and (in 1874) the Misses Nout.

But although he gives 1828 as the date of Miss Davies' occupation and only mentions the school in connection with Miss Astorley, the Herald advertisement established that Miss Davies ran a school at that address and that she had it there at least seven years earlier.

Regency

This takes the origin of the school back two reigns before Victoria, and possibly three, for George IV succeeded in 1820, and it may well have been established during the Regency. It is therefore one of the oldest girls' schools in Britain.

By a happy chance much of its history has been preserved in local records and Press announcements. There is a complete list of principals, and also advertisements announcing school terms and functions, which appeared from time to time in the Oswestry Herald and the Bowder Counties Advertiser.

The first principals are listed as Mrs and Miss Davies under the date of 1820, with the Misses Astorley succeeding in 1835. These were three sisters, and between them they provided over the school until 1879 when, having each married, they disposed of the school to their assistant, Miss Goldsburn. She stayed only four years and then also got married and sold the school to the Misses Jane and Helen Nout, who were joined by their sister Catherine in 1885.



A time for relaxation — Queens Park School boarders pictured in their common room which is furnished in contemporary style.



G.C.E. candidates get extra tuition. Two senior girls are here seen with the headmaster (Mr P. Glynn Thomas) having a geography lesson in the headmaster's sitting-room.

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The college

The name by which this "select academy" was known was The Educational House for Young Ladies, and later "The College," and it certainly flourished, for by 1895 the premises were inadequate for the number of its pupils and a move had to be made. A new school was purpose-built in Queen's Park and when the move there was made the name "The College" remained.

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School, which it remains to this day.

In 1920 the Misses Hoult retired and Miss Weyerman ran the school with Miss N. Barker until 1935 when for another two years she was sole principal. She was a brilliant headmistress, spoke four languages fluently and was a gifted pianist. Helen Hoult died in 1931, and Sarah — another sister who had never been connected with the school — in 1935. Both were octogenarians.

Miss Ruth Norman became headmistress in 1937, and when she retired to get married in 1945 was succeeded by Miss Moscrop and Miss Flint after the proprietorship

had passed to Mr and Mrs Jackson of Massbury.

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Manners

Mr Thomas is young, smart, vital and enthusiastic. He loves his job and has his own very definite ideas about education. He believes, for instance, that children should be happy at school, and he is a firm believer in the im-

portance of good manners. "They oil the wheels of life," he emphasises, "and you can't begin to teach them too early." He is especially concerned that his pupils' behaviour in the streets and public places should at all times be above criticism; and indeed it invariably is!

"Service not self" is the motto he inculcates, and he says the word "impossible" should be deleted from the dictionary. He would like to see "strike" expunged too!

Many people are aware of existence of this long established school, but many more could acquaint themselves with what it has to offer. Queens Park is not on the way to anywhere and perhaps few people find their way to it. But it is a very pleasant corner of Oswestry.

Queens Park School is an establishment which gives a full and complete education.

It is not a preparatory school. It takes girls from three to 18 years and boys from three to 11. It has a Kindergarten, Junior School, and Senior School, and caters for both day girls and boarders. Most important of all, Mr Thomas stresses that it prepares girls for G.C.E. examination.

There are scholarships to Queens Park available too. Three Boarders Scholarships and three Day Pupils Scholarships of varying values are offered each year to girls of between 11 and 13. The examinations for these are held in March. The teaching staff, made up of full-time, part-time and visiting teachers, includes M.A.s, B.A.s and L.R.S.M.s, a Froebel mistress, nursery trained nurses for the little ones, and other fully qualified personnel. Add to this a full-time domestic staff of four and you have a total of twenty.

Vital age

Not every girl is temperamentally or intellectually equipped for a career needing scholastic attainments and many of these wish to leave school at the earliest opportunity. Mr Thomas feels that the age of 15-16 is a vital time in the forming of the final character of girls. He can quote many instances of transformation of character

and attitude to life, during this formative year, brought about by giving them responsibility within the school community and encouraging them to study whatever work interests them most.

