

OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL

Founded in 1667 *by*

THOMAS FOLEY ESQ.

AT

STOURBRIDGE

WORCESTERSHIRE

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P. Davies, B.A.	Religious Education	1968
D. S. Haggett	Mathematics	1959
R. W. Hier	Technical Drawing	1975
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H. Johnston, B.Sc.	Physics	1963
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K. Mulqueen, B.A.	English	1975
R. L. Naylor, B.Sc.	History	1960
P. R. Price, B.Sc.	Biology	1967
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PROSPECTUS

History of the School. Old Swinford Hospital was founded in 1667 by Thomas Foley, the iron-master, to provide education for sixty boys from Worcestershire and from certain parishes in Staffordshire and Shropshire. The original school building still stands and is in use to-day, the centre of later additions.

The Foundation. Thomas Foley made over certain manors and lands to his 'Hospital' to be administered by the Feoffees for the benefit of the Foundation. This bequest enabled the school to give free education and maintenance for more than two hundred and fifty years. Considerable extensions, beginning in the 19th century, when the Maybury block was built, and continuing down to the present day, have been provided by the Foundation.

Curriculum. The curriculum is based on the normal subjects of secondary education. The general subjects studied in the first three years are English, Mathematics, the Sciences, French, Geography, History and Religious Knowledge. The practical subjects, which all boys take at this stage, are Woodwork, Metal-work, Technical Drawing, Rural Science and Art. After the third year a certain amount of specialisation is undertaken according to the aptitudes and ambitions of the individual boy.

The General Certificate of Education. At the end of the fifth year, boys are entered for the Ordinary Level of the General Certificate of Education, in various combinations of the above mentioned subjects. All boys are expected to take English, Maths. and a Science, as the basis of their Certificate.

VI Forms. A further two years are needed to take the Advanced Level of the G.C.E. which can be taken in the subjects listed above. The VI Forms offer a variety of courses, Mathematics and Science being the most popular, but combinations of other subjects such as Geography, History, Economics, etc., receive good support. In addition, all boys in the VI Forms pursue a course in General Studies.

Careers. It is possible for a boy to obtain, while he is at this school, the entrance requirements for Universities, Colleges of Education, the professions and the various grades of apprenticeships. Every effort is made to give information and guidance, through the Careers Master with the help of the Careers Officers, on the subject of careers.

Admission. Applications for admission should be made in the boys' 11th year, on the forms provided by the Local Education Authority. or Headmaster. Parents must agree to keep their boys at the school until at least the end of the school year in which they reach their sixteenth birthday.

Bursaries. Boarders are either sponsored by a Local Education Authority, in which case some reasons beyond parents' wishes are normally expected, or by the Feoffees, in which case the parents are required to pay the boarding fee, though some bursaries are awarded annually to assist in the payment of the fees. For detailed information, application should be made to the Headmaster. As this is an Aided School, no charge can be made for tuition; the boarding fees are at January 1975 £585 per year.

Boarding Accommodation. The boarders are accommodated in four buildings according to the boys' ages, Prospect House, Heath, Maybury and Founders. Each of these buildings has its own units of showers, baths and lavatories. Two resident masters live in each of the blocks, who are responsible for the general supervision and well-being of the boys in these buildings.

Uniform. The school uniform—blue blazer, grey trousers, grey shirts, blue raincoat and black shoes are obtained from the official school outfitter. The Domestic Bursar is responsible for the maintenance of the boys' clothing and linen. Orders can be placed through her for initial outfits and renewals. In term time clothing repairs are done in the linen room. This service, together with shoe repairs and hair-cutting, is included in the boarding fee.

School Buildings. The School buildings have been extensively improved and additions are still being made. Two new workshops were erected so that a technical bias could be developed. These consist of a metalwork shop equipped with five lathes, drill and forge, etc., a woodwork shop and a technical drawing office. The former woodwork shop has been moved to the school gardens and divided into a Biology Laboratory and a laboratory for Rural Science; a potting shed has been built on. A separate shed has been built to house the boys' pets. In contrast to these modern buildings, the Barn Block (dating from the 17th Century) with its timbered classrooms, is still in use for formal subjects. Two new houses have been built for resident married staff, and as a result Heath has been freed for boarding accommodation. An extension to this gives accommodation for 40 boarders. The Lyttelton Wing was dompleted in 1962. It has two full-sized laboratories, one for Chemistry, one for Physics, with subdivisions for Sixth Form work. Behind the Lyttelton Wing, a five class-room block was completed in that year. This major building programme also included the new gymnasium and an extension to the kitchen. Two additional classrooms, VI Form studies and a VI Form Common Room have subsequently been provided, which puts the school accommodation well above official requirements. Plans have been approved for a new Biology Laboratory to cope with increased VI Form work, and a new Swimming Pool.

