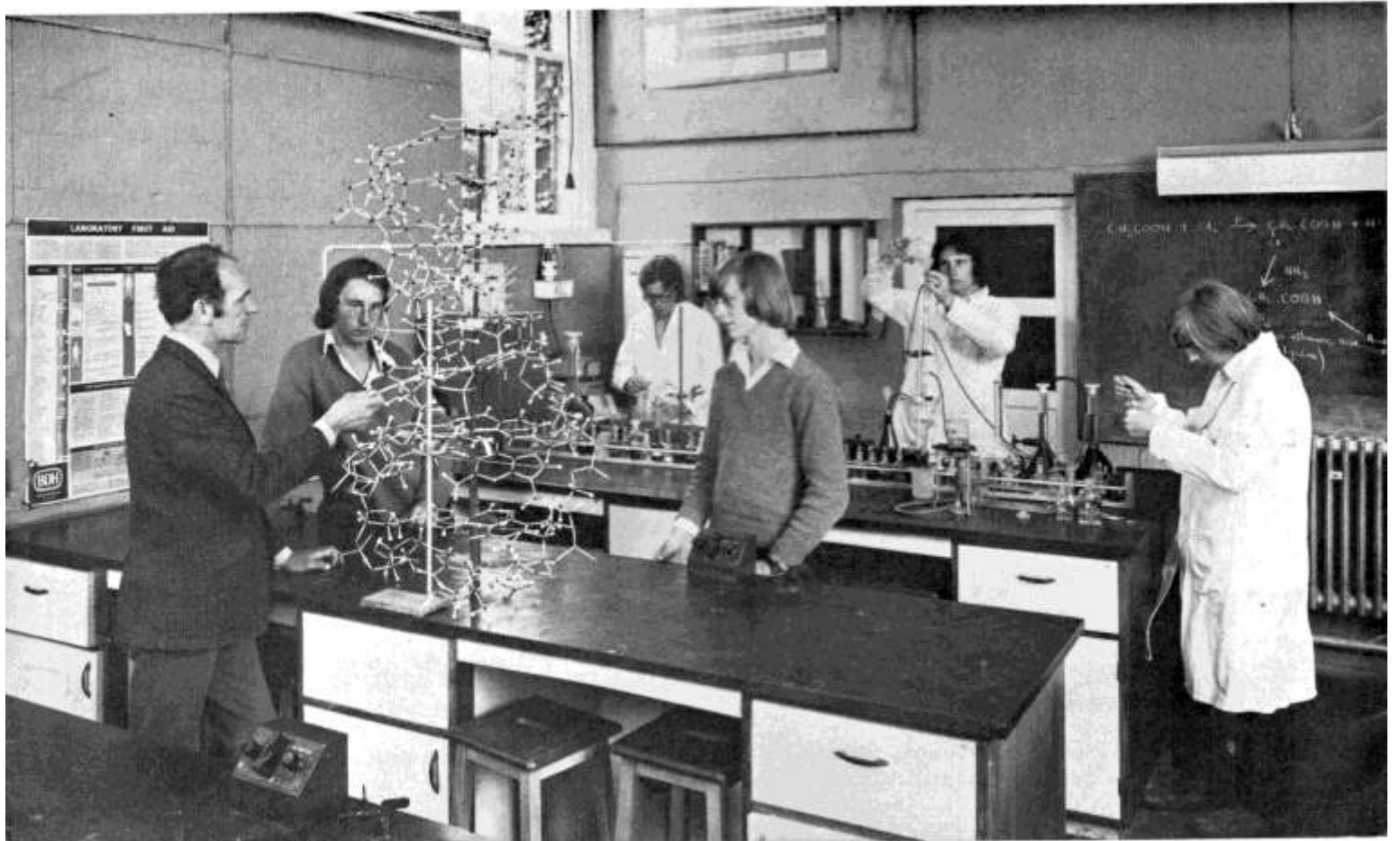


# Rendcomb College Appeal





## Purpose

Inspired by the vision of a school where boys from very different social backgrounds could mix on terms of absolute equality and receive a first class boarding education, the late Noel Wills founded Rendcomb in 1920 with an endowment which to this day enables every parent to benefit from a substantial subsidy to the fees, while over one third receive further financial aid in the form of Foundation Places or Scholarships. Rendcomb thus offers boarding school education of a very high standard to a wide cross-section of children, many of them from Gloucestershire Primary Schools.