To those with aptitude for study and intellectual pursuits he believes it is of paramount importance that they should be given every encouragement from home to use their talents, take their G.C.E. and continue their studies beyond this level.

Thus the school caters for both the academic and non-academic pupil and with classes of only fifteen pupils it is possible for mistresses to give individual attention. Incidentally the Headmaster takes classes too.

At present there are 80 pupils, and there is accommodation for 22 boarders. Pupils come not only from the town, but from places as far afield as Shrewsbury, Guilsfield and Ruabon. Boarders come from Derbyshire, Chester and many other places. At times pupils have come from the Continent.

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The first recorded mention of the school, though not by its present name, was in 1821 when the Oswestry Herald of December 12 referred to the Pupils Ball held at the Wynnstay Hotel for the young ladies of the academy at Castle Buildings, Willow Street.

Castle Buildings are the big red brick block at the upper end of Willow Street just before you come to Castle Street, and they were constructed in 1803. Watkin, in his History of Oswestry, lists Dr. Charles Humphreys as the first occupant of the Buildings, and Miss Henrietta Davies in 1828 as the second, and then cites Miss Asterley as keeping a boarding and day school for girls. But since there was obviously a school here in 1821 or the Herald could not have mentioned it, it may have been started before Miss Asterley became Principal.

Miss Asterley had three sisters, and in due course they all got married, after which the school was sold to Miss Goldsborough in 1870. Four years later she in turn sold it to the Misses Jane and Helen Hoult, who were joined in 1885 by their sister Catherine.

At this time the school was known as The Educational House for Young Ladies; later the name was changed to The College.

Presumably it occupied only a part of Castle Build-

ings, for in 1895 the premises were found to be too small and it was moved to its present building, a pale brick house of Victorian appearance in Queen's Park. But it was still called The College.

NAME CHANGE

Jane Hoult died in 1900 and Miss Helen Weyerman and B. M. Porter came into the partnership, and in 1912 they changed the name to Queen's Park School. Helen and Catherine Hoult retired in 1920 and Miss Weyerman and a Miss Barker ran it together until 1935 after which Miss Weyerman was sole Principal for two years.

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There seems to be an erroneous impression in the district that Queen's Park is a preparatory school; also that it is very expensive. It isn't a preparatory school. It takes girls up to the age of 18, and coaches girls up to G.C.E. standard. Indeed, it is the only private day school in the district which does this.

A few of the girls are boarders, and some of them are from abroad and spend the holidays as well as the term at school, but most are day girls. And the fees are by no means out of reach of the majority of parents who want a school of this type for their daughters. What may give the impression that they exceed those of other schools is the fact that they are quoted as one comprehensive figure with none of the extras which

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Primarily with the "houses" into which the school was divided. Up till 1946 these were named in number, Kings and Queens; then a third was added and now they are named Edinburgh, Caernarvon and York. Mr Thomas doesn't know why these three names were chosen, though it's just possible that it was to symbolize the three countries of the British mainland.

Having been built as a school the lay-out of the building is perfectly suited to its purpose, and the classrooms and dining hall are all conveniently placed in relation to each other, and upstairs the dormitories are spacious and pleasant, instead of having the cramped feeling one gets when a private house is converted to school use.

And all the rooms are decorated in pleasant gay colours. The old-school decor of dark wood half-way up the walls with a lighter shade above, has been banished from Queens Park.

There's no Great Hall, but the large classroom opens up to form an assembly room when required.

Naturally, traditions have been built up in a school with so long a history as this one, and there are three special occasions in the school year. They are an Open Day, the Harvest Festival which is held actually in the school, and the Christmastide Carol Festival with the reading of the "Nine Lessons, all conducted by candlelight.

There is a long tradition, now of radio, concert and even film by the girls and over the decades. When the school started it was the custom for girls' schools to give a Puppets' Ball, and under every nomination there were costumes and plays performed in the public rooms of the town.

