



DULWICH COLLEGE  
Mid-Century Modern Buildings  
1945-69



**Russell Vernon,**



**Victor Knight**



**Manfred Bresgen**

# Masters

Christopher Gilkes (Master 1941-53)

Ronald Groves (Master 1954-66)

Charles Lloyd (Master 1967-75)

# Buildings

The Junior Block (1944-48)

The New Science Block (1949-52)

The New Swimming Pool (1952-57)

The Science Block extension (1956-1957)

The Junior Block extension (1960-61)

The Music & Commissariat Block (1962-64)

The New Sports Centre (1964-66)

The Christison Hall (1965-69)



Dulwich College Campus – aerial view 1938



The old swimming pool interior



The James Caird by the old swimming pool



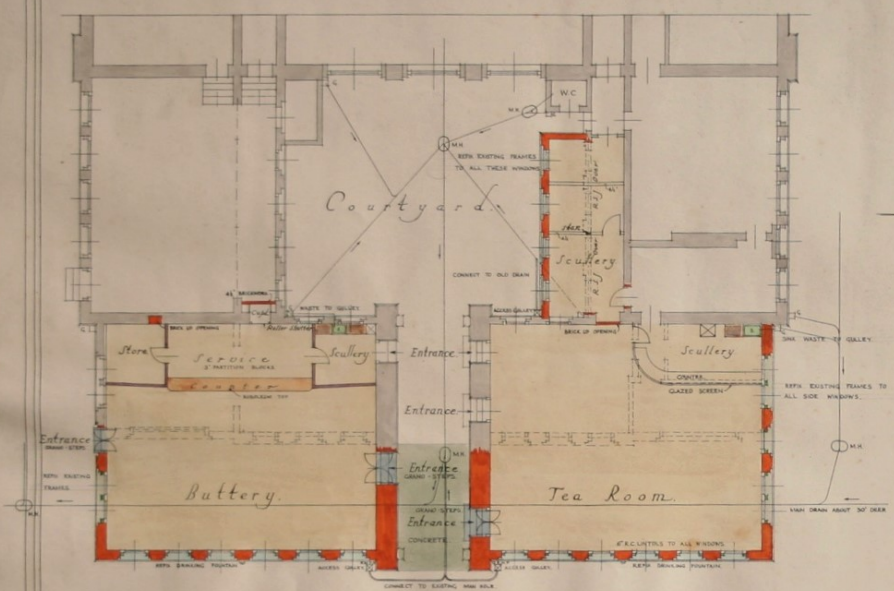
The opening of the new cricket pavilion 1934



The squash Courts & the boiler house – built 1938-39

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PROPOSED EXTENSION to BUTTERY and TEA ROOM.

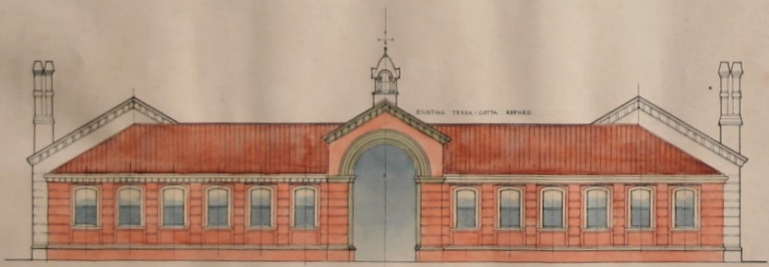


Side Elevations



Section

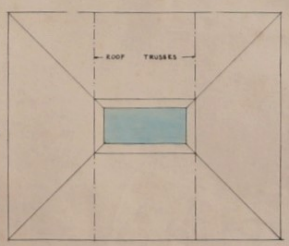
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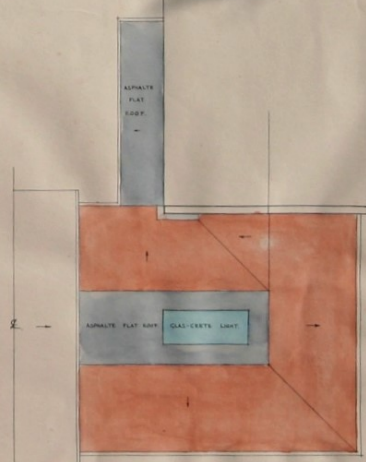
Front Elevation

NOTE EXISTING TERRA-COTTA REPAIRED COLOURED OLIVE GREEN  
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Scale 8 Feet to 1 Inch



Ceiling Plan



Roof Plan



Extension to buttery & tea room, 2022 – now the main reception

## V1 BOMB DAMAGE



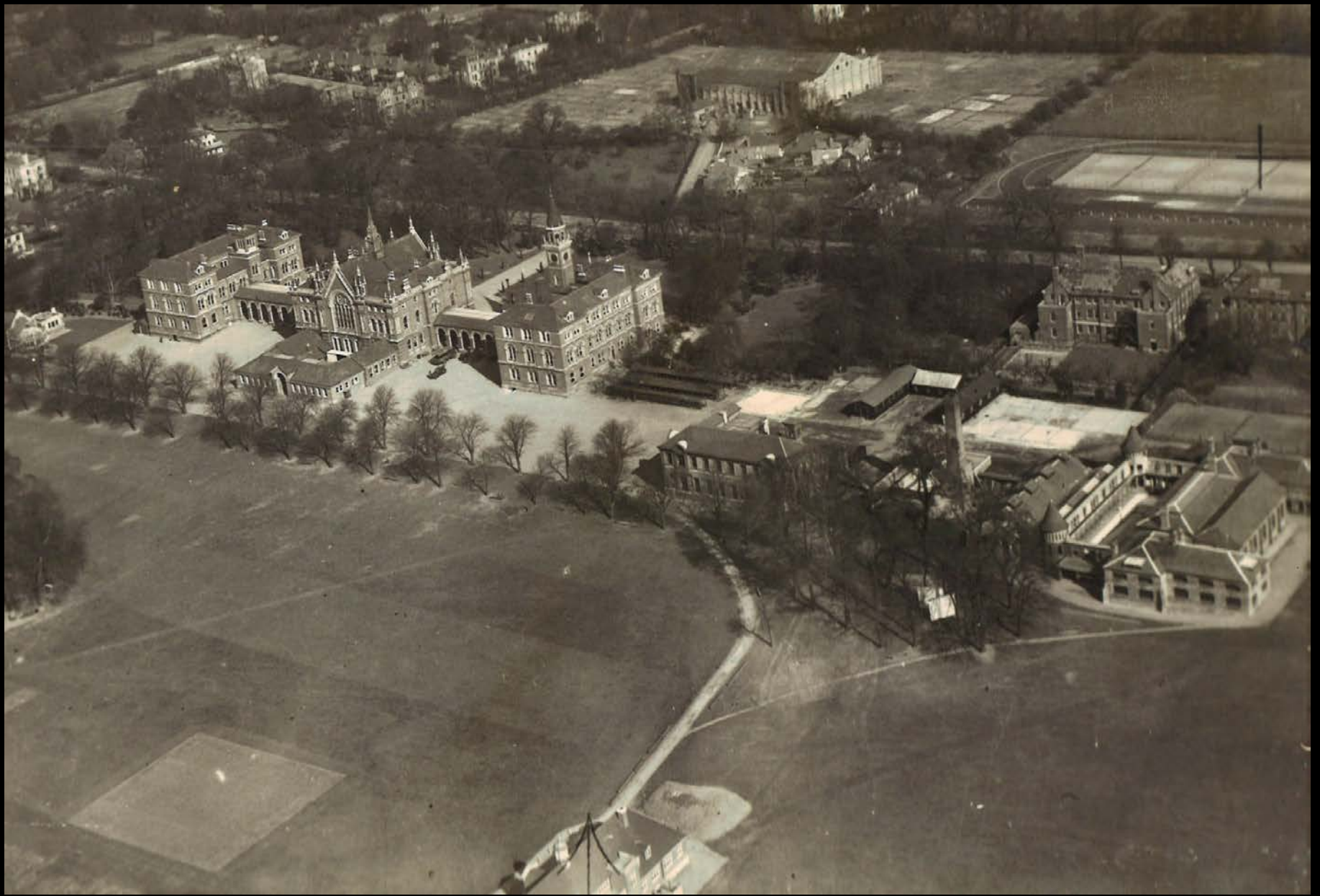
The old science laboratories, swimming pool & fives courts after V1 bomb damage 10/07/1944