Playing Fields. Levelling operations have greatly increased the available playing area in the school grounds. There are a further fourteen acres of playing fields at Big Moor which is half a mile from the school. At present only two tennis courts have been completed, but three will be eventually laid out. The School has its own heated swimming bath with filtration plant, and swimming is possible all the year round. The School Library is housed in a fine panelled room and has a good collection of fiction and reference books. The Juniors have their own Library in a separate room.

Religious Education. As regards religious education, the Parish Church of St. Mary, Old Swinford, has always been the chapel of the school and the morning Service is attended on Sundays or the Headmaster conducts a Service in the School Hall. Boys are prepared for Confirmation annually by the Rector of Old Swinford. Boys of other denominations than the Church of England are accepted.

Houses. There are four Houses for the Boarders: Foley, Dudley, Foster and Lyttelton, named after Feoffees whose families have been associated with the school. The Houses are the units for all functions except lessons.

The Day Boy Houses are Chance (named after the Chairman of the Feoffees) and Stone (Headmaster from 1928-1950).

Games. The school games are Rugby and Association Football in Winter and Cricket in Summer. In addition there is Cross-country running in the Winter and Athletics in the Summer term. All boys who are medically fit are expected to take part in some activity, and to be properly dressed for it on games afternoons.

Cadets. The Combined Cadet Force is open to all boys over fourteen. Artillery, M.T. and R.A.F. sections are run. There are annual camps at the end of the Spring and the Summer Terms. The younger boys have the opportunity of joining the School Scout Troop, which also has an annual camp. In both these organisations, ample opportunity is given for adventure training. For this purpose the school rent a cottage in the Black Mountain area, which is also used for field studies and other educational activities.