The productions of the 'twenties and thirties were especially noteworthy. These were under the direction of Miss Barker, an extremely talented actress who had lived and taught in England, Ireland

In teaching girls up to G.C.E. standard, Mr Thomas is carrying on the traditions of the school, for back in the days of Miss Weyerman and Miss Baker the prospectus announced that girls were prepared for London matriculation and the Oxford Locals—which were the equivalent for those days of the later School Certificate and General Certificate.

One feature of great importance at Queens Park is the obvious happiness of the girls. I was shown round the classrooms and saw the girls at their work, and every one looked as though they were enjoyably interested. Their manners too, were above reproach. Every girl stood up as we came into the room, and the Head showed the example of courtesy by apologizing to the form mistress for the interruption.

The happiness extends to out of school time too. Boarders discard their uniforms for informal dress of their own choice as soon as the bell for the last session of the day has sounded. The older girls vie with one another in helping and caring for the little ones. They even ask to be allowed to bath them and put them to bed! Mr. Thomas is always about the school building during leisure time and this helps to complete the complexion of a comfortable home atmosphere. An advantage which can only be created by a headmaster presiding over a girls' school.

In May, 1921, a school magazine, Aurora, was published, and some of the issues are in the headmaster's office.

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ELLESMERE'S "human dynamo" was thunderstruck last Friday — thunderstruck, but she received what was to her, totally unexpected recognition of her years of service to the National Savings Movement.

Miss Frances K. Ashby, 60 Wharf Road, Elenmore, was attending the 11th anniversary of the National Savings Street Group at the Black Lion House. A founder member of the movement in Elenmore, she was presented with a bronze key by Mr. E. A. Eggleston (chairman of the Regional Streets Advisory Committee).

Confessed 87 years old Mrs. Ashley, who packs into her 1000-sq-ft. house enough public welfare work to exhaust a dozen others: "It was a great surprise to me I was now going to get that when I heard the announcement."

The first issue gave a brief history of the school and mentioned the departure of the very popular Head Girl Winifred Brown. It also described an institution known as the Thursday Council, a meeting of the prefects and four school representatives, under the chairmanship of the Head Girl.

Its purposes was the regulating of the school rules. There were reports of school concerts, concerts by the Junior Music Club, and long accounts of paper chases which seem to have been a popular sport at that time. In addition there were many short articles and poetic stories contributed by the girls, and some simple line illustrations.

Looking through those old magazines it was impossible not to wonder what has become of all the girls whose names are in those pages. They would be no more than middle-aged now, and still very much in circulation.

Ivy Clarke, for instance, is she still in Oswestry? And does she write either for a living or for pleasure? Sam was a clever girl, being always top of her form. In May, 1921, she was head of 4B, by December she had risen to be head of 4A, and by October of the next year was head of the second division of the 5th. In addition, she contributed to Aurora and one of her contributions was a little fantasy about a journey to the moon. Does Ivy write science-fiction today?

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How much change would these girls see in Queens Park School to-day if they were to pay it a return visit? They would undoubtedly be struck with the lightness and pretty colourings of the rooms; they would find an enlightened attitude towards boy friends, with permission being ordinarily forthcoming for them to be invited into the common room for an hour in the evening; and they would find the teaching supplemented with filmstrips, radio and television.

But they would find, too, that the old, essential values of life, which are such an important part of a good school's teaching, are still unchanged and still regarded as vital.

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Willow Street	ASTERLEY	Elinor		Unm	20	Governess	
Willow Street	TANNATT	Mary		Unm	15		
Willow Street	TANNATT	Catharine		Unm	13		
Willow Street	LLOYD	Harriott		Unm	14		Unknown
Willow Street	WARD	Mary		Unm	12		Unknown
Willow Street	BROUGHTON	Simmons		Unm	11		Shropshire
Willow Street	PRICE	Mary		Unm	11		Shropshire
Willow Street	HALL	Thomas		Unm	7		Shropshire
Willow Street	HALL	Richard		Unm	5		Shropshire
Willow Street	GRIFFITHS	May		Unm	15	Servant	Unknown
Willow Street	KINNASTON	Elizabeth		Unm	15	Servant	Unknown
Willow Street	TANNATT	Mary		Unm	14	Servant	Shropshire