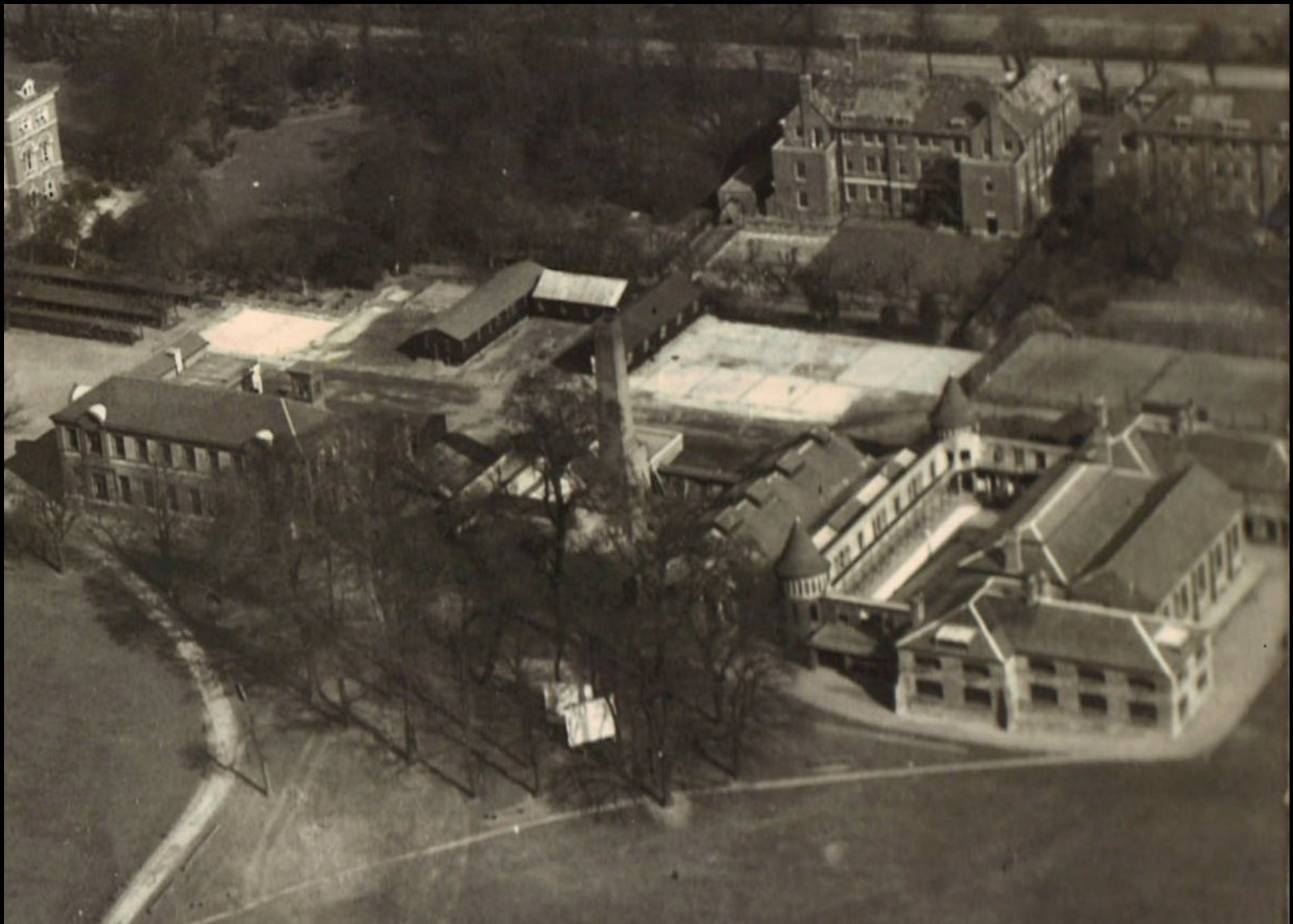
The old fives courts demolished after V1 bomb damage 10/07/1944



The old swimming pool roofless after bomb damage



Dulwich College Campus – aerial view 1945



Remaining Science Block, roofless swimming pool and gymnasium – aerial view 1945

General Purposes Committee 6/10/1944:

The condition of the buildings after the War: Austin Vernon's report & recommendations:

*My suggestion is that a bold scheme for the reconstruction of all the damaged buildings be considered, including the Science Block. This is a serious matter as a school without Science, Gymnasium, Bath, Changing rooms, and Workshops would be rather at a disadvantage compared with other schools.*

Resolved that the Master be asked to consult with the Architect as to the future needs of the College, and to submit to the Governors, as soon as convenient, a building scheme for consideration.



Old Science Building – war damage

General Purposes Committee 3/11/1944:

The Master explained to the Committee the various points in his report, and submitted the following schedule of requirements to recondition and modernise the College

New Science Block on two floors, 5 laboratories, 5 demonstration rooms, lecture rooms etc

Swimming bath and gallery - top lit

Gymnasium & gallery - top lit

Technical rooms on 2 floors & large top lit workshop

Pre-entry training wing

Music practice rooms on 2 floors

4 squash courts & 6 fives courts

Cottage for resident engineer

Accommodation for cycles

New accommodation for STC, JTC, armoury & naval cadets & scouts

House for Shackleton's boat

Assembly & examination hall and covered way to main school

Boarding House for 40 boys

Repairs & recondition & redecoration of the main school buildings, the library sanatorium & boarding houses

Board Minutes 16/02/1945

Mr Chistison, as Secretary of the Alleyn Club, reported that the Club were proposing to organise an appeal for a War Memorial Fund, and explained the details of the scheme. He submitted for approval of the Board a copy of the trust Deed which had been prepared for the purpose.

Resolved that the draft of the Trust deed for the Alleyn Club War Memorial Fund be approved

# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL BLOCK



Junior School block 2022 (built 1946-48)



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# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL EXTENSION



