

Chester Teachers' Training College



This was taken in the Summer of 1960. Originally a group of 52 students who started in the January of that year. We were the last two year teachers' training course in the country before three year courses were introduced in September 1960. We qualified in December 1961 and commenced our teaching careers in January 1962. It was eighteen months later in September 1963 before the next group of teachers qualified. I was in the second row back, sixth from the right. As I was the only student taking ordinary level Mathematics I had my own personal tutor, Mr L Evans B. Sc seated at the far left of the front row.



This photo was taken in Summer 1961. I am in the centre of the third row back in the dark jacket, with particular friends Keith Hayhurst and Lawrie Cooke to my left and Bill Ainslie on my right. The Principal seated in the centre of the front row was Rev. Aubrey Price T.D., M.A., and the Vice-Principal was Mr J. L. Bradbury seated on the Principal's left as you look at the photo.

Listed below are the names and address of the students in the photos above.

MID YEAR, 1961

- ABBOTT, B. G., 1, Cromwell Road, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire
 AINSLIE, F. W., 111, Glebehay Road, Woodchurch Estate, Upton, Birkenhead
 M AYRE, R., 382, Grace Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 6
 BASSETT, J. J., 2, Tonypistill Road, Pentwynmawr, Newbridge, Mon.
 BOOTH, I. M., 467, King's Road, Stretford, Manchester
 M BRIDGES, S. C., 21, Heol Ide, Tynant, near Pontypridd, Glam.
 M BROADHURST, J. N., The Barbican Flats, Looe, Cornwall
 M CARR, R. M., Grandville, Churchalk Lane, Pontefract, Yorkshire
 CLELAND, I. M., 16, Eskdale Avenue, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumberland
 M COOKE, L., 12, Emerson Drive, Middleton, Lancs.
 CORNELIUS, G. R.
 M CORNES, J., 24, Ormskirk Avenue, Withington, Manchester 20
 DABLE, L. A., 1, Orchard Road, Hook, Chessington, Surrey
 DRAPER, E. H., 214, Enfield Street, Pemberton, Wigan, Lancs.
 EVANS, I. G., Cenarth Mill, Pantydwr, Rhayader, Radnorshire
 FARROW, K., "Newlands", Ludlow Road, Craven Arms, Shropshire
 FORRESTER, M. T., 15, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire
 FREEBURN, J. A., 86, East Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich, Cheshire
 GILBERT, F., 19, Park Terrace, Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorkshire
 M HALL, B. E. (F. Lt.), Officers' Mess, R.A.F. Leeming, Northallerton, Yorks.
 M HAYHURST, K. A., 9, Grantley Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.
 M HINCHCLIFFE, H. A., 110, Willowbank Avenue, South Shore, Blackpool
 HOLDER, J. W., 41, Mendip Road, Lynworth, Cheltenham, Glos.
 HOOPER, K. J., Belmont, 17, Cambrian View, Chester
 HUGHES, P. R., 227, Watling Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire
 HUTCHINSON, M. K., 7, Storey Place, Cross Gates, Leeds 14
 JAGGER, D. A., 9, Ornan Road, Hampstead, London, N.W.3
 JENKINSON, F., Apple Tree Hotel, Workington, Cumberland
 JONES, T., 99, Whipcord Lane, Chester
 M LAWSON, C. R., 55, Highfield Avenue, Burnley, Lancs.
 LEAH, M. F., 48, Park Lane, Blunham, Beds.
 McCARTNEY, D., 2, Senhouse Terrace, Workington, Cumberland
 M MANSHIP, I. E., 24, Longlands Lane, Heysham, Morecambe, Lancs. (Year Sec.)
 MARTIN, R. J., 15, Bradgate Avenue, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire
 MAURICE, B. W., 41, Glen Avenue, Blackley, Manchester 9
 MORTON, D. B., 22, Mendip Road, Prenton, Birkenhead
 NEWTON, N. T., 319, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester
 NUTE, F. G., 22, Dunheved Road, Launceston, Cornwall
 OAKES, D., 319, Park Road, Westhoughton, Bolton, Lancs.
 PORTER, J. E., 25, Ascroft Avenue, Beech Hill, Wigan, Lancs.
 M ROBERTS, E. W., Forest House, Bankside Lane, Bacup, Lancs.
 ROBINSON, B., 65, Seventh Row, Ashington, Northumberland
 M SANDHAM, S. M., 15, Henry Street, Workington, Cumberland
 LM SELF, D. M. H., 32, Grey Street, Newcastle 1
 M SHERIDAN, J. N., 20, Regent Drive, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.
 LM SKERRITT, R. A., Antioch, Clenchwarton, King's Lynn, Norfolk
 SLOUS, B. H., Signal Cottage, Route de Haut, Portelet, St. Brelade, Jersey
 STOPFORTH, R. V. N., Somerset House, Parbold, Wigan, Lancs.
 M SUTCLIFFE, J. S., 8, Ansleigh Avenue, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester 8
 THOMAS, J., Wern-y-Gaer, Rhosesmor, near Mold, Flintshire
 THOMASON, H., 107, Station Road, Croston, Preston, Lancs.
 M TOMLINSON, R. J., 1, Victoria Road, Padiham, Burnley, Lancs.
 M WATERIDGE, J. L., Tintagel, Western Road, Cheltenham, Glos.
 WHITING, L. D., 134, Chesterton Road, Ladbroke Grove, London W.10
 WILSON, N. C., Deanholme, Taylor Avenue, Rowlands Gill, Co. Durham
 WOODERS, D. J., 1, Wood Lane, Tywardreath, Par, Cornwall

Below is the Principal's residence and office. When I came for interview I parked my yellow Austin A30 Countryman with white wall tyres in front of this building. During the

interview the Principal happened to look out of his window and seeing my vehicle exclaimed, "Who on earth parked that thing on my drive?" I had to admit to it being mine and apologise, thinking that I hadn't done my prospects any good. However, it transpired that a Derek Wooders, also from Cornwall, had come for interview and I was asked if I could offer him a lift home. All worked out well in the end and I was offered a place.