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Willow Street	ASTERLEY	Ellin	Sister	Unm	30	School Mistress	Llanymynech, Montgomery
Willow Street	EVANS	Elizabeth		Unm	15	Scholar	Dinas Mawthy, Montgomeryshire
Willow Street	OWEN	Cath Baugh		Unm	15	Scholar	Carnarvon
Willow Street	RICHARDS	Mary		Unm	15	Scholar	Llanrhaiadr, Denbigh
Willow Street	RICHARDS	Eliz		Unm	9	Scholar	Llanrhaiadr, Denbigh
Willow Street	BAUGH	Susan		Unm	12	Scholar	Llanymynech, Montgomery
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Willow Street	WALL	Jane		Unm	9	Scholar	Baschurch, Salop
Willow Street	CRANE	Joseph		Unm	11	Scholar	Llangedwyn, Denbighshire
Willow Street	CRANE	Sarah		Unm	9	Scholar	Shrawardine, Salop
Willow Street	WILLIAMS	Sarah		Unm	10	Scholar	Llanwrchllyn, Merioneth
Willow Street	MITE	Mary Jane		Unm	10	Scholar	Kinnerley, Salop
Willow Street	WARD	John		Unm	7	Scholar	Llanyblodwell
Willow Street	GRIFFITHS	E M		Unm	8	Scholar	Aston
Willow Street	ENNEY	E Sophia		Unm	7	Scholar	London
Willow Street	VAUGHAN	Margaret	Servant	Unm	20	Domestic servant	Llansantfraid
Willow Street	EVANS	Ann	Servant	Unm	20	Domestic servant	Llanymynech

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1861 CENSUS							
Address	Surname	Name	Relation to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Willow Street	ASTERLEY	Catherine	Head	Single	44	School Mistress	Llanymynech, Montgomery
Willow Street	PRICE	Elizabeth Walker	Teacher	Single	19	Governess	Kilsby, Northampton
Willow Street	ONSON/OWEN	Jane M B	Boarder	Single	16	Scholar	Caernarvon
Willow Street	WHITTINGHAM	Martha	Boarder	Single	13	Scholar	Llandrinio, Montgomery
Willow Street	TAYLOR	Sarah Elizabeth	Boarder	Single	11	Scholar	Daubney, Cheshire
Willow Street	DAVIES	Mary Jane	Boarder	Single	9	Scholar	Llanrhaiadr, Montgomery
Willow Street	DOWNES	Catherine Mary	Boarder	Single	10	Scholar	Kinnerley, Salop
Willow Street	EVANS	Mary Catherine	Boarder	Single	13	Scholar	Oswestry, Salop
Willow Street	ROBERTS	Martha Anne	Boarder	Single	11	Scholar	Oswestry, Salop
Willow Street	PEATE	Hannah H	Boarder	Single	7	Scholar	Selattyn, Salop
Willow Street	LLOYD	Mary Emily	Boarder	Single	6	Scholar	Chirk, Denbighshire
Willow Street	ROGERS	Margaret	Boarder	Single	10	Scholar	Kinnerley, Salop
Willow Street	GROOM	Mary	Boarder	Single	7	Scholar	Hordley, Salop
Willow Street	GROOM	Louisa	Boarder	Single	5	Scholar	Hordley, Salop
Willow Street	SAVIN	Thomas	Boarder	Single	7	Scholar	Oswestry, Salop
Willow Street	WILLIAMS	Richard	Boarder	Single	9	Scholar	Llany?, Merioneth
Willow Street	BROUGHTON	John Nightingale	Boarder	Single	9	Scholar	Llanymynech, Salop
Willow Street	SPARROW	Edwin Hawley	Boarder	Single	8	Scholar	Liverpool, Lancashire
Willow Street	SPARROW	Philip Henry	Boarder	Single	6	Scholar	Liverpool, Lancashire
Willow Street	STEPHENS	Matilda	Servant	Single	20	Cook	Kerry, Montgomery
Willow Street	SMITH	Mary	Servant	Single	18	Housemaid	Hordley, Salop