The Junior School extension - 2002

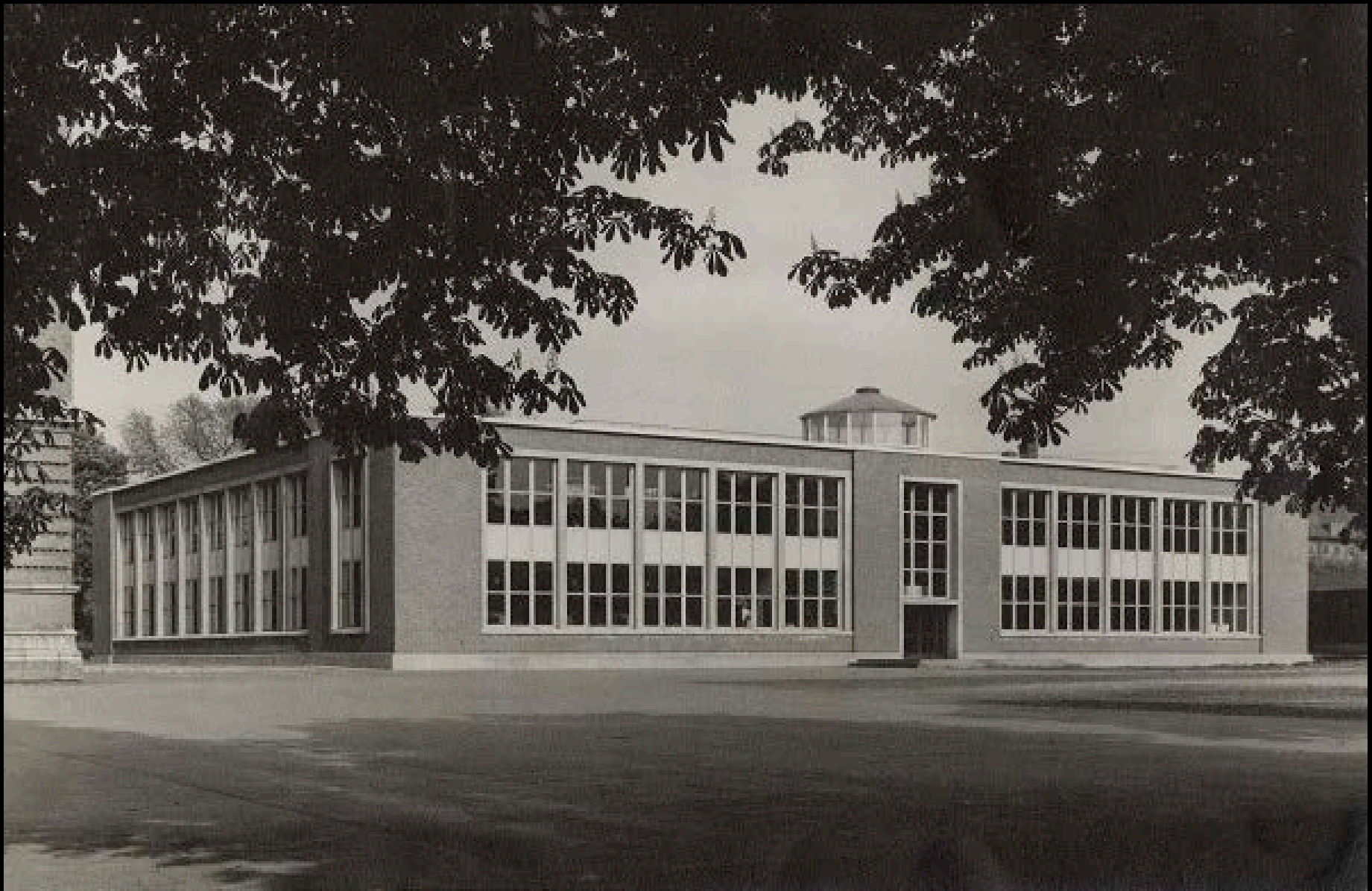


The Junior School extension 1970s

# THE NEW SCIENCE BLOCK

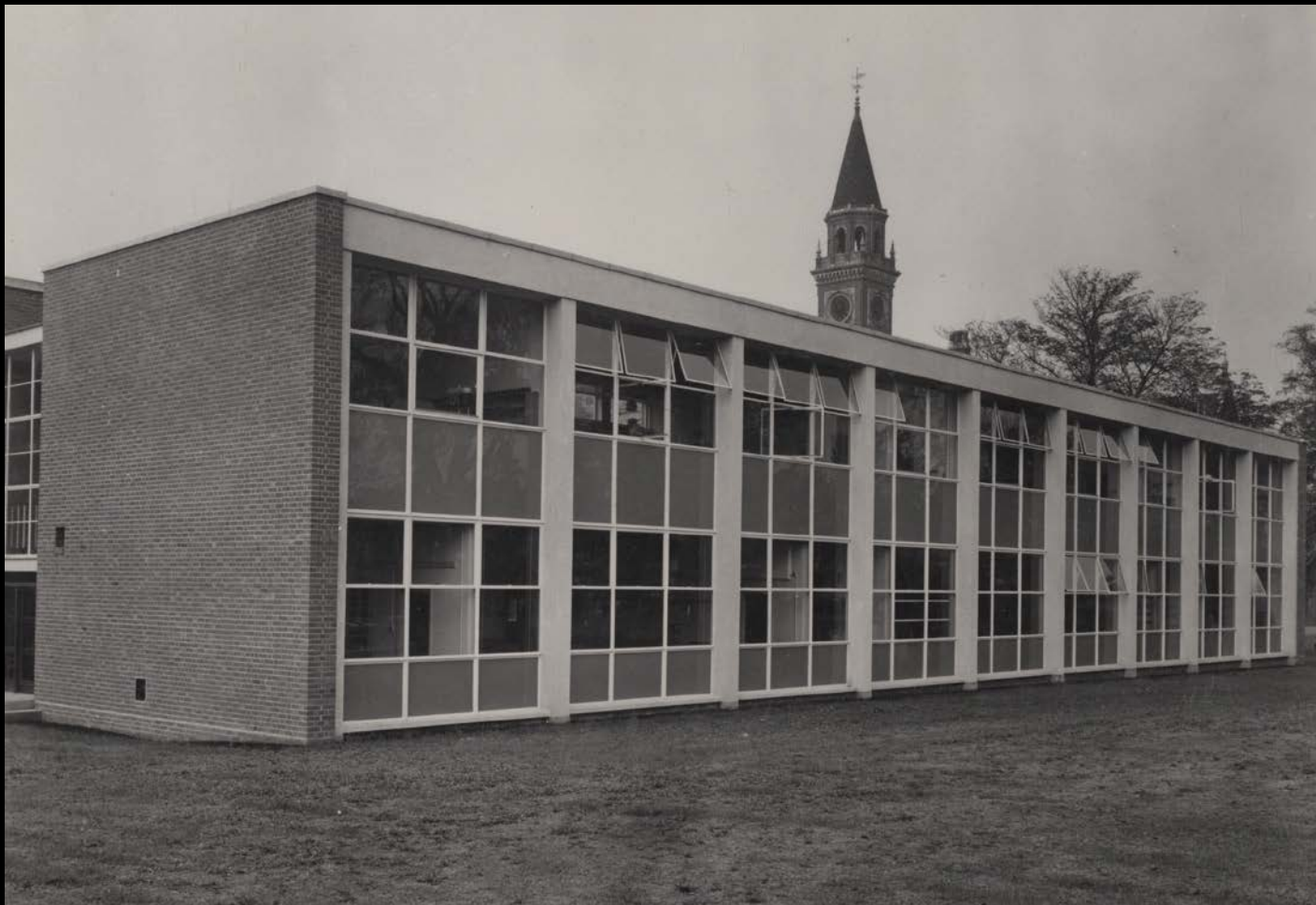


The New Science Block – architect's perspective 1949



The New Science Block on completion - 1952

# THE SCIENCE BLOCK EXTENSION



The new laboratories on completion - 1957

## £42,000 SCIENCE BLOCK FOR THE COLLEGE

WHEN the new science wing is completed at Dulwich College, the school will have the finest scientific accommodation of any comparable establishment in the country.

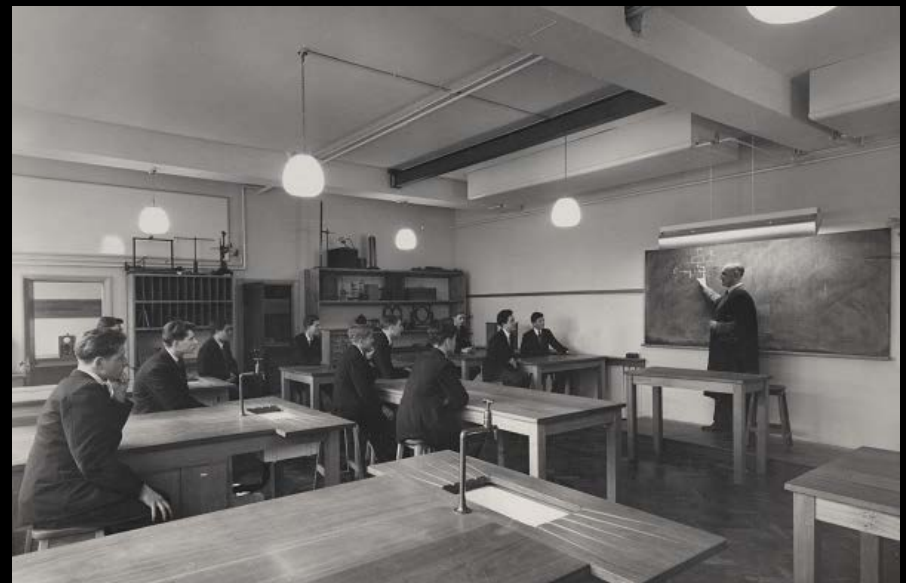
Mr. W. S. Connop, clerk to the governors, told the *OBSERVER* this when commenting on the rapid expansion of scientific education at Dulwich.

The present £100,000 block was built only eight years ago. The new wing will cost about £42,000, including up-to-date equipment.

What is the reason for the accent being on science now? "The Government's appeal for more scientists," said Mr. Connop.

He added that the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Education—supported by heads of industry—had offered the college £27,000 towards a new wing, so the authorities had set out to raise the other £15,000.

Out of the 1,300 boys at the college, it is expected that over 500 will take the science course, which takes pupils to the advanced level of the certificate of education.



The new laboratories - interiors

DULWICH



COLLEGE

LUNCHEON

at the  
DULWICH COLLEGE PICTURE GALLERY

on the occasion of the

OPENING

of the  
EXTENSION TO THE SCIENCE BLOCK

of

DULWICH COLLEGE

by

Professor SIR CYRIL HINSHELWOOD, P.R.S.

at 3 p.m.

4th October, 1957

TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER,  
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
AND THE  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

Proposed by: The Right Hon. Lord Gorell, C.B.E., M.C.,  
Chairman of the Governors

THE INDUSTRIAL FUND  
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Proposed by: Sir Harold B. Hartley, G.C.V.O., C.B.E.,  
M.C., F.R.S., D.C.L.

Response by: Mr. John Oriel, C.B.E., M.C.

MENU

SMOKED SALMON  
*Chablis 1950*

TURTLE SOUP  
*Madeira*

ROAST DUCKLING  
APPLE SAUCE  
ORANGE SALAD  
NOISETTE POTATOES  
FRESH PEAS  
*Claret (Château Margaux 1952)*