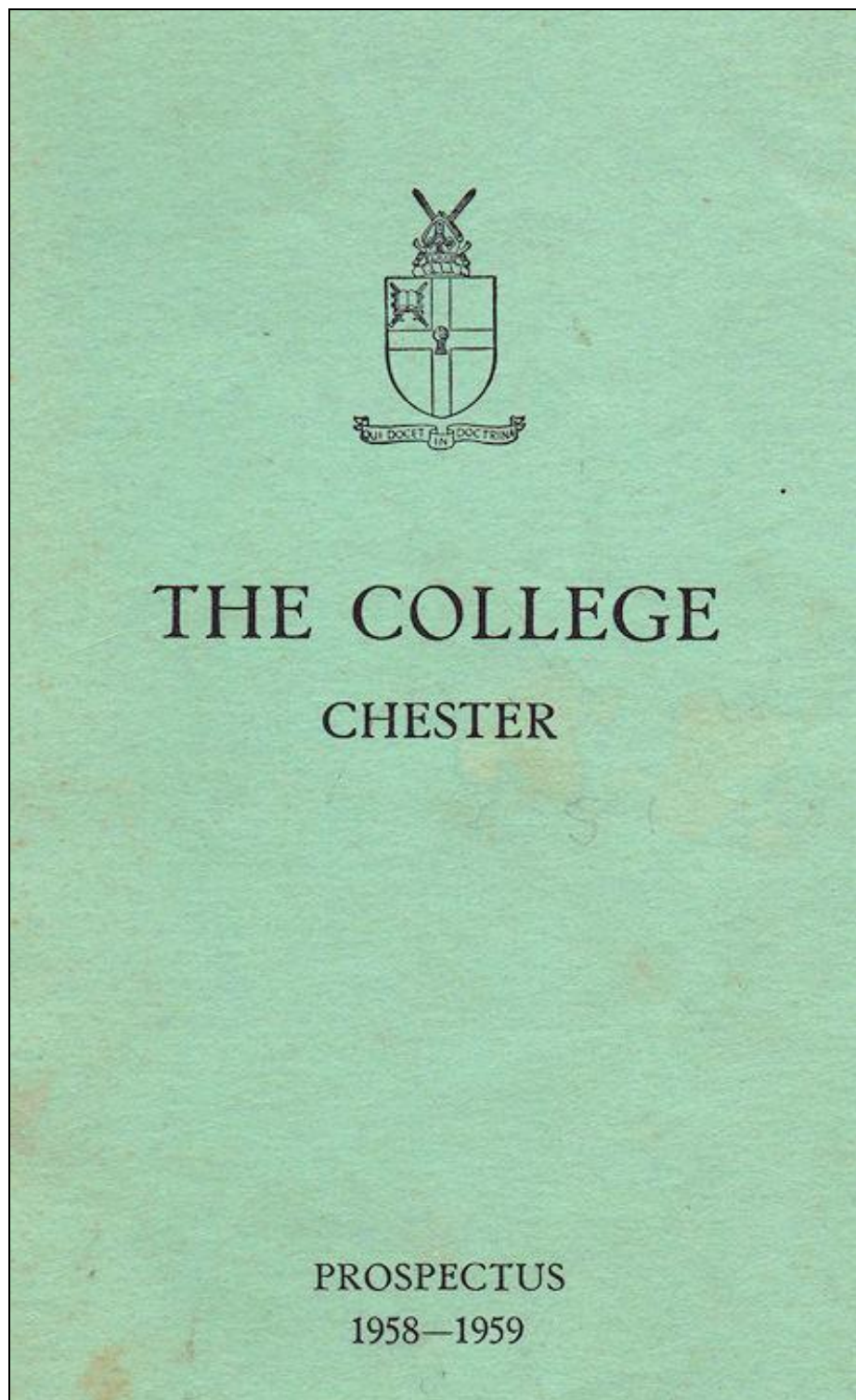


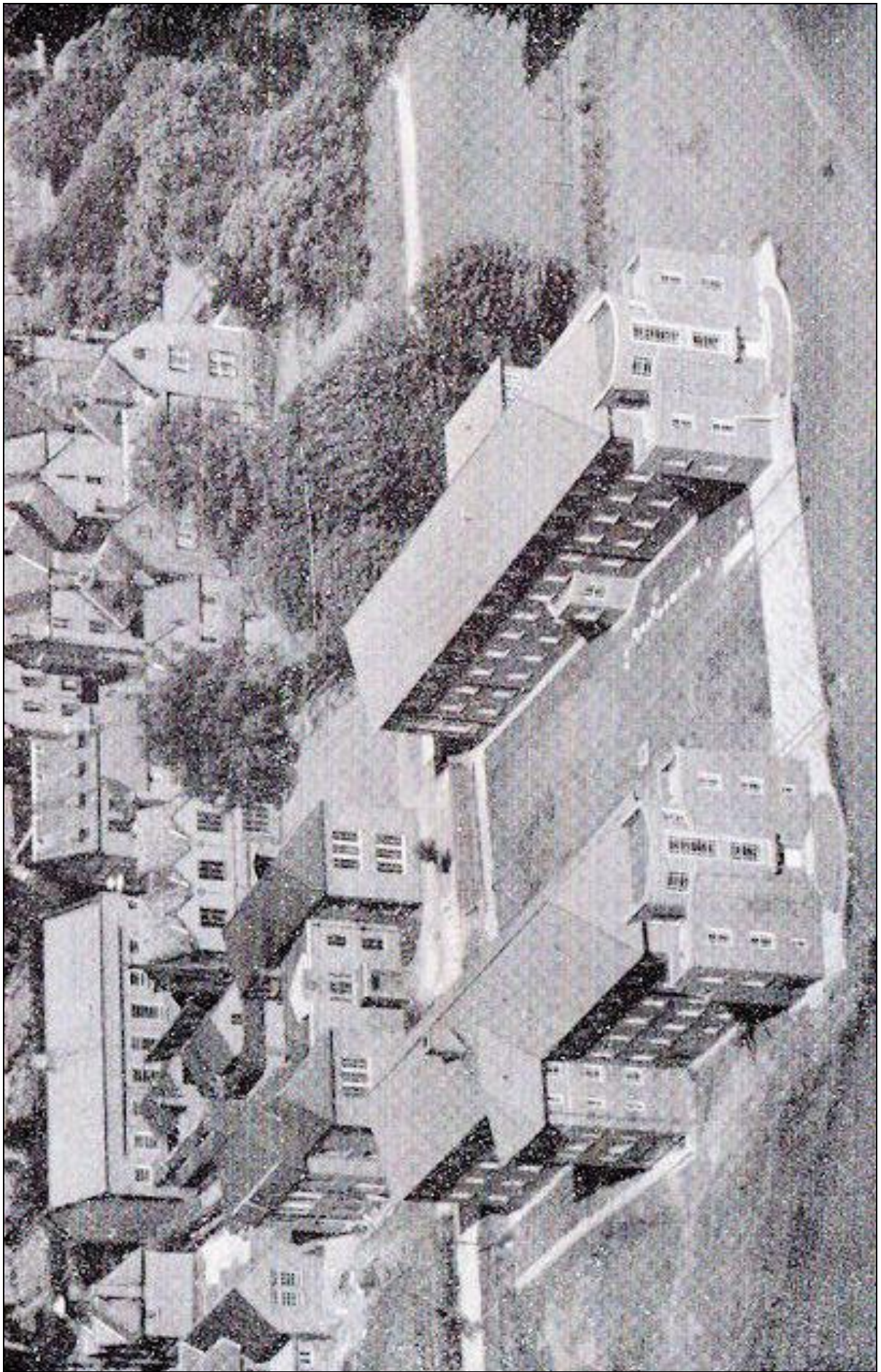
The offending vehicle before I white wall painted the tyres parked on the drive at Callington Rectory with a large hydrangea hedge on either side.