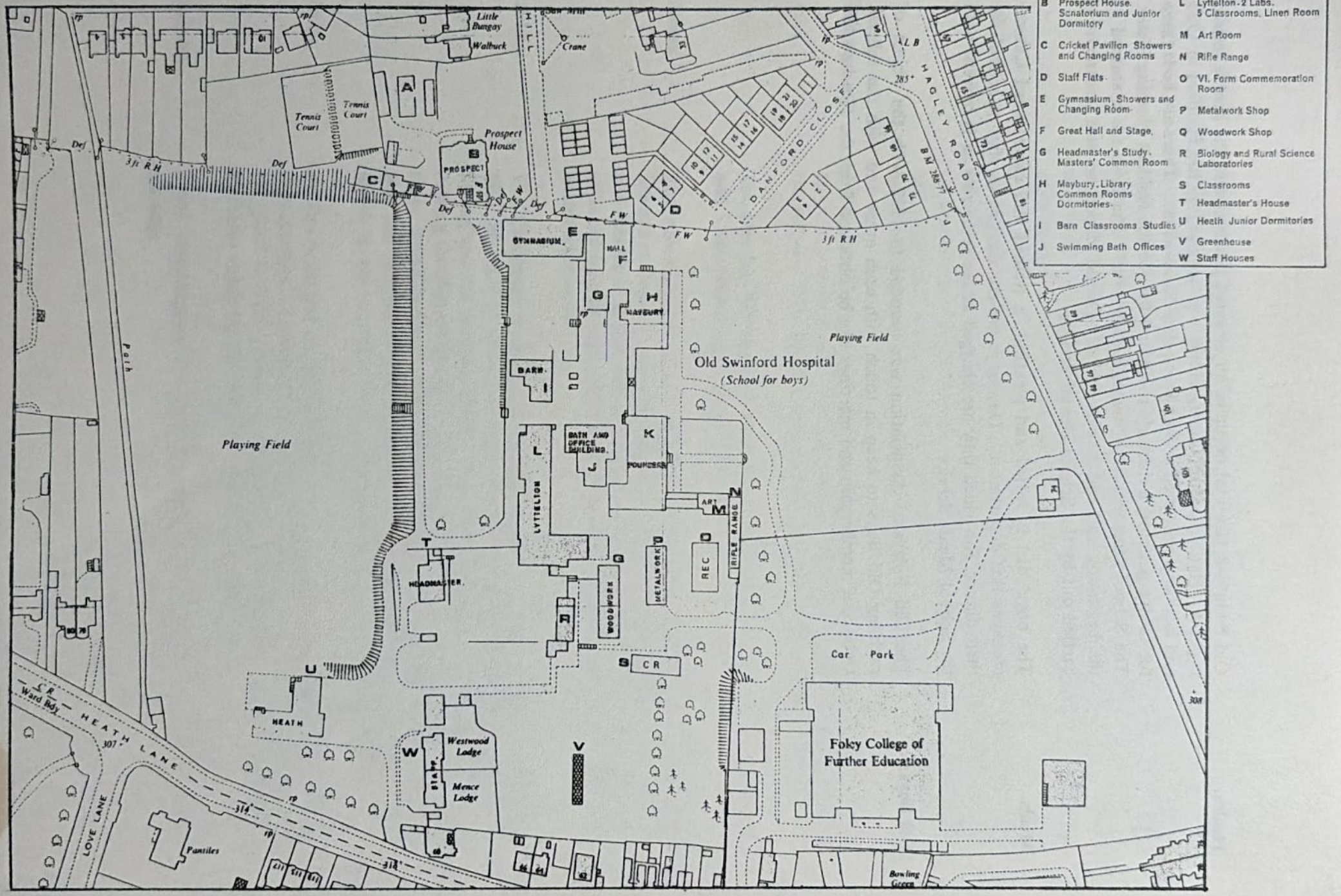
Music. Besides being part of the curriculum in the Junior School, music appreciation is encouraged throughout the school. Violin and wind instrument lessons are given to boys who show aptitude in this direction. The school Choir performs regularly and there is a flourishing Brass Band.

Hobbies. Every encouragement is given to the boys to develop worth-while leisure pursuits.

Health. Old Swinford Hospital occupies an elevated position and the health record is good. Hanbury Hill Nursing Home was acquired by the Feoffees in 1975 and has been converted into an up-to-date Sanatorium. There are beds there for twelve patients, a doctor's room and flat for the resident Nursing Sister. The School Doctor usually makes a daily visit. The boys are examined at the beginning and end of every term. Dental inspection and treatment is carried out by the School Dental Service.

Meals. The boys' diet is varied and plentiful; a trained and experienced Caterer manages this department. Day boys are encouraged to stay at school for their dinner, for which they are charged at the same rate as is current with the School Meals Service.

Old Boys. The Old Foleyans' Association was founded in 1929 with the object of enabling Old Boys to keep in touch with each other and with the school. Details of membership and meetings can be obtained from the Headmaster.


A C.C.F. Lecture Room and Stores
B Prospect House. Sanatorium and Junior Dormitory
C Cricket Pavilion Showers and Changing Rooms
D Staff Flats
E Gymnasium, Showers and Changing Room
F Great Hall and Stage.
G Headmaster's Study, Masters' Common Room
H Maybury, Library Common Rooms Dormitories
I Barn Classrooms Studies
J Swimming Bath Offices
K Founders, Dining Hall Kitchen, Dormitories
L Lyttelton. 2 Labs. 5 Classrooms, Linen Room
M Art Room
N Rifle Range
O VI. Form Commemoration Room
P Metalwork Shop
Q Woodwork Shop
R Biology and Rural Science Laboratories
S Classrooms
T Headmaster's House
U Heath Junior Dormitories
V Greenhouse
W Staff Houses
Old Swinford Hospital
(School for boys)
Playing Field
Tennis Court
Prospect House
Little Bungay
Walbuck
Crane
Gymnasium
Maybury
Bath and Office Buildings
Lyttelton
Headmaster
Heath
Westwood Lodge
Manse Lodge
Pantiles
Woodwork
Metalwork
Rifle Range
Art
Rec
CR
Car Park
Foley College of Further Education
Bowling Green
Danford Close
Hagley Road
Heath Lane
Love Lane
Path
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