PEACH FLAN  
*Champagne (Pol Roger 1947)*

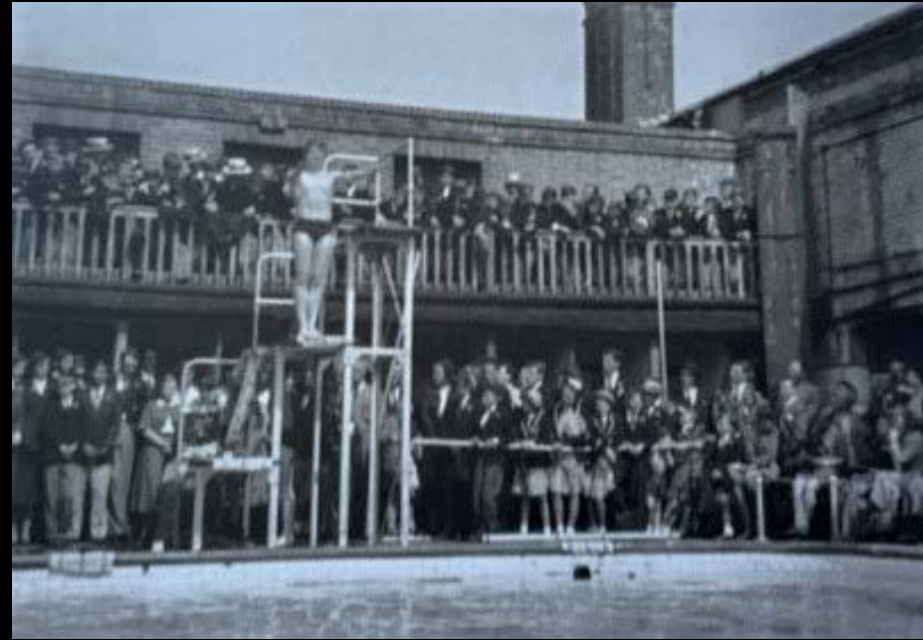
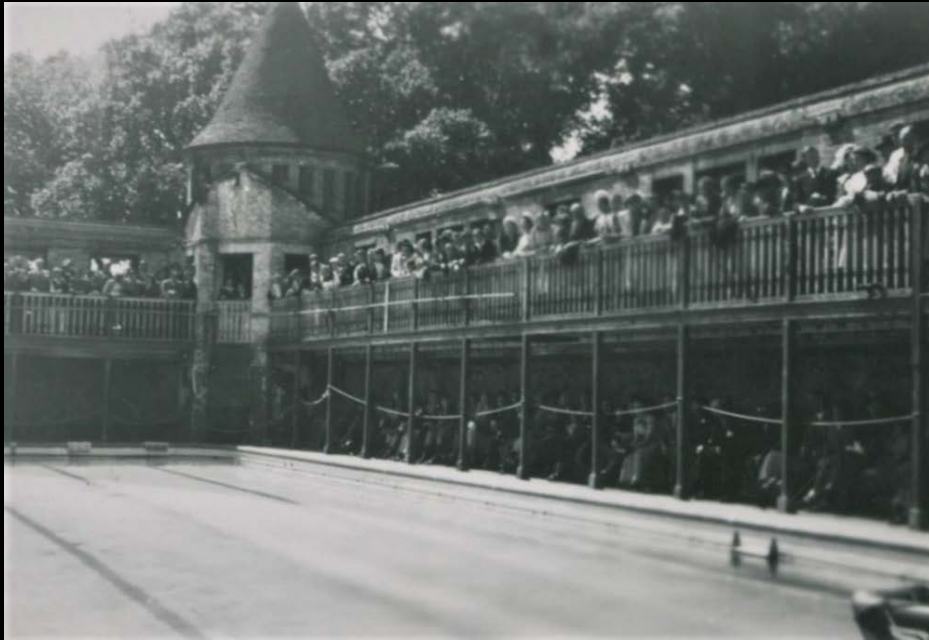
COFFEE  
*Brandy (Martell's Cordon Bleu)*

The menu at the opening of the new laboratories – 4/10/1957



The new laboratories prior to demolition 2010

# THE NEW SWIMMING POOL



Re-opening the old swimming pool after bomb damage to the roof

General Purposes Committee 11/06/1954: Mr Christison reported that he carefully examine the possibility of obtaining the services of an eminent OA architect for the planning of the new buildings on the Bath Site, and after consultation with the RIBA he wished to submit, for the consideration of the Committee, the following names:

Mr F L Preston FRIBA, aged 50

Mr T D Goddard ARIBA, aged 43

Mr R H Maddock, MC, ARIBA, aged 64

General Purposes Committee 2/07/1954: Letters and specimens of work were submitted from the three Old Alleynian architects nominated by Mr Christison at the last meeting of the Committee for consideration as architects for the new buildings to be erected on the Bath Site. After for discussion, the Committee unanimously decided to recommend that Mr FL Preston FRIBA, a partner in the firm of Messrs Easton Robertson, Chartered Architects, Bedford Square, WC1, be appointed architect to plan the new buildings on the Bath site.



The new swimming pool - 1957



The new swimming pool & the James Caird - 1957

*BM 24/05/1957: The chairman reported that he had informally open the new swimming bath at Dulwich College on Saturday 11th May 1957.*



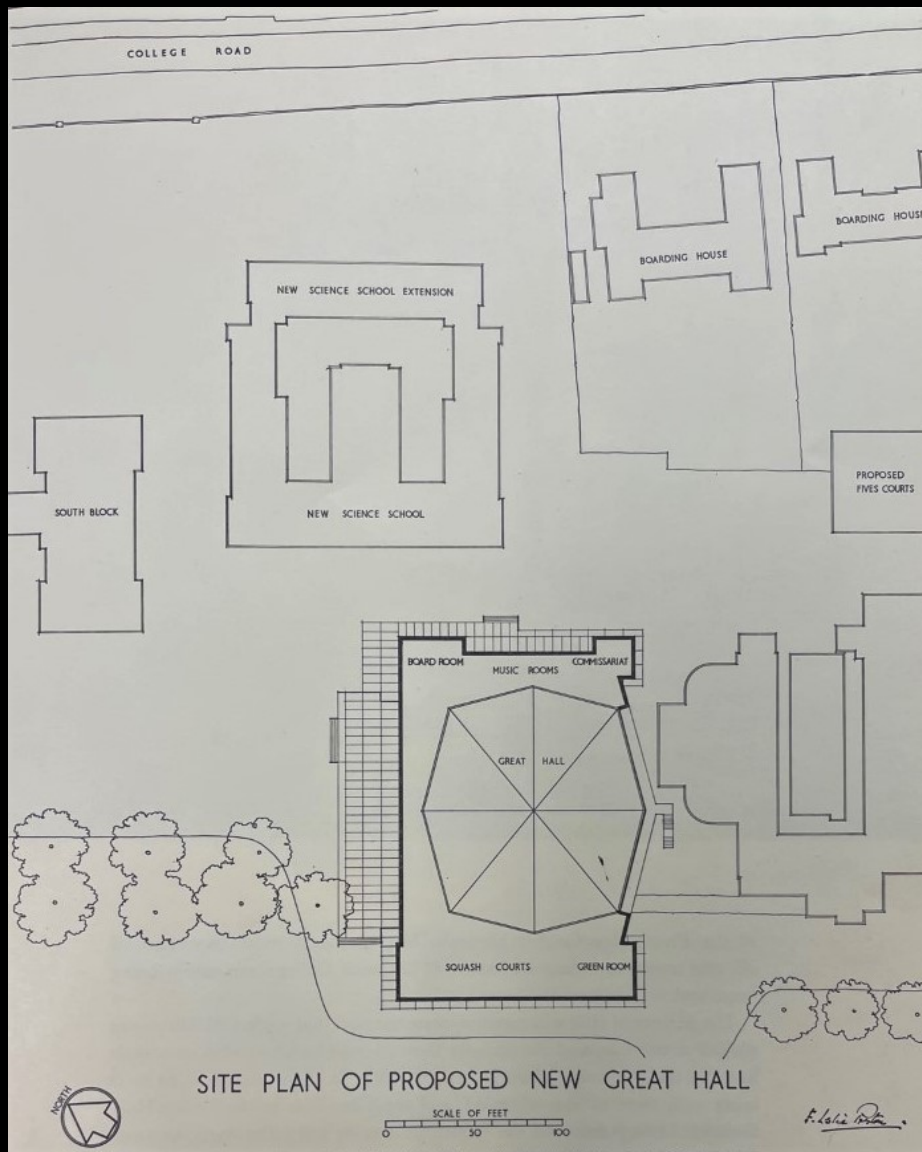
The new swimming pool - interior

# RAISING MONEY WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL 1960



The War Memorial Hall – sketch perspective

Architect: Dr F Leslie Preston of Easton, Robertson, Cusdin, Preston & Smith



**Proposed Great Hall - site plan**

The purpose of this fund is to build a War Memorial Hall which the whole school can assemble together as in the past.

The Memorial Hall will commemorate the part the 3,320 Old Alleynians played in the war, and particularly those, 330 in number, who gave their lives for their country. Two gained the Victoria Cross and their pictures hang with those five other VCs of the First War in the lower hall. Dulwich College received the royal charter in 1619 and over the years Old Boys of Dulwich College have made their mark in the service of Church and State, in the Universities, in Medicine, in the City and in science and industry. The record of Dulwich College in the service of the country in war and peace is indeed a fine one; those who remain can show in tangible form in this memorial their gratitude to their school and to those who have given their lives.

We ask all Old Boys of the School, parents and friends of Dulwich College to answer to their fullest ability this appeal so that those things which they have so richly enjoyed can be passed on to new generations. We hope those who can do so will give a substantial sum either as a donation or legacy, or preferably by covenant whereby the Fund be able to recover income tax. The necessary forms are enclosed