After remaining steady at 90 for many years, numbers have recently risen sharply. They will soon reach 250, including 25 Sixth Form girls; but there will be no further expansion, for the Governors are determined to preserve Rendcomb's unique capacity for developing individual potential within a community of manageable size. This increase in numbers put an inevitable strain on the College's accommodation. In response, the Trustees carried out a large scale building programme, financed from the Endowment Fund. This has transformed the College, and some details are described in the following pages.

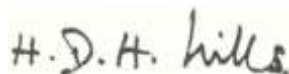
But three major projects are outstanding; the building of a new Gymnasium, the conversion of the present gymnasium into an Assembly Hall, and the extension of the Science Laboratories. All are urgently needed for the efficient functioning of the College. These cannot be financed from the Endowment Fund, for to draw on this further would risk the fee subsidies on which the whole social and educational purpose of the College depends. The Governors have therefore decided to launch an appeal for £150,000 — the estimated cost of this work — in the confident belief that the many friends of the College will welcome this opportunity of offering support for Rendcomb and the ideals for which it stands.



Headmaster



Chairman of Governors



Trustee and Governor, and son of the Founder.

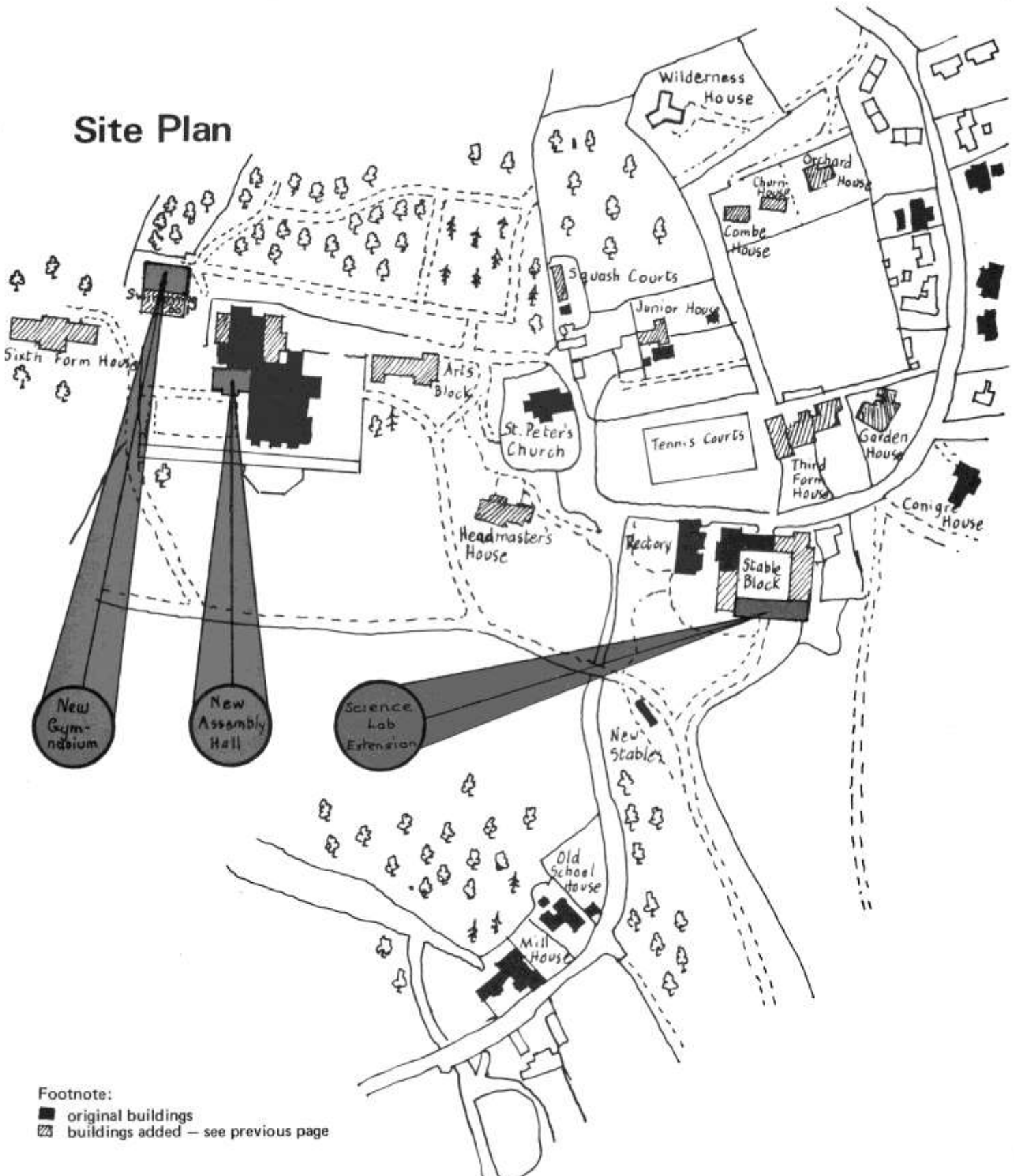
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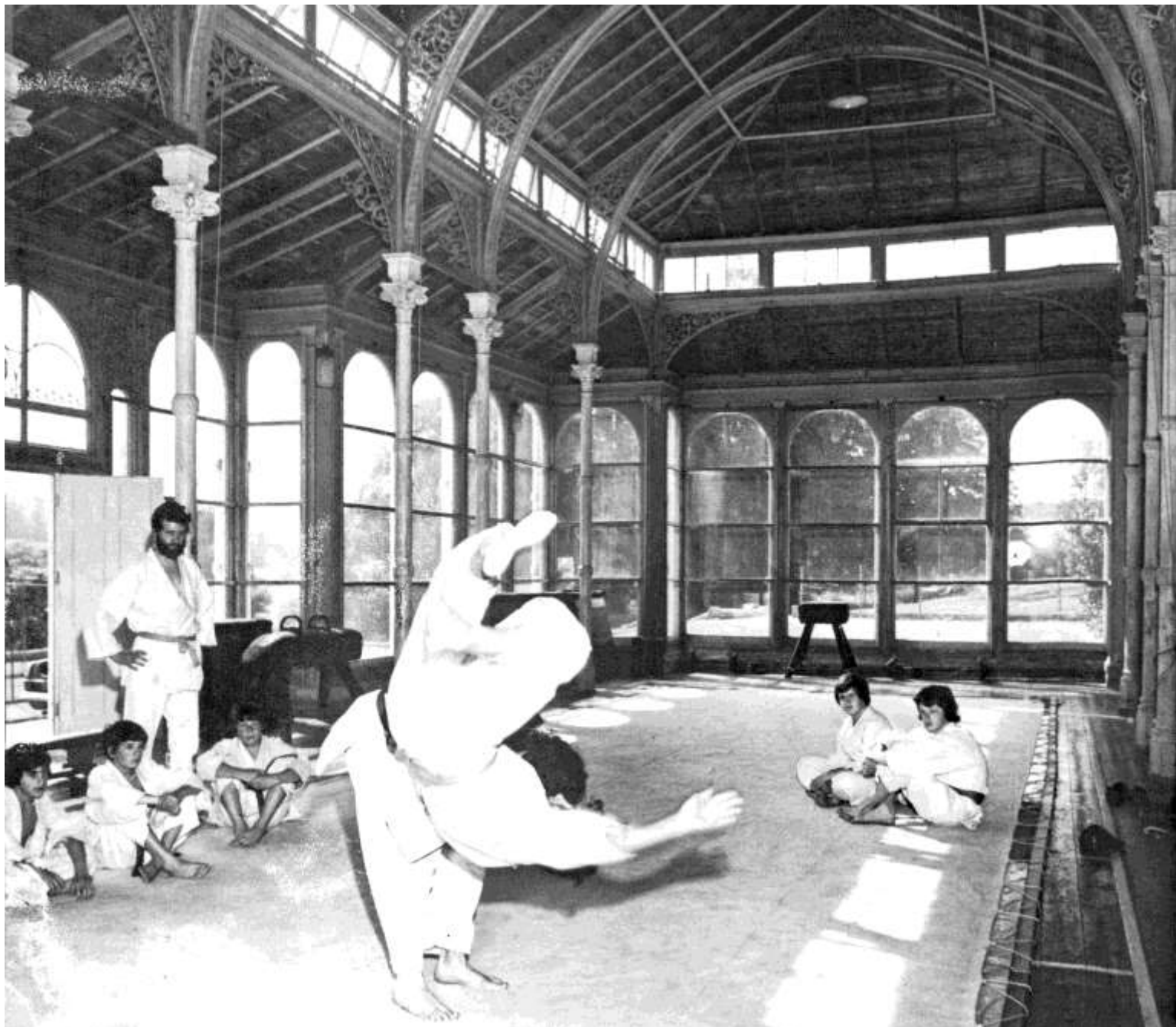
Since 1960, some £450, 000 have been devoted to capital development at Rendcomb. The main projects, listed below, show the extensive provision made by the Trustees for a school whose numbers have nearly trebled within fifteen years.