1861 CENSUS							
Address	Surname	Name	Relation to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Willow Street	ROBERTS	Elizabeth Ann	Head	Unm	28	Principal of Ladies School	Oswestry
Willow Street	ROBERTS	Edward	Father	Married	70	Formerly Corn Dealer	Llanfechain
Willow Street	ROBERTS	Anne	Mother	Married	60		Oswestry
Willow Street	ROBERTS	Mary Jane	Sister	Unm	26	Governess	Oswestry

Willow Street	MANLEY	Ann	Servant	Unm	18	House Servant	Oswestry

Census Records for Queen's Park School 1871

1871 CENSUS							
Address	Surname	Name	Relation to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Willow Street	GOLDBRO	Mary Ann	Head	Single	43	School Mistress	Welshpool, Montgomery
Willow Street	EDWARDS	Kate Jackson	Assistant	Single	24	Assistant School Mistress	Oxford, Oxfordshire
Willow Street	MCGREGOR	Helen	Assistant	Single	23	Assistant School Mistress	Walton on the Hill, Lancashire
Willow Street	STEPHENS	Matilda	Servant	Single	28	Cook,	Kerry, Montgomery
Willow Street	PRICE	Martha	Servant	Single	26	Housemaid	Alberbury, Salop
Willow Street	RUSHTON	Sarah Helen	Pupil	Single	15	Scholar	Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
Willow Street	JACKSON	Emma Jane	Pupil	Single	15	Scholar	Oswestry, Salop
Willow Street	JUKES	Mary Jane	Pupil	Single	14	Scholar	Rodington, Salop
Willow Street	BUSHTON	Mary Hagar	Pupil	Single	15	Scholar	Wolverhampton, Stafford
Willow Street	LLOYD	Mary Jane	Pupil	Single	12	Scholar	Llanderfyl, Montgomery
Willow Street	LENORD/SENIOR	Mary Louise	Pupil	Single	11	Scholar	Liverpool, Lancashire
Willow Street	LEWIS	Mary Louisa	Pupil	Single	11	Scholar	Maesbrook, Salop
Willow Street	LLOYD	Emily Eda	Pupil	Single	11	Scholar	Chirk, Denbigh
Willow Street	LLOYD	Martha	Pupil	Single	10	Scholar	Llanderfyl, Montgomery
Willow Street	EVANS	Mary Evisula	Pupil	Single	9	Scholar	Llansantffraid, Montgomery
Willow Street	LEWIS	Elizabeth Ann	Pupil	Single	9	Scholar	Maesbrook, Salop
Willow Street	JONES	Eliza Whitfield	Pupil	Single	9	Scholar	Whitchurch, Salop
Willow Street	ASTERLEY	Mary Annie	Pupil	Single	8	Scholar	Shrawardine, Salop
Willow Street	HOWELL	Griffith Rosce	Pupil	Single	10	Scholar	Llanrhaiadr, Montgomery
Willow Street	ASTERLEY	William	Pupil	Single	10	Scholar	Llanymynech, Salop
Willow Street	EDWARDS	Henry Holman	Pupil	Single	7	Scholar	Nottingham, Middlesex
Willow Street	FRANCIS	Edward	Pupil	Single	7	Scholar	Llansantffraid, Montgomery