# THE MUSIC & COMMERSARIAT BLOCK



Music & Commersariat Block – aerial view 1970s

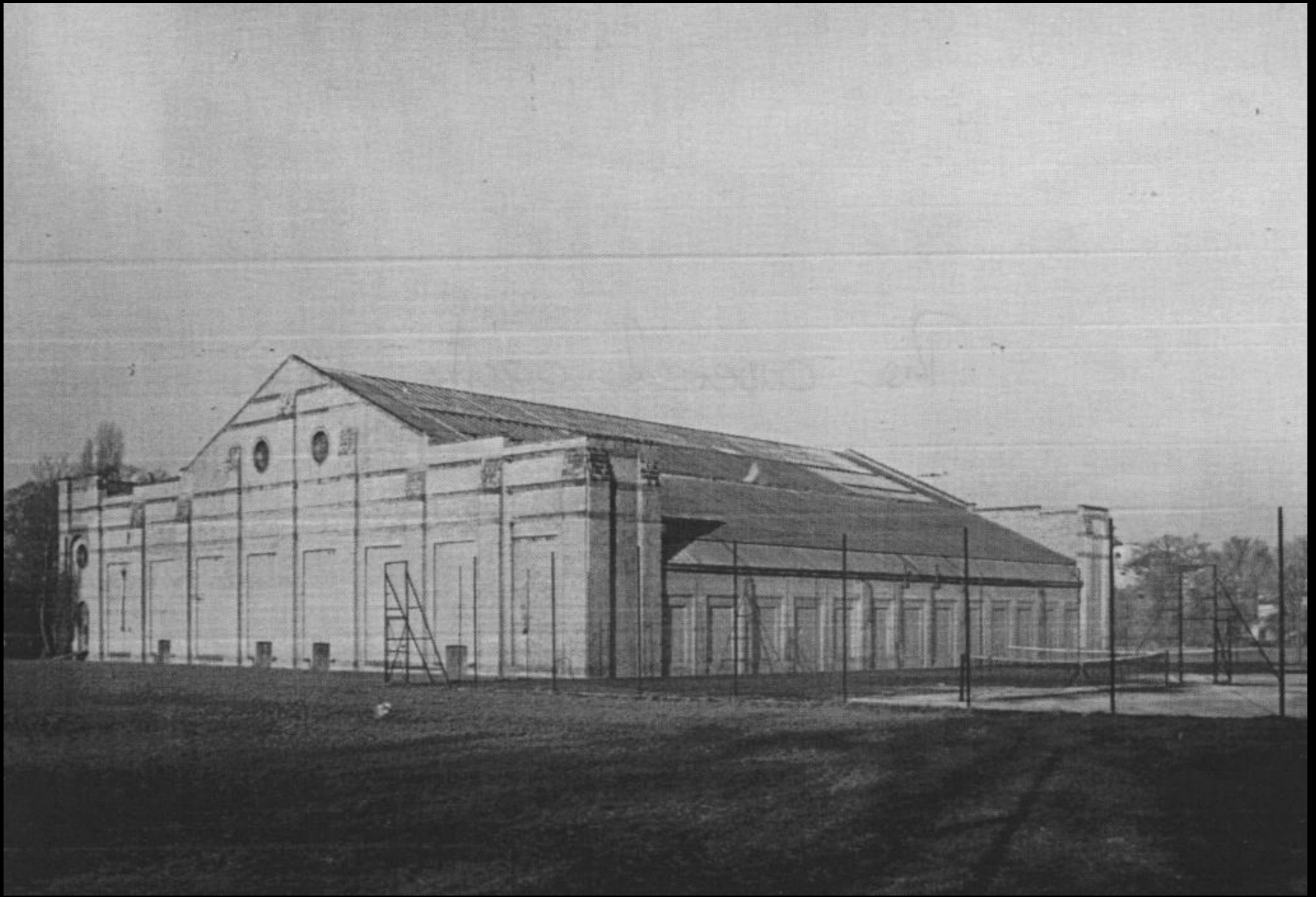


Music & Commisariat Block - 2022

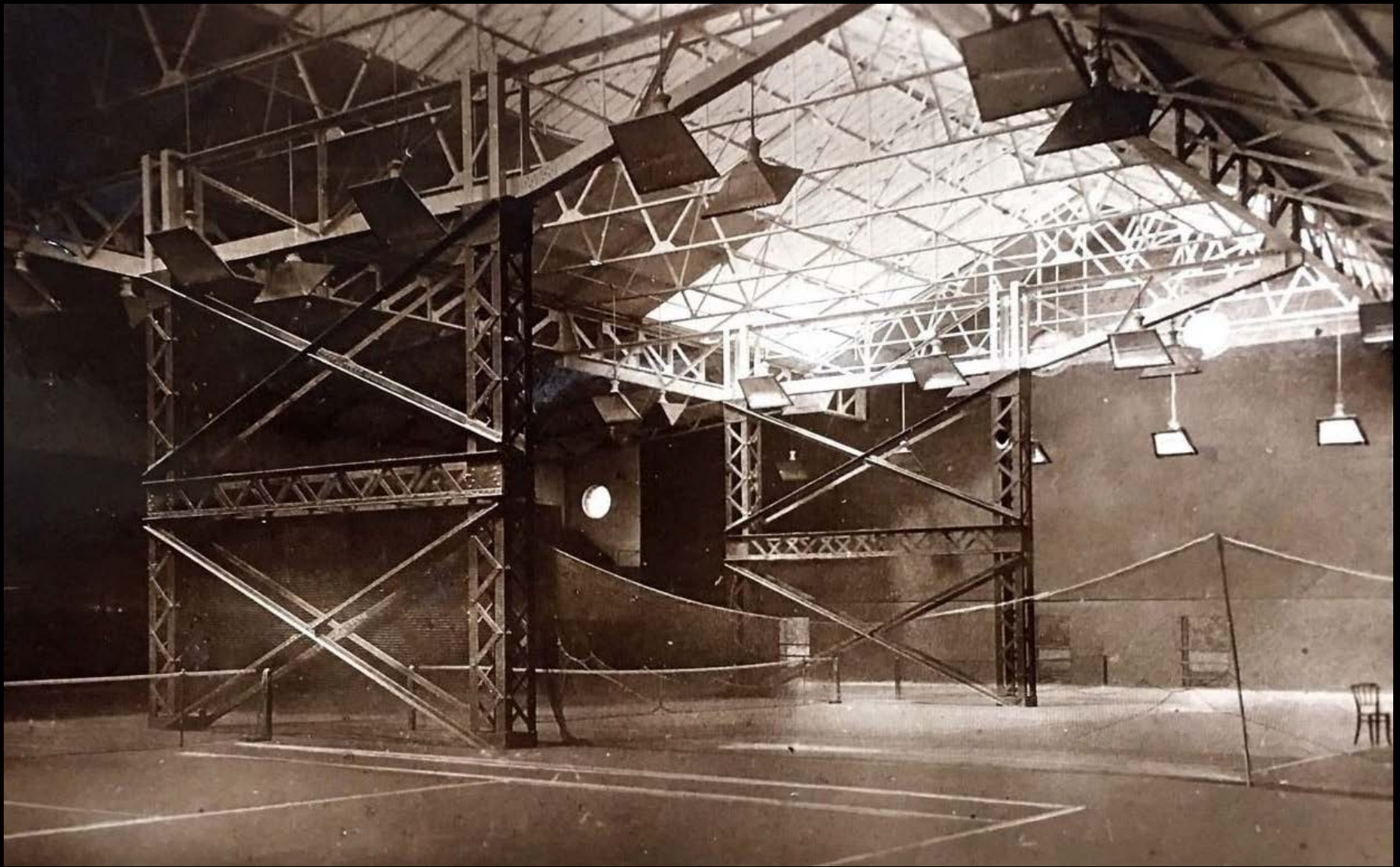
# THE NEW SPORTS CENTRE



New Sports Centre – aerial view 1980s



The Covered Courts



The Covered Courts – original interior



The Covered Courts – exam time

New Sports Centre – architect's perspective - 1965



New Sports Centre – front elevation shortly after completion

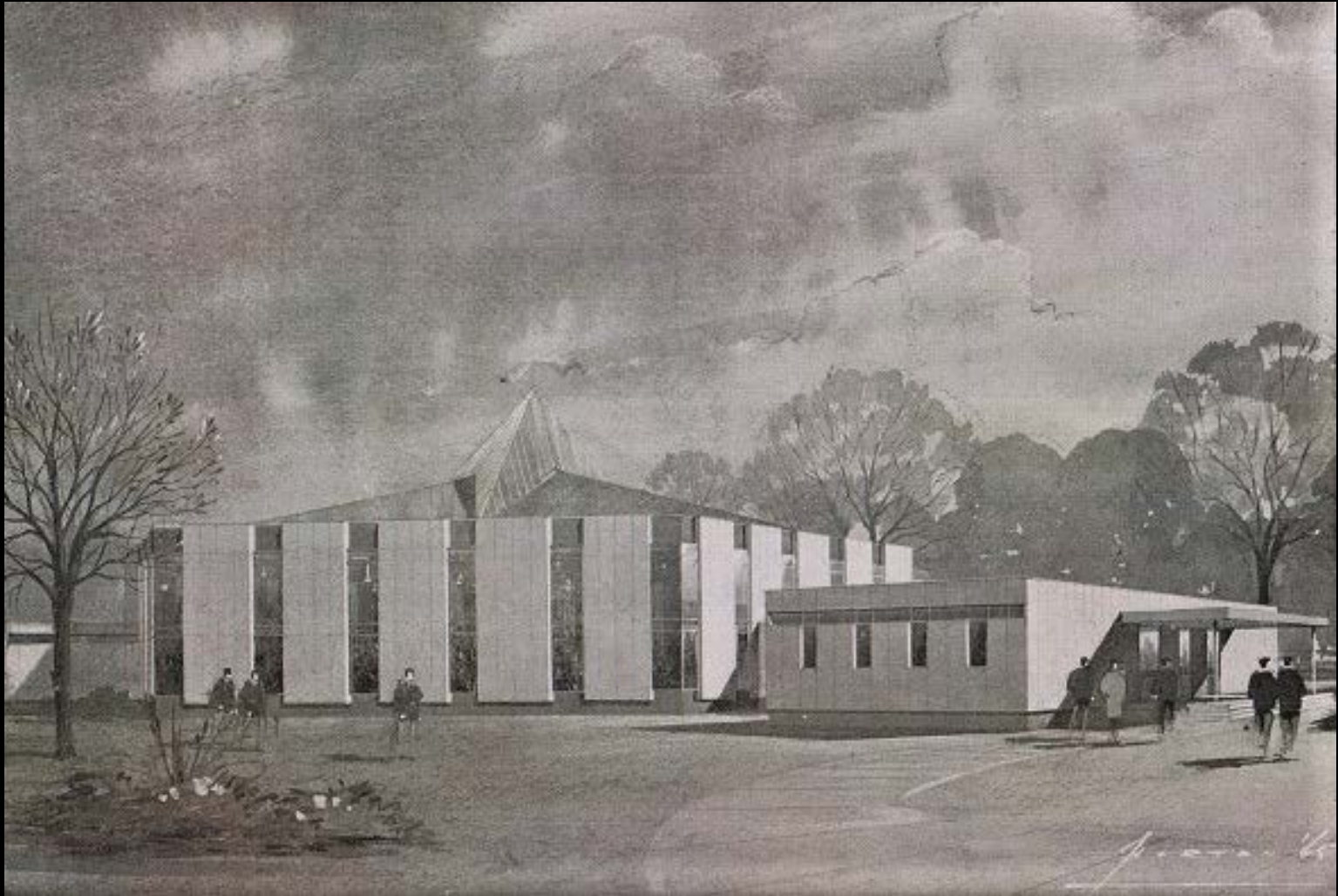


New Sports Centre – sports hall



New Sports Centre – exam time

# THE MEMORIAL HALL



Sketch perspective by F Leslie Preston of Easton, Robertson, Cusdin, Preston & Smith

September 1964:

Well known and regarded architect & planner Sir William Holford visited the College with Sir Harold Hartley, and examined the site and discussed the building requirements for the Memorial Hall and other buildings with the Master.

His report said that it would be best to build the new hall in front of the Barry Block but, if that wasn't feasible, the best alternative was to build it in front of the Science Block.

He also said that there was everything to be said for glazing the cloisters – he described them as 5000sq ft of largely wasted space - just to provide a protected way between North, South and Centre Blocks.



Board Meeting 16/07/1965:

In the discussion which followed, it was agreed that Mr Carpmael, with the Deputy Chairman and the Clerk, should ask to see Dr Preston and arrange to terminate his services and settle his fees on the basis of quantum meruit. If this could be arranged satisfactorily it was agreed that Mr Russell Vernon should be asked to prepare the plans and estimates which Dr Preston should have been working on.