- 1961      Open air swimming pool built.
- 1963      Twenty-seven study bedrooms and three classrooms added to the main building, and two hard tennis courts constructed.
- 1965      Stables converted to house a new Chemistry Laboratory. Harness Room converted to an Electronics Laboratory.
- 1966      The Old Rectory converted and extended to accommodate the Junior House of 50 boys, including quarters for a married Housemaster. The old kitchen garden converted to provide 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acres of playing fields for the Junior House.
- 1967      An Arts Block built to house the Art, Craft, Music, Woodwork and Metal-work departments.
- 1968      New wing added 27 studies and 2 classrooms to the main building.  
24 — booth Language Laboratory presented by the Dulverton Trust.
- 1970      A further 4 acres added to the playing fields.  
Sports pavilion built, including visitors' changing rooms,  
2 squash courts built.
- 1973      A separate Sixth Form House built to accommodate 25 girls, 25 boys and quarters for a married Housemaster.  
  
The Coach House in the stable block converted to provide 2 extra laboratories for Physics and Chemistry.
- 1975      The Third Form House extended to provide accommodation for 40 boys.  
Another stable converted to a Science teaching room.  
Two booths added to the Language Laboratory.

In addition, 7 new staff houses have been built and 4 others converted.

# Site Plan



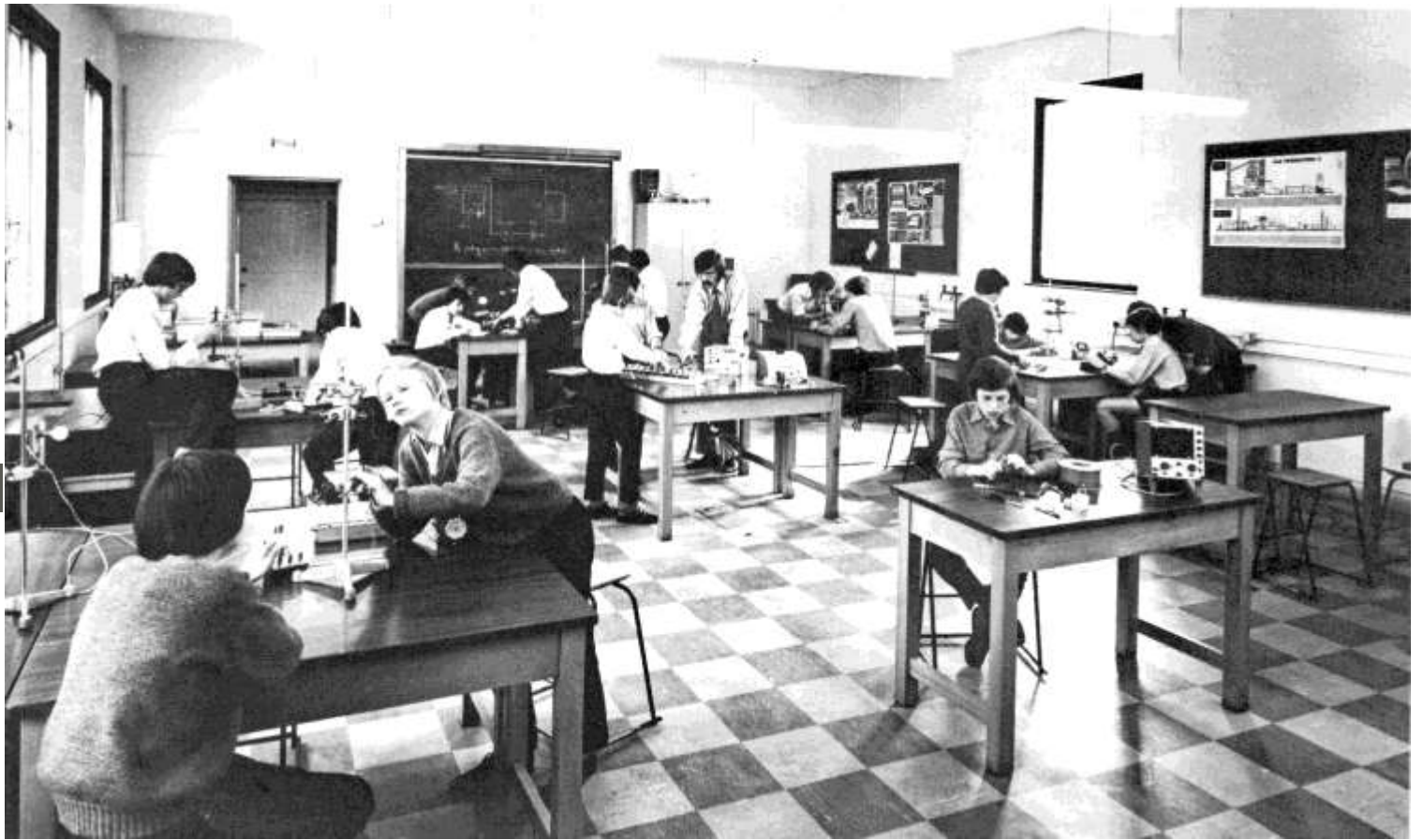
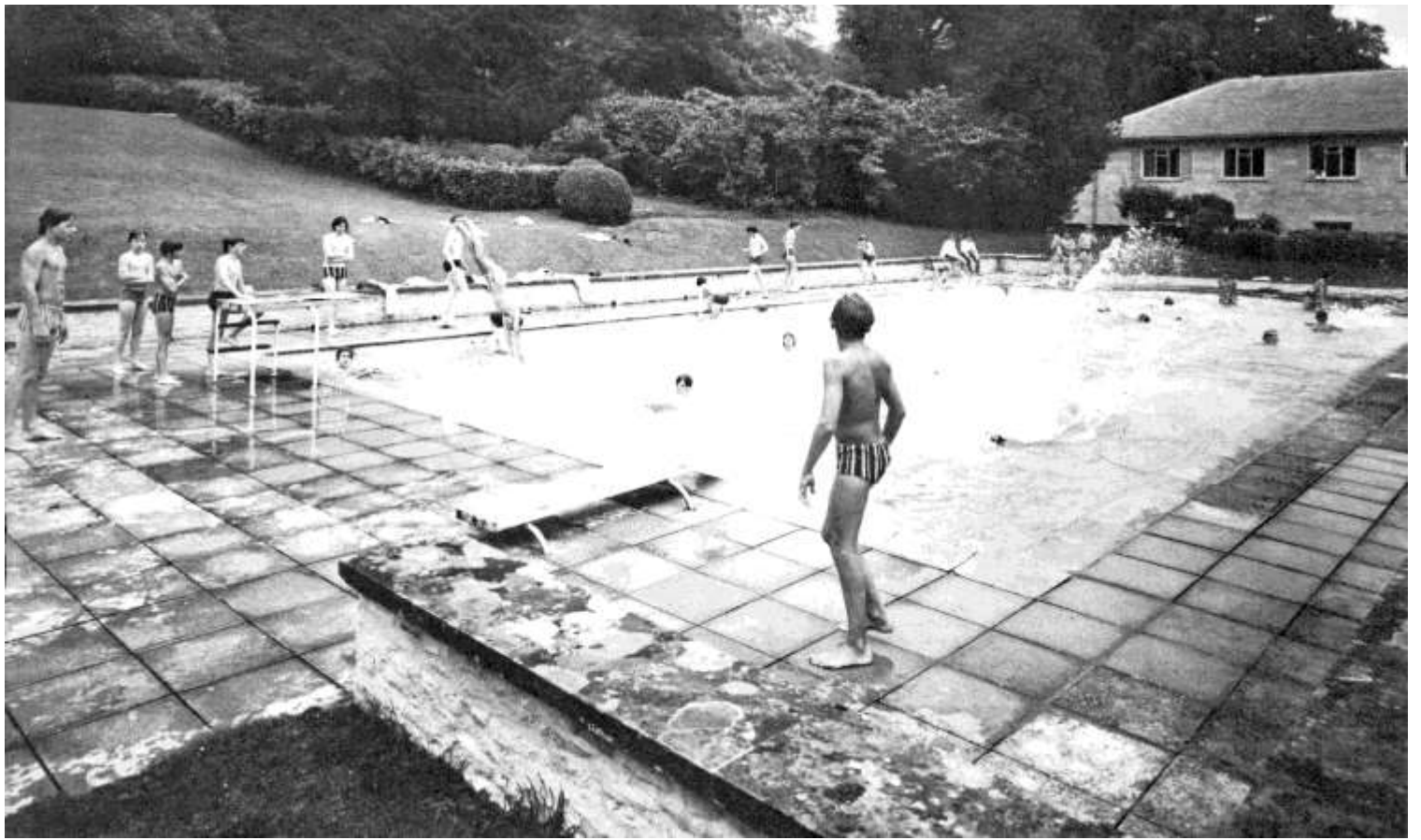


## Plans

As numbers in the school have increased, the existing gymnasium, housed in what was originally the Conservatory — photograph above — has become inadequate. It is neither structurally suitable, nor large enough for a school of 250 pupils. A new Gymnasium is therefore planned on a suitable site next to, and integrated with, the swimming pool — photograph upper right, showing also