Census Records for Queen's Park School 1881

1881 CENSUS							
Address	Surname	Name	Relation to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Willow Street	HOULT	Helen	Head	Single	28	Governess	Wolverley, Worcester
Willow Street	HOULT	Jane	Sister	Single	34	Governess	Wolverley, Worcester
Willow Street	HOULT	Catherine	Sister	Single	26	Governess	Condover, Salop
Willow Street	DE SALIN	Mathilda	Boarder	Single	18	French Teacher	Jeuicco, Switzerland
Willow Street	DAVIES	Emily M G	Boarder	Single	16	Scholar	Shrewsbury, Salop
Willow Street	EVANS	Martha	Boarder	Single	16	Scholar	Oswestry, Salop
Willow Street	JONES	Marianne	Boarder	Single	15	Scholar	Aberystwyth, Cardigan
Willow Street	DAVIES	Jane	Boarder	Single	15	Scholar	Llanrhystud, Cardigan
Willow Street	EDWARDS	Elizabeth	Boarder	Single	13	Scholar	Cardigan
Willow Street	VAUGHAN	Mary J	Boarder	Single	13	Scholar	Llangedwyn, Denbigh
Willow Street	MORRIS	Sarah	Boarder	Single	14	Scholar	Llansilin, Denbigh
Willow Street	MORRIS	Mary	Boarder	Single	12	Scholar	Llansilin, Denbigh
Willow Street	EDWARDS	Mary	Boarder	Single	13	Scholar	Whittington, Salop
Willow Street	TILSLEY	Edith	Boarder	Single	11	Scholar	Berriew, Montgomery
Willow Street	TILSLEY	Emma	Boarder	Single	12	Scholar	Berriew, Montgomery
Willow Street	RICHARDS	Jane	Boarder	Single	12	Scholar	Liverpool, Lancashire
Willow Street	MANFORD	Ann	Boarder	Single	11	Scholar	Penrhos, Montgomery
Willow Street	SIMCOCK	Ethel	Boarder	Single	9	Scholar	???Berry, Stafford
Willow Street	EDWARDS	Mary	Servant	Single	23	General servant	Llanfyllin, Montgomery
Willow Street	LEWIS	Ann	Servant	Single	19	General servant	Trefonen, Montgomery

Census Records for Queen's Park School 1891

1891 CENSUS							
Address	Surname	Name	Relation to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Where Born
Castle Buildings, Willow St	HOULT	Helen	Head	Single	48	Principal of School	Wolverley, Worcestershire
Castle Buildings, Willow St	HOULT	Jane	Sister	Single	44	Principal of School	Wolverley, Worcestershire
Castle Buildings, Willow St	HOULT	Catherine	Sister	Single	36	Principal of School	Conover, Salop
Castle Buildings, Willow St	MYLDE	Margaret	Boarder	Single	28	Governess	Esher, Surrey
Castle Buildings, Willow St	WATERS	Caroline S	Boarder	Single	21	Governess	Jersey
Castle Buildings, Willow St	MORRIS	Elizabeth J	Boarder	Single	16	Scholar	Llansilin, Denbigh
Castle Buildings, Willow St	MORRIS	Mabel A	Boarder	Single	13	Scholar	Llansilin, Denbigh
Castle Buildings, Willow St	POOLE	Katherine	Boarder	Single	15	Scholar	Aston-on-Clun, Salop
Castle Buildings, Willow St	CARTWRIGHT	Kate	Boarder	Single	15	Scholar	West Felton, Salop
Castle Buildings, Willow St	CARTWRIGHT	Ethel	Boarder	Single	11	Scholar	West Felton, Salop
Castle Buildings, Willow St	HYDE	Alice	Boarder	Single	15	Scholar	Buenos Aires, South America, British Subject
Castle Buildings, Willow St	MORRIS	Elizabeth	Boarder	Single	16	Scholar	Welshpool, Montgomery
Castle Buildings, Willow St	MORRIS	Charlotte	Boarder	Single	15	Scholar	Welshpool, Montgomery
Castle Buildings, Willow St	ROBERT	Sarah	Servant	Single	21	Cook, domestic	Porthywaen, Montgomery
Castle Buildings, Willow St	JONES	Harriet	Servant	Single	18	Domestic housemaid	Oswestry, Salop