All students spent their first year in shared private accommodation and for the second year were offered individual rooms in the accommodation block above. I was placed with a lovely couple, Mr and Mrs James in Lumley Road about five minutes walk from the college. Brian Slous from Jersey also shared this placement. At the end of the first year we were so comfortable with Mr & Mrs James that we decided to stay with them. Pictures of the student block and a typical study/bedroom are included in the College Prospectus shown below.

The Chester College Prospectus for 1958 - 1959 is copied on the following pages. Some pictures have been combined on one page to make them easier to see.





THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COLLEGE

The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester, *Chairman*

CHESTER

The Very Rev. The Dean of Chester
The Worshipful Chancellor
The Ven. The Archdeacon of Chester
The Ven. The Archdeacon
of Macclesfield
The Rev. Canon C. E. Jarman
The Rev. N. Louch
Norman Johnson, Esq., F.C.A.

LIVERPOOL

The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop
of Liverpool
The Worshipful Chancellor
The Ven. The Archdeacon of Liverpool
The Rev. Canon F. Howard Perkins
Philip H. Straw, Esq.

MANCHESTER

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The Ven. The Archdeacon of Rochdale
The Rev. Canon H. F. Woolnough
The Rev. J. Flitcroft
The Rev. J. C. Hadfield
W. T. Stevenson, Esq.
E. Derbyshire, Esq.

BLACKBURN

The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Blackburn
The Ven. The Archdeacon of Blackburn
The Rev. Canon W. E. Cunliffe
The Rev. Canon R. G. F. Wyatt
The Rev. R. A. Rawstorne

THE STAFF OF THE COLLEGE

THE REV. A. J. PRICE, T.D., M.A., *Principal*

J. L. BRADBURY, M.A., *Vice-Principal*

F. W. HOOPER, B.SC., A.I.C.

W. E. LEWIS, M.A.

E. PICKUP, B.A.

J. S. STEPHENS, B.A.

J. W. CLARKE

R. STAINES, M.B.E.

C. J. MILTON, M.A.

THE REV. W. A. L. VINCENT, B.A., B.LITT.