A new architect becomes involved and F L Preston FRIBA has his appointment terminated

# RAISING MONEY

## 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary appeal 1966

### A college seeks

*Evening News* Reporter

THOUSANDS of motorists who daily use College-road, Dulwich, as their route to and from Town will soon find a new bridge over the road.

The bridge is a part of modernisation plans of Dulwich College, which has launched an appeal to raise £250,000 for a new building programme.

Since the war £600,000 has been spent at the school on new buildings and equipment.

So far the money has been spent on the junior school, science block, music rooms and the school shop, squash courts and swimming baths.

#### Dining hall

The new building programme will include:

A physical education centre, which is already being built on the site of the old Dulwich covered tennis courts and is due to be opened in October;

A mathematics laboratory

# £250,000

for computer training; a languages laboratory—already in use; new dining hall, kitchens, art rooms and workshop;

A new assembly hall, which will free the Great Hall for conversion into a library for private study.

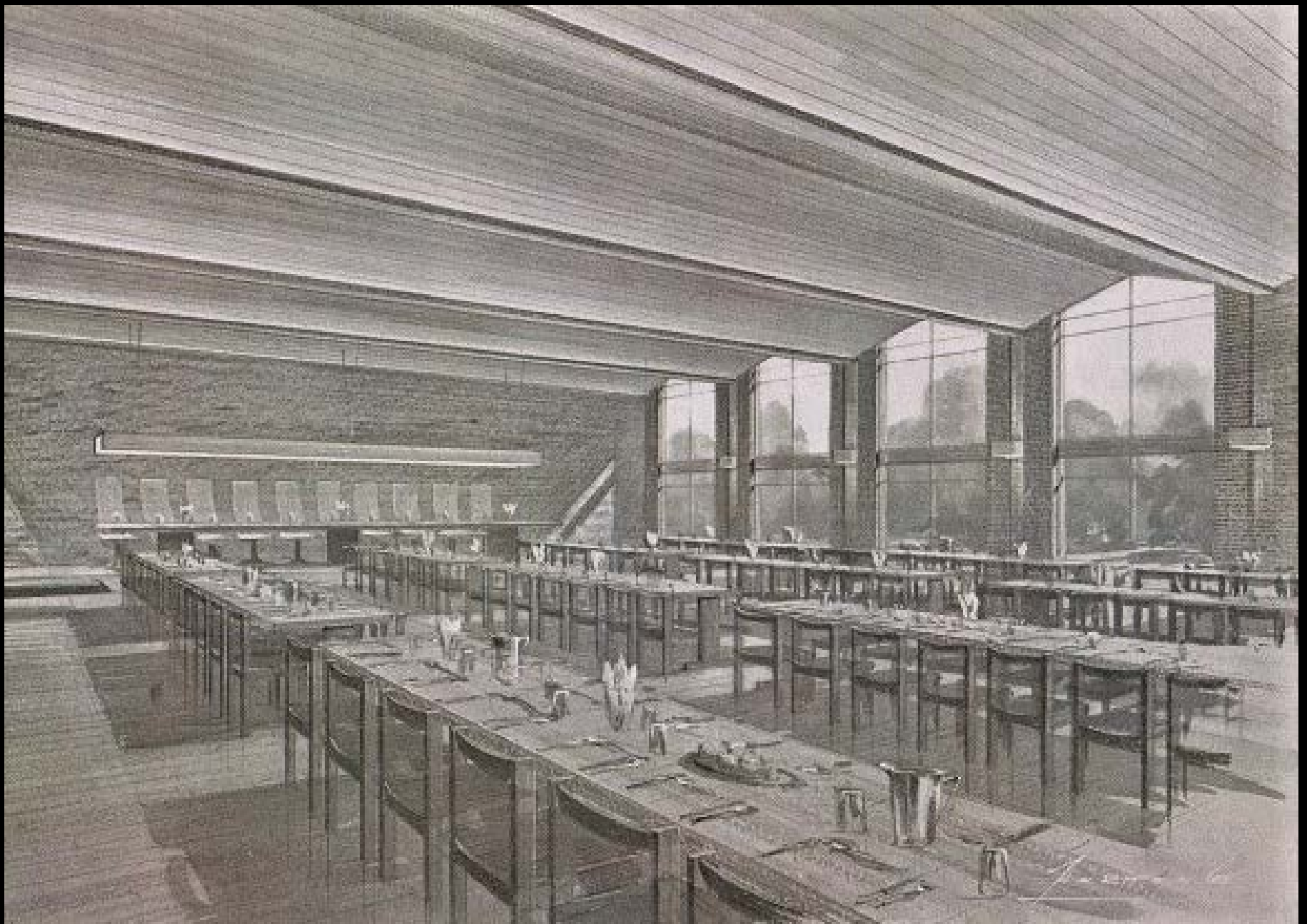
The bridge over College-road will enable boys to cross without danger to the sports centre. A plan for a tunnel had to be abandoned on grounds of cost due to television cables under the road.

So far the appeal has raised nearly £75,000 from parents and old boys. Many parents and old Alleynians have already been traced and contacted.

Another 4,000 old Alleynians are "missing"—their present addresses are unknown and the College is anxious to trace them to see if they can help with the appeal.