Census Records for Queen's Park School 1901

1901 CENSUS							
Address	Surname	Name	Relation to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Where Born
The College, Queens Rd	HOULT	Helen	Head	Single	59	Secondary School Mistress	Wolverley, Worcester
The College, Queens Rd	HOULT	Catherine	Sister	Single	46	Secondary School Mistress	Condover, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	WEYERMANN	Helena		Single	26	Assistant Teacher	Switzerland - Swiss Subject
The College, Queens Rd	PORTER	Bessie		Single	23	Assistant Teacher	Wells, Somerset
The College, Queens Rd	LOUIS	Emma		Single	20	Assistant Teacher	Switzerland - Swiss Subject
The College, Queens Rd	JETTUNS	Florence M	Pupil	Single	17	Pupil Student	Shrewsbury, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	WILLIAMS	Margaret J	Pupil	Single	17	Pupil Student	Aberdovey, Merioneth
The College, Queens Rd	LYONS	Catherine S	Pupil	Single	16	Pupil Student	Bromyard, Worcester
The College, Queens Rd	ROBERTS	Gertrude M	Pupil	Single	16	Pupil Student	Oswestry, Salop
The College, Queens Road	FRANKLIN	Beatrice W	Pupil	Single	13	Pupil	Malvern, Worcester
The College, Queens Rd	WILSON	Helen L	Pupil	Single	14	Pupil	Iron Bridge, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	JEFFREYS	Hilda	Pupil	Single	13	Pupil	Bootle, Lancashire
The College, Queens Rd	JACKSON	Florence M	Pupil	Single	14	Pupil	Kinnerley, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	EDWARDS	Emily A	Pupil	Single	14	Pupil Student	Selattyn, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	LYONS	Beatrice M	Pupil	Single	13	Pupil	Durton, Worcester
The College, Queens Rd	CURETON	May	Pupil	Single	13	Pupil	Hordley, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	CURETON	Margaret	Pupil	Single	12	Pupil	Hordley, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	SADDLER	Ida	Pupil	Single	13	Pupil	Cheshire
The College, Queens Rd	SADLER	Unice	Pupil	Single	11	Pupil	Burlton, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	SCOTT	Evelyn	Pupil	Single	12	Pupil	Bootle, Lancashire
The College, Queens Rd	BOWEN	Gwen	Pupil	Single	12	Pupil	Oswestry, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	GRIFFITHS	Caroline M H	Pupil	Single	7	Pupil	Oswestry, Salop
The College,	MORGAN	Edith M	Pupil	Single	12	Pupil	Shrewsbury,

Queens Rd							Salop
The College, Queens Rd	BRIGGS	Jane	Servant	Single	23	Domestic Housemaid	Llanymynech, Salop
The College, Queens Rd	GRIFFITHS	Helen M	Servant	Single	22	Cook	Llanymynech, Salop

Census Records for Queen's Park School 1911

1911 CENSUS							
Address	Surname	Name	Relation to Head	Condition	Age	Occupation	Where Born
The College, Queens Road	HOULT	Helen	Head	Single	68	Schoolmistress – Girls Private School	Wolverley, Worcester
The College, Queens Road	HOULT	Catherine	Sister	Single	56	Schoolmistress	Condover, Salop
The College, Queens Road	WEYEMANN	Helene	Partner	Single	36	Schoolmistress	Switzerland, Resident Swiss
The College, Queens Road	PORTER	Bessie Montgomery	Partner	Single	33	Schoolmistress	Wells, Somerset
The College, Queens Road	SMITH	Ethel	Servant	Single	27	Assistant Mistress	Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire
The College, Queens Road	KLOSS	Annie Othelia	Pupil	Single	17		Switzerland, Resident Swiss
The College, Queens Road	GRAHAM	Alice	Pupil	Single	17		U.S.A
The College, Queens Road	INSTONE	Agnes Emily	Pupil	Single	16		Wiltshire
The College, Queens Road	INSTONE	Annie Elizabeth	Pupil	Single	13		Wiltshire
The College, Queens Road	FEARNALL	Kate	Pupil	Single	12		Bangor-on- Dee, Denbigh
The College, Queens Road	JONES	Enid Alice	Pupil	Single	14		Llanrhaiadr, Denbigh
The College, Queens Road	FARMER	Edith Helen	Pupil	Single	12		Newbridge, Denbigh
The College, Queens Road	JONES	Edith Catherine	Pupil	Single	11		Uffington, Salop
The College, Queens Road	JONES	Mary Jane	Servant	Single	16	Housemaid	Oswestry, Salop
The College, Queens Road	LEWIS	Elizabeth	Servant	Single	27	Cook	Llanyblodwell , Salop