N. A. PARRY

P. AINSLIE

S. TILLYARD, M.A., A.L.A.

L. BOUCHER, M.A.

E. J. CHARLESWORTH

J. STALKER

M. BAGOT, M.A.

I. B. TERRETT, B.A., PH.D.

C. F. WARREN, B.A.

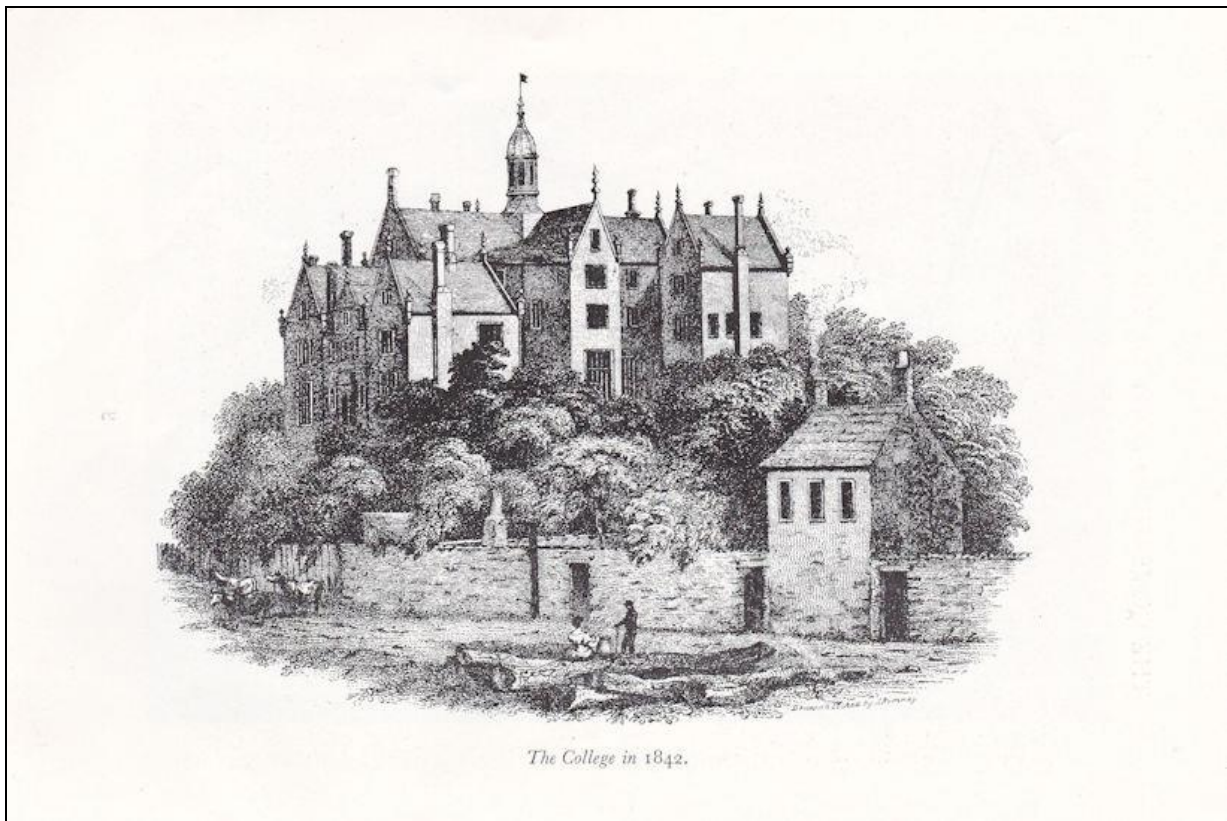
R. G. ARCHER

D. W. G. HOOPER, B.SC.

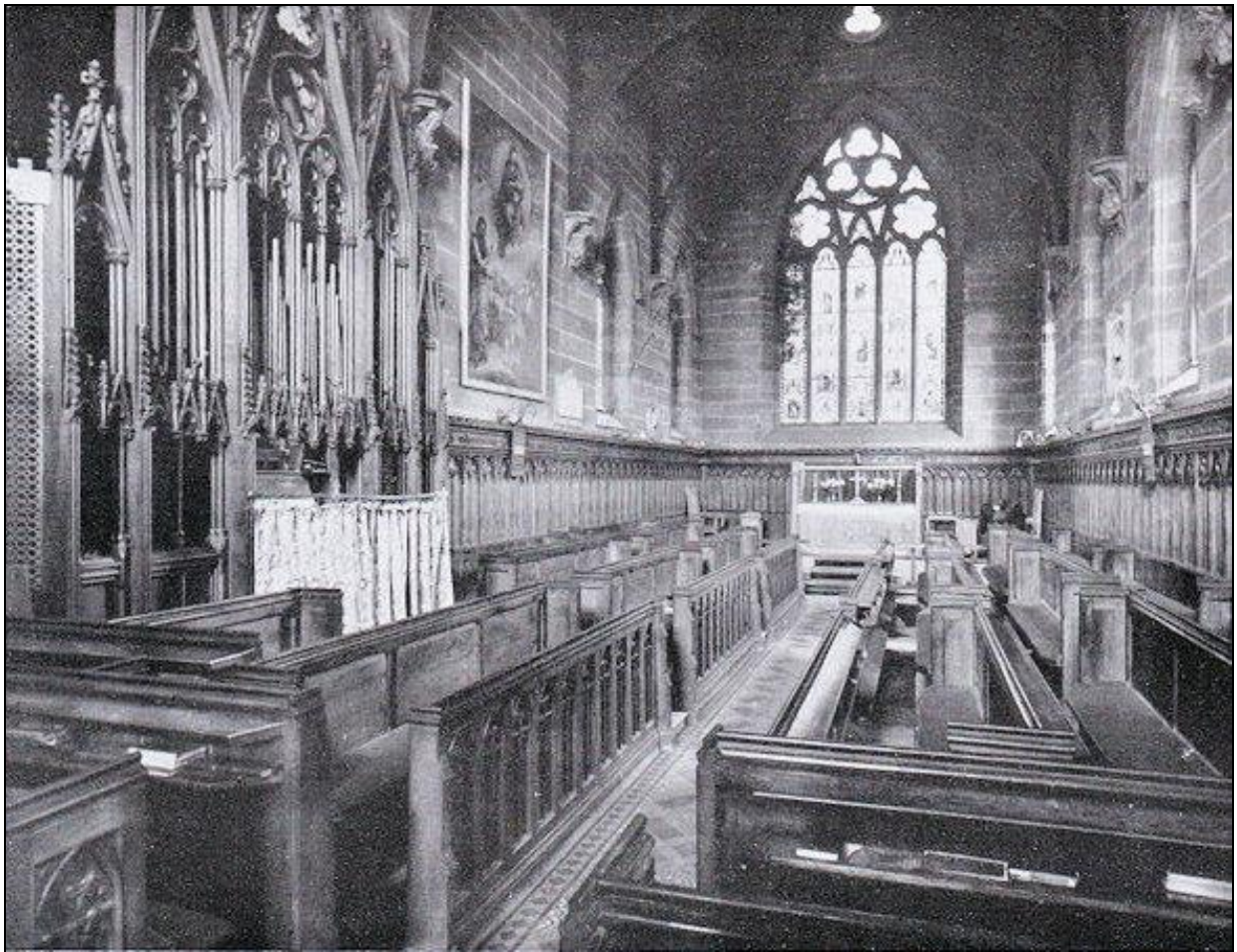
E. ROBERTS, A.R.C.M., A.R.C.O.

DOUGLAS JONES, F.C.C.S., *Registrar*

PHILIP R. GRAVES, M.B.E., M.D., *Medical Officer*



The College in 1842



The Chapel



The Close



A Laboratory

STUDENTS AND COURSE OF STUDY

The Classes of students recognised by the Ministry of Education are normally as follows:—

- (i) *Two-year Students*, who pursue the courses of study for teaching in Primary Schools (7-11 years) and Secondary Schools (11-15 years). Details of the courses are given on page 17.

It is intended by the Ministry of Education that the course of training shall become *three* years, instead of two, at the earliest opportunity. It is anticipated at the moment that the three-year course may begin with the session starting in September 1960.

- (ii) *Supplementary Course Students* in Handicraft or Physical Education. The courses are available to Qualified Teachers trained (a) in a recognised two-year college, or (b) under the Emergency Training Scheme, or (c) by means of a special one-year course for un-certificated teachers; provided that the applicant has not already taken a Third Year Course or a special course following training under the Emergency Training Scheme.

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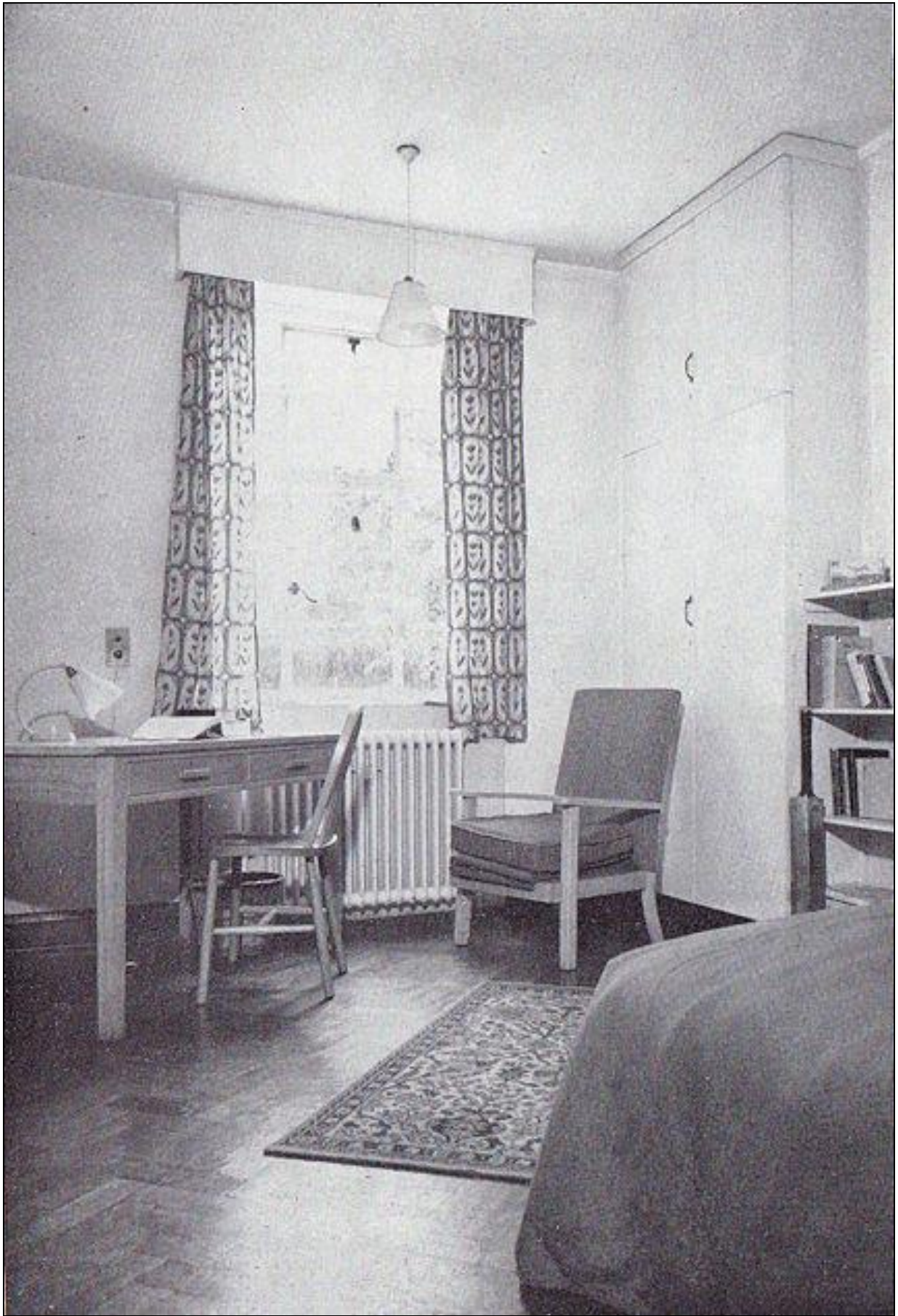
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A Study Bedroom

- (a) five subjects at the ordinary level: or
- (b) three subjects at the ordinary level and one other subject at the advanced level; or
- (c) two subjects at the ordinary level and two other subjects at the advanced level; or
- (d) three subjects at the advanced level, provided that there is evidence that other courses have been studied beyond the minimum age for entry to the examination.

It will not be necessary to have passed in the requisite number of subjects at one and the same examination for the General Certificate of Education, but the necessary passes must have been obtained before the candidate enters College.

These are the *minimum* qualifications for admission. The College however, looks for more than this minimum in its candidates for admission: *e.g.* further subjects in the General Certificate of Education, preferably at the *Advanced* level. A pass in English Language (Ord.) is normally considered obligatory.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

Students who were born before 1st January, 1939, must have fulfilled their National Service obligations before entering College, or be exempt. Candidates born in 1939 can have their National Service deferred until after the College course, i.e. they can come to College before doing Service. Candidates born in 1940 are not now required to do National Service.

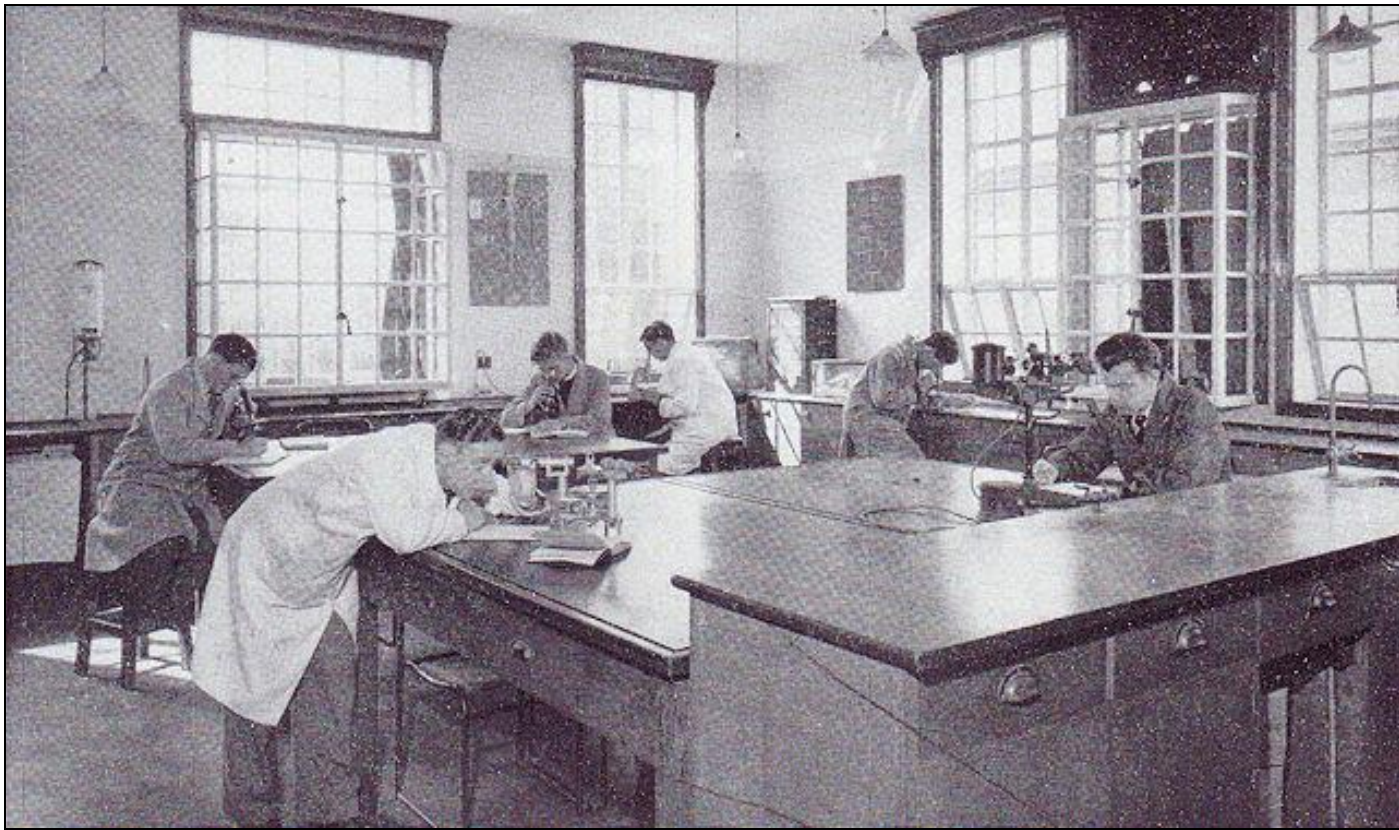
Applications should be submitted as soon as the candidate has reached the age of seventeen and is in his last year at school. *All* candidates are asked to submit their applications as long as possible in advance of the year in which admission is sought.

A form of application and a card for transmission to the Training Colleges Clearing House are enclosed.

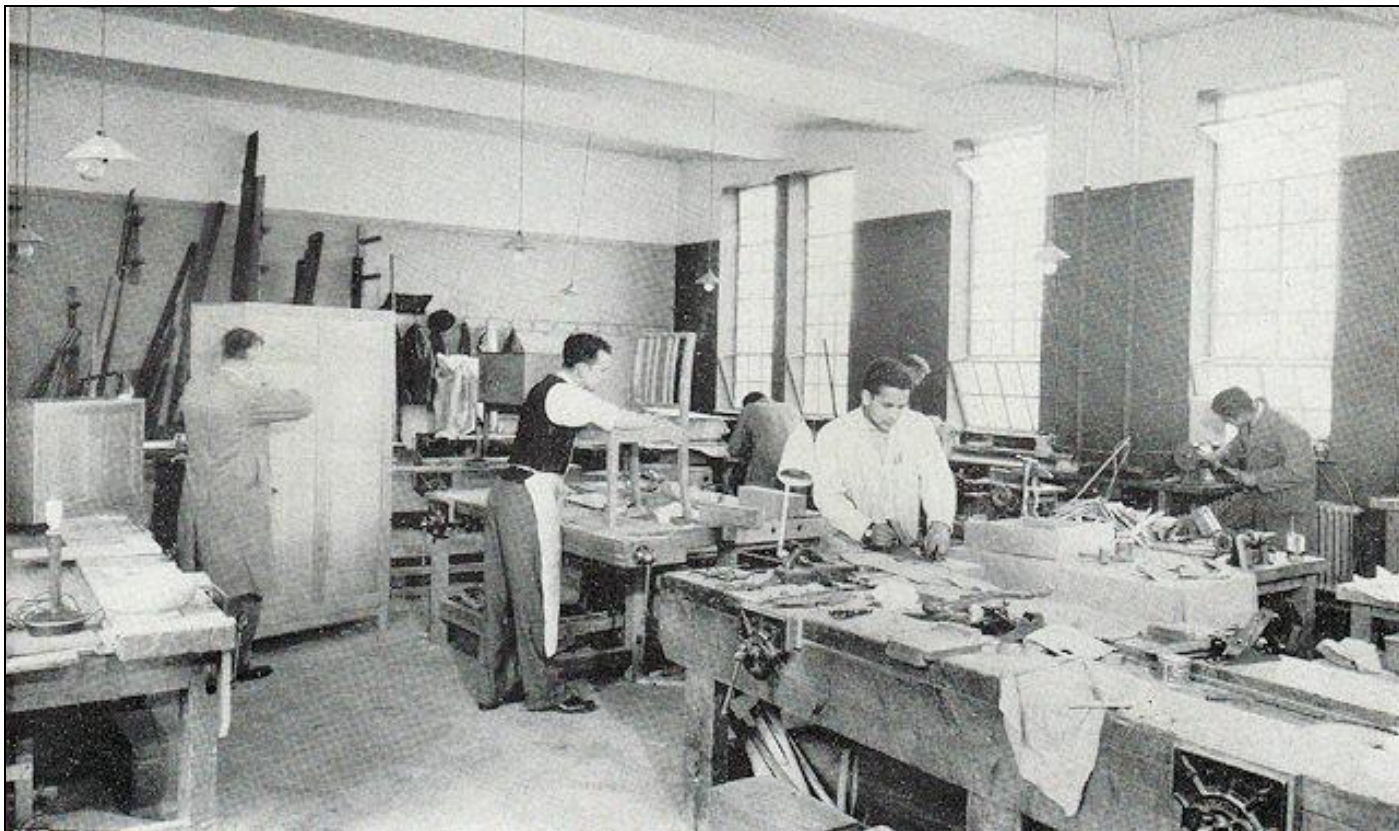
The College authorities reserve the right to require the withdrawal of any student at any time during the period of training if his progress, conduct or physical condition makes such course desirable.

FEEES FOR RECOGNISED STUDENTS

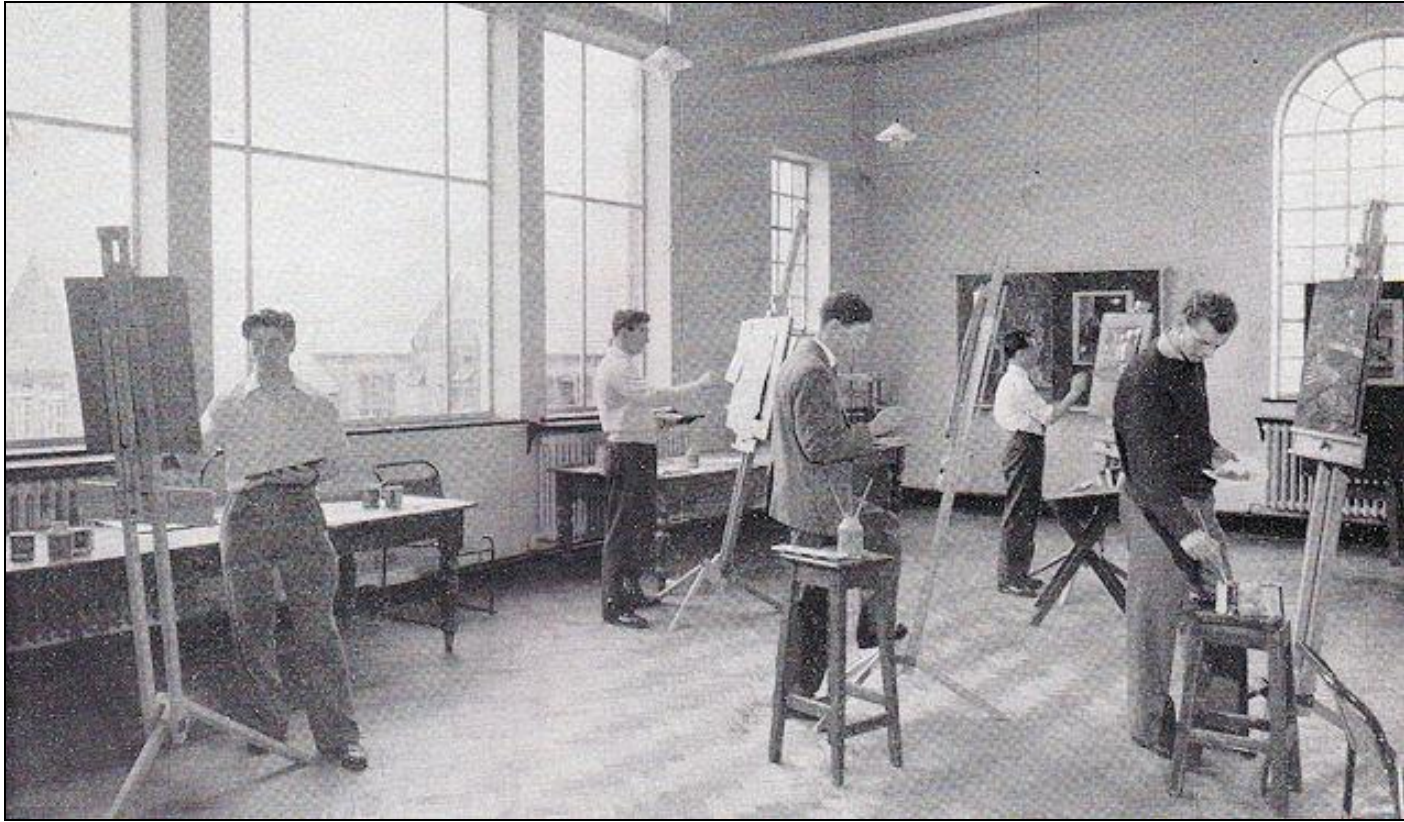
Fees for tuition and boarding are paid by the Ministry of Education direct to the College, less the student's contribution (if any) mentioned in the following paragraphs.



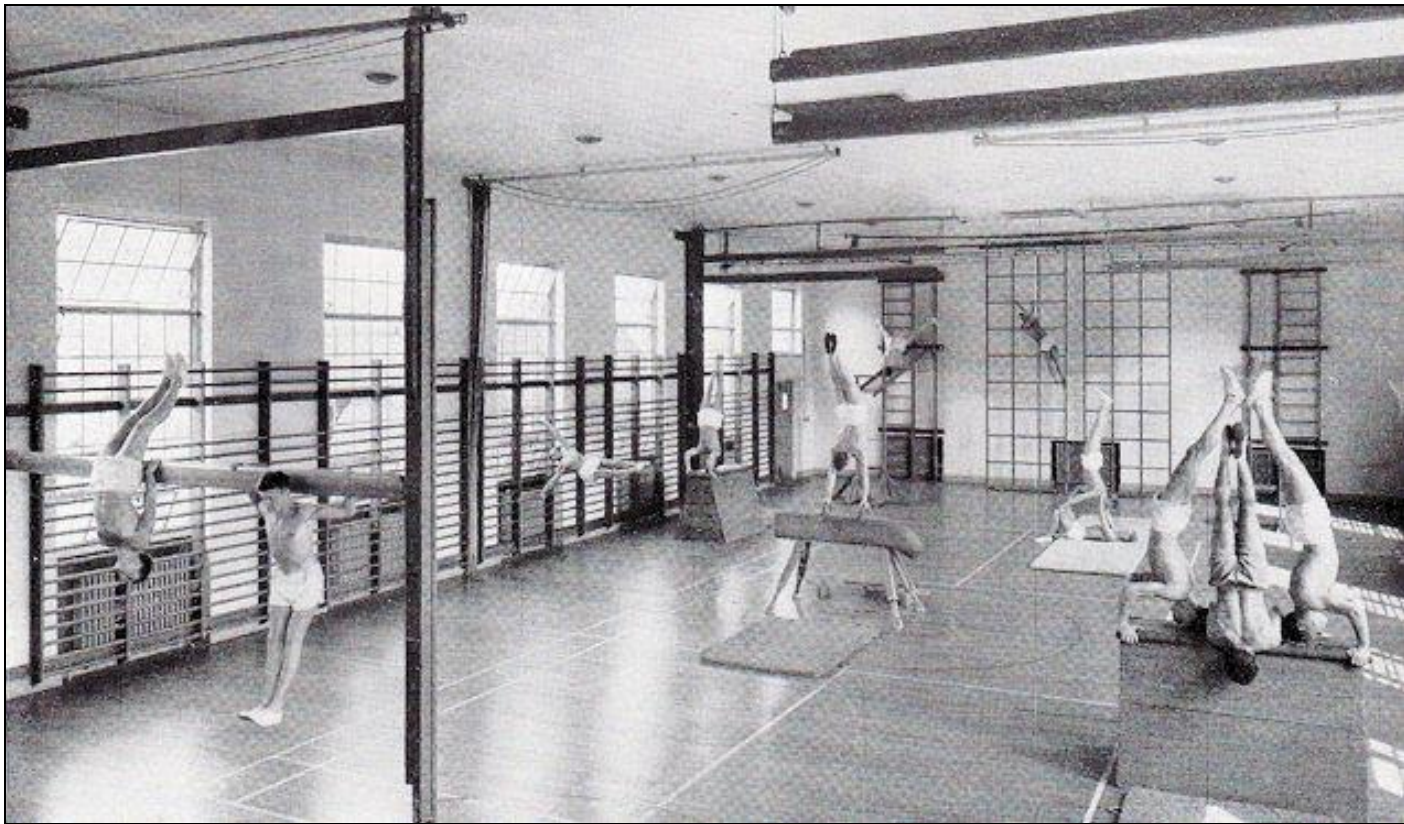
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A Handicrafts Room



The Art Room



The Gymnasium

Local Education Authorities are authorised to make grants for students' personal expenses at the following rate:—An initial grant, paid prior to admission, of £30; a grant of £75 for each year of the course; an additional allowance to cover travelling expenses at the beginning and end of each term.

On final acceptance by the College a student receives a form upon which his parent (or he, himself, if he claims to be self-supporting) is required to make a return of income to the Local Education Authority. He is then assessed by the Authority as to what contribution, if any, is required according to the following scale. The contribution will be used in the first instance to reduce the amount of the Authority's grant, and if the contribution exceeds the value of the grant the balance will be paid by the parent or student to the College in reduction of the Ministry's approved fees for boarding and tuition.

<i>Net Income</i>	<i>Reduction of Grant</i>	<i>Net Income</i>	<i>Reduction of Grant</i>
£	£	£	£
500	Nil	800	49
550	14	850	56
600	21	900	63
650	28	950	70
700	35	1000	77 etc.
750	42		

EXPENSES which students are *themselves* required to meet:

- (a) A deposit of £5 is payable when an offer of admission is confirmed; this helps to defray expenses as set out below, but is forfeited outright if a student withdraws after accepting an offer of admission. A further sum of £9 is payable during the first week of term.

This total deposit of £14 provides the student with most of the note-books, etc., that he will require, clothes for physical education, materials for Art and for Crafts, a copy of the Liverpool University Institute of Education Regulations, the College Calendar, copies of the Collegian, season-tickets at the swimming baths, etc.; from it is also paid the student's contribution of £1-1-0 a year towards membership of the Students' Guild, the major part of which is paid by the College.

The balance of the deposit, less any deductions for loss or damage to College property, is repaid to the student at the termination of his two-year course. Alternatively the student may prefer the College to transfer his balance to the Treasurer of the College Club as part of his life membership subscription (£5 5s. 0d). [See p. 18.]

- (b) Students supply their own books, the cost of which will vary very much according to the courses taken by the student, but which should not exceed £20 over the whole period at College. A list of suggested reading in English is sent to students before entering College. Advice upon the purchase of other books is given to students *after* they enter college.

SCHEME OF STUDY FOR TWO-YEAR STUDENTS

All students follow courses in the following:—

Section I. (a) The Principles and Practice of Education.

Lectures throughout the course cover the Psychology, Principles, History and Sociology of Education, together with Health Education and an introduction to Comparative Education. Special Method lectures are given in each subject by the lecturers concerned. Students spend eleven weeks in teaching practice in schools, in periods of three or four weeks at a time.

(b) English.

Section II. Courses are provided in the following subjects:—

Scripture	Mathematics	Music
English Literature	French	Art
History	Physical Education	Crafts
Geography	General Science	

The student will select from this list *two* subjects which he wishes to study; these should be entered on the application form in the appropriate place.

Section III. Short courses are provided in Religious Knowledge, Art, Crafts, Physical Education, Local Studies, Mathematics, Speech Training.

The Examination in Sections I and II is conducted by the Liverpool University Institute of Education at the end of the student's second year. Section III is subject to continuous assessment and not to formal examination.

To be deemed successful in the Final Examination a student must satisfy the examiners in all three sections.

THIRD-YEAR (SUPPLEMENTARY) COURSES

The College conducts two supplementary courses, one in Handicrafts and one in Physical Education. Either course is open to qualified teachers (as detailed on page 8) who have already reached a sound standard in the special subject. The purpose of the courses is to enable and qualify teachers to be specialist teachers of either Handicrafts or Physical Education in all types of schools.

Application for admission should be made as soon as possible after 1st October in the year preceding that in which admission is desired.

Students who successfully complete the course are awarded the University of Liverpool Supplementary Certificate and the College Diploma.

Handicrafts. The curriculum comprises woodwork as the main craft, with engineering and hammered metal work as the main subsidiaries; facilities are also offered for light and art crafts and pottery. Technical Drawing concerned largely with design as applied to fundamental constructions; methods of reproduction of drawings; working drawings of articles suitable for schools. Technology of tools, timber and materials used in the main and subsidiary crafts. Full advantage is taken of the position of the College to study styles of architecture and examples of fine craftsmanship in and around Chester.

Physical Education. The curriculum comprises (i) Athletics; Games; Gymnastics; Outdoor activities, *e.g.* canoeing, camping; Swimming and Diving; and at least one of Badminton, Basketball, Folk-Dancing, Judo, Olympic Gymnastics. (ii) Anatomy and Physiology, and the Analysis of Movement. (iii) An individual study of some particular aspect of Physical Education.

THE STUDENTS' GUILD

The Students' Guild is the society which in general undertakes and is responsible for the student life of the College, and provides intellectual, social and physical recreation for its members. It is administered by the Guild Council consisting of a President and eleven other officers elected annually. The Societies and Clubs comprise the Amalgamated Sports Clubs, *i.e.*, those for Rugby and Association Football, Hockey, Athletics, Cross-Country, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Badminton, Basket-ball; and the Dramatic, Historical, Geographical, Science, Music, Choral, Debating, Photographic and other Societies.

THE COLLEGE CLUB

This flourishing association of old students has branches in different parts of the country. It also holds two well-attended gatherings at the College annually, one in spring and the other in autumn. *The Collegian*, the Chester College and Club magazine, is published twice in each year, and in addition to news of the College, it contains much information about old students supplied by the Year Secretaries appointed by each of the Years at the end of their course.

THE PURPOSES OF THE COLLEGE

The Church of England has twenty-five Training Colleges, of which Chester is one, and the question may well be asked why have



Church people in the past spontaneously given so much money for the foundation and maintenance of these colleges, and why do they still do so today? Why, for instance, has the Church given nearly £100,000 towards the cost of the new accommodation at Chester College?

There are many answers to this question, but for our present purposes they amount to this. However elegant the buildings of a school may be, however generously it may be equipped, what matters most is the teacher and the type of man he is. Without a spiritual basis, education is lacking its only sure foundation. This is the Church's reason and justification for spending its money in this way. The aim of the College then is to help men to train themselves as Christian teachers.

Students need not necessarily be members of the Church of England; indeed many have been, and many are, members of the Free Churches, and such are very welcome and find full happiness in the College, for the aim of the College is one with which a member of any of the Christian denominations would find himself in warm agreement. That aim has been and can best be fulfilled by students playing their proper part in the religious life of the College, just as they do in the academic, social and athletic spheres.

COLLEGE PRIZES

During recent years the College has received generous benefactions from donors whose names are commemorated in the Prizes they have instituted. These are awarded annually.

Community Service (one or more prizes)	John Hulse Memorial and Raikes Memorial
English	J. L. Bradbury, Esq.
Teaching	H. Morrell, Esq.
Mathematics	R. H. Thomas, Esq. (in memory of Canon and Mrs. R. A. Thomas)
Divinity	Canon Stanley Astbury
Chapel Reading	Raikes Memorial
Organ (Studentship)	Raikes Memorial