Campus development proposals 1966 fund raising brochure extract

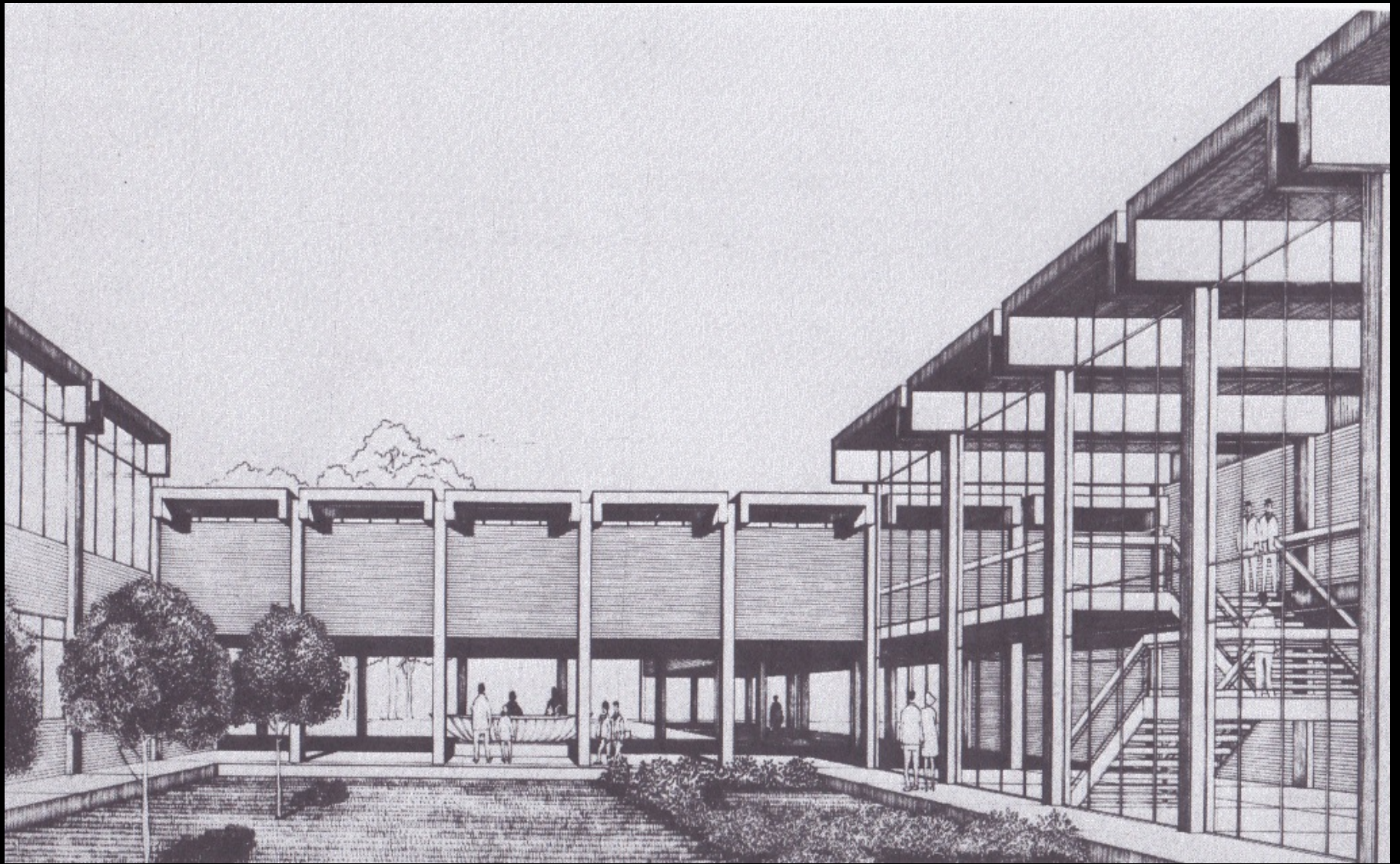


The Dining Room - brochure sketch

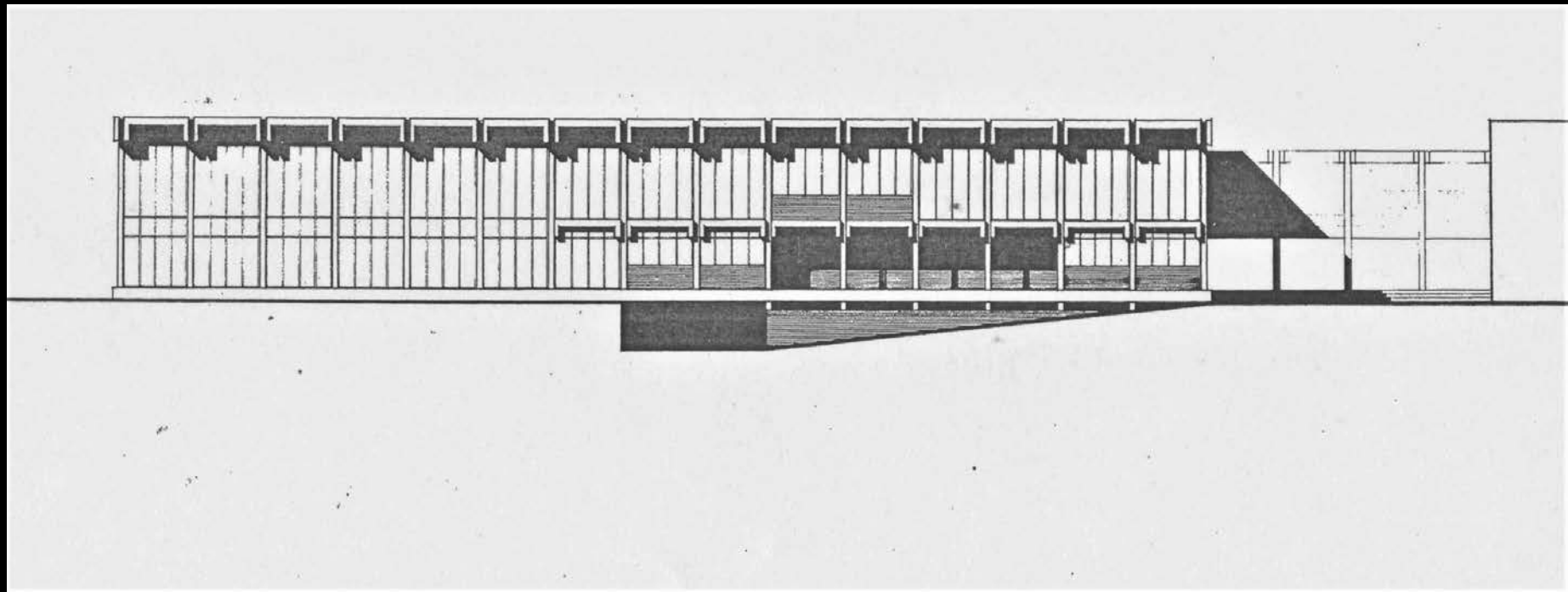
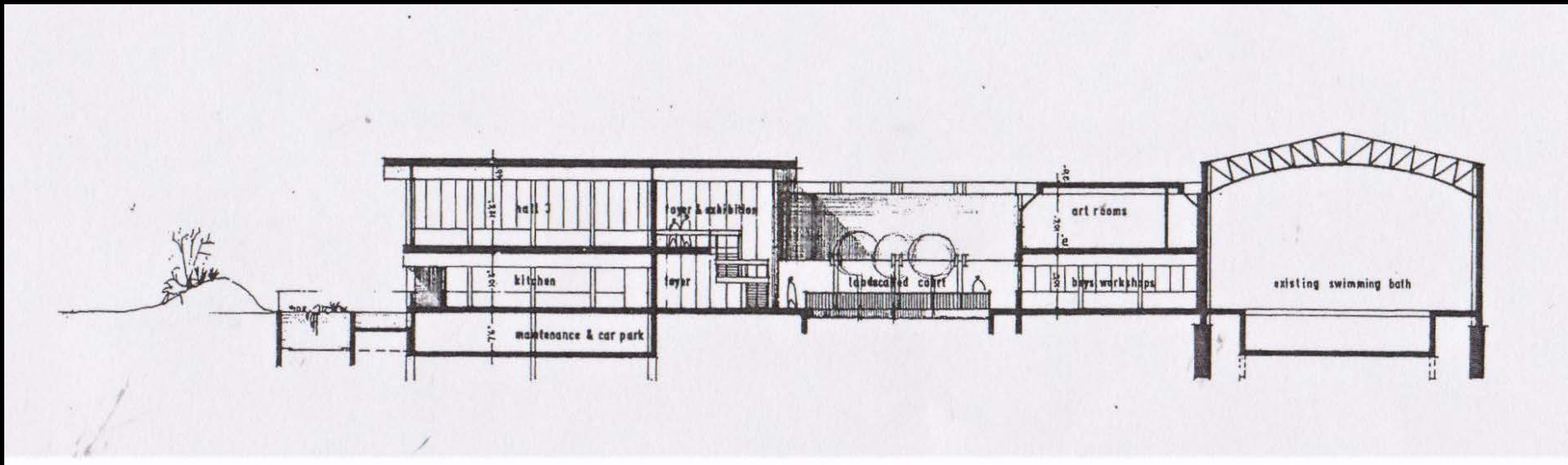
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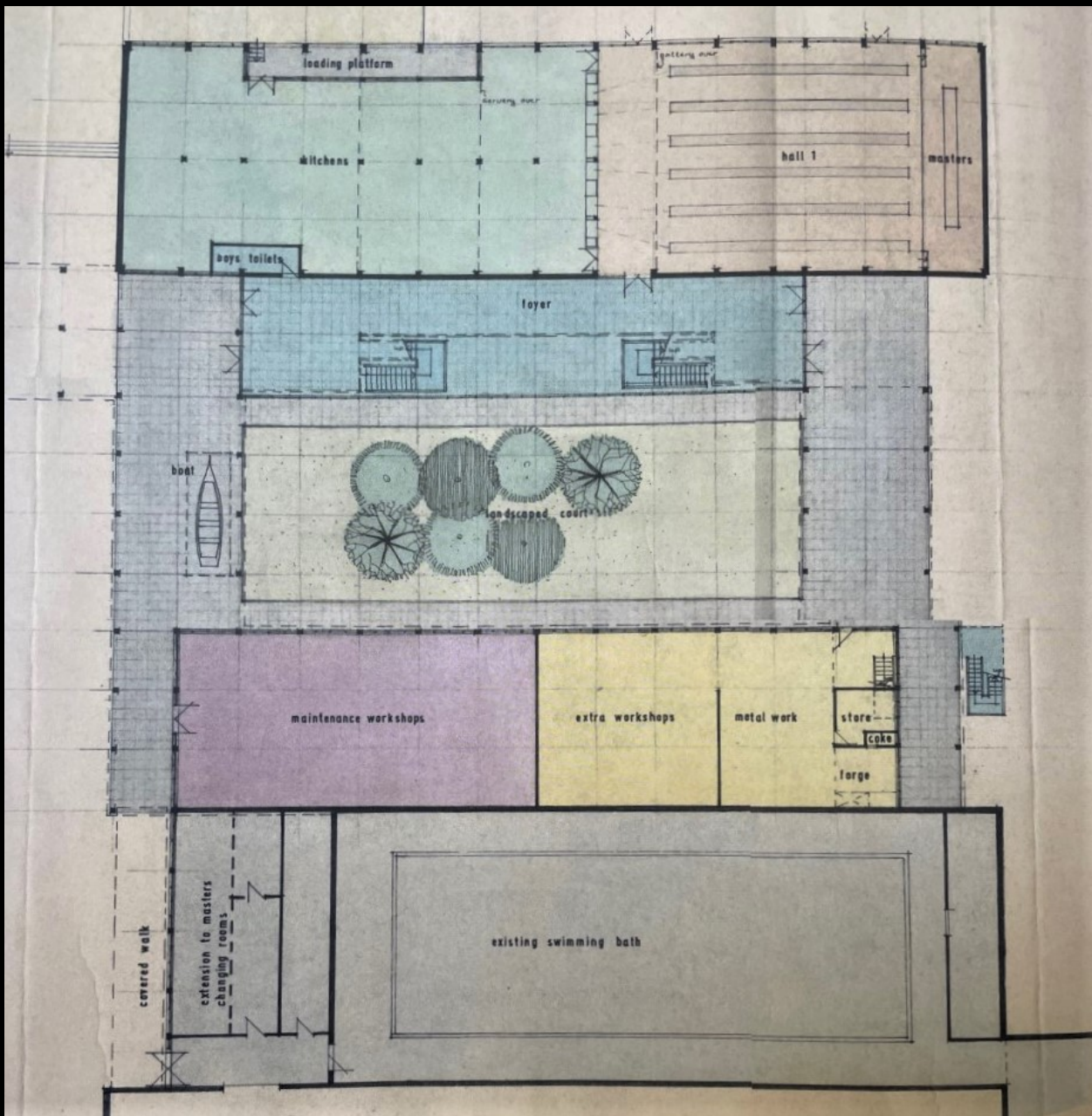
Chistison Hall - 2019



**Christison Hall – Architect's perspective**



Christison Hall – original scheme elevation and section (with basement)



Christison Hall - original floor plan



Christison Hall under construction



**Christison Hall under construction**



Christion Hall on completion 1968

Visit of H.R.H. Prince Philip to Dulwich Collegeon Thursday June 12

- 2.30. H.R.H. Prince Philip will arrive at the Main Entrance to the College. He will be accompanied by Mr. James Orr (Private Secretary), Lord Shawcross and Superintendent Trestrail. He will be welcomed by the Master who will present the Third Master, Mr. E.A. Heard, Mr. S.F.A. Howard and the School Captain who will be waiting in Lower Hall.

Prince Philip will then visit the Sixth Form Study Centre and Common Room, where the following groups will be working:

- Mr. Jagger's Liberal Studies Group - Russia.  
N.W. of Study Centre.
- Mr. Collins Liberal Studies Group - Philosophy.  
S.W. of Study Centre.
- Mr. Williams History 6A - History.  
Sixth Form Common Room.

It is anticipated that Prince Philip will talk to one or more of these groups and extra chairs should be available.

If time allows he will visit Great Hall where Mr. Morgan will be conducting a Madrigal Group practice.

- 2.50. Prince Philip will leave the Centre Block with the Master and School Captain and will go to the Science Block. The Deputy Master will meet Prince Philip and the Master at the front door of the Science Block and take them to Room C1 in the Computer Centre to meet Mr. Heeley (Physics), Mr. Cole (Biology), Mr. Rees (Chemistry), Mr. Earle (Computers and Liberal Studies), and Mr. Payne (Mathematics).

Prince Philip is expected to talk briefly with these masters about their departments, but he will also be invited to visit and talk to any of the masters and boys engaged on the activities listed below. Numerous other classes will be in progress in the Block for Prince Philip to visit if he so wishes.

In the Computer Centre:

- Tape Room. Computer programming. Mr. Earle.  
Room C2. Liberal Studies Group. Mr. Hart. Mr. Jones.

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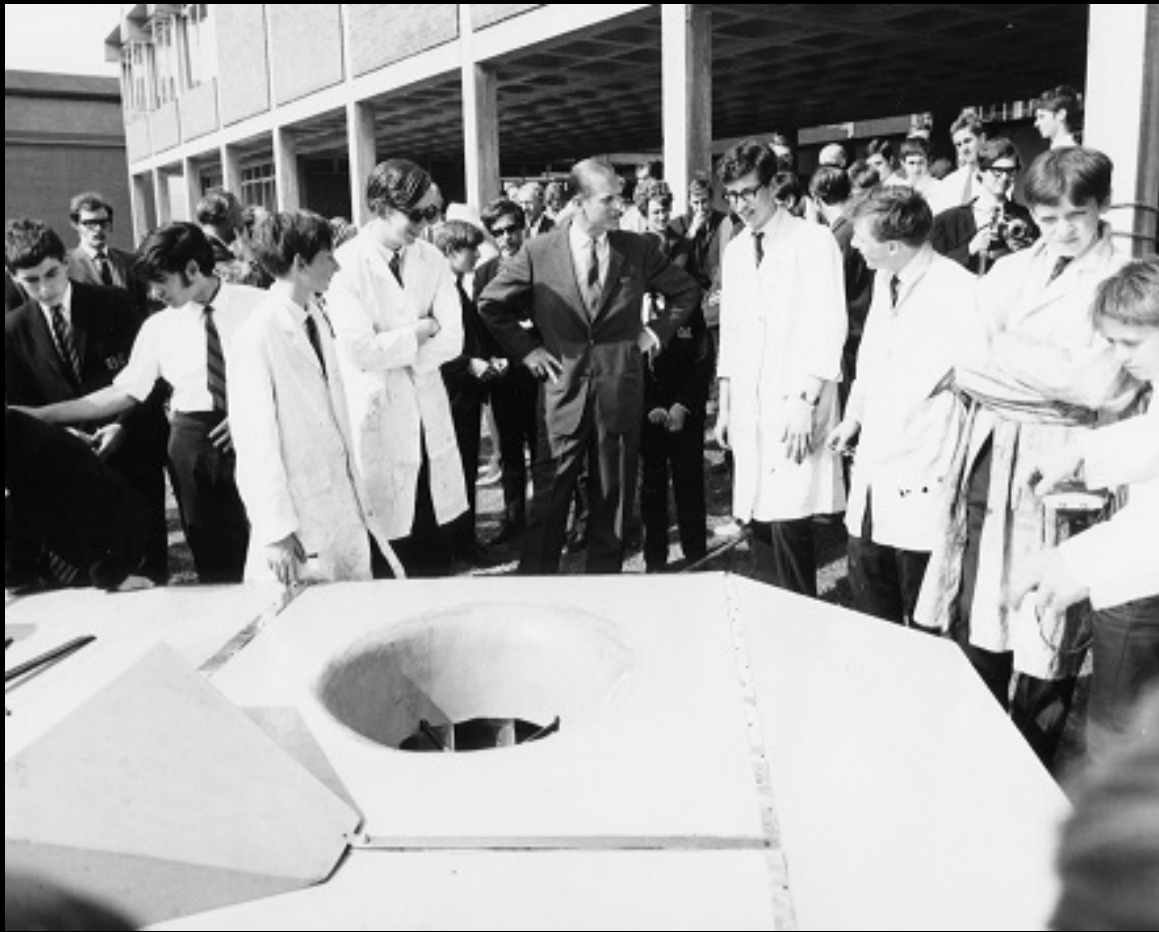
In the Science Block:

- Room F. S6A, S6B, S6C, S6D. Messrs. Rand, Rhodes, Charnley,  
and Bain  
Room I. SRB. 'A' level Nuffield Biology. Mr. Bowen Jones.

- 3.20. Prince Philip will leave the Science Block and go over to the Pavilion and then make his way to the Cloister of the Christison Hall and War Memorial Building to arrive at 3.30 by which time the School and invited guests will be assembled.
- 3.30. Official opening of Christison Hall and War Memorial Building.
- The Master will welcome Prince Philip and ask him to speak to the School and declare the building open.
- After Prince Philip has spoken the School Captain will thank him and call for Three Cheers.
- 3.50. Prince Philip accompanied by Lord Shawcross and the Master and their ladies will then go to the Foyer and unveil the plaque at the entrance to the Christison Hall.
- Tea will then be taken by all masters and their ladies and other guests in the Christison Hall.
- 4.15. Prince Philip will leave the Christison Hall to see first the new Art Rooms and then the Craft Rooms (including Hovercraft).
- 4.30. Prince Philip will leave for the Picture Gallery.



Opening of the Christison Hall by the Duke of Edinburgh



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**Christison Hall main elevation - 1970s**



Christison Hall entrance and gallery - 2010



Christison Hall entrance area & main staircase - 2010



Christion Hall entrance & courtyard - 2022



Christison Hall courtyard 2022



Christison Hall Courtyard 2022



Christison Hall main elevation 2019



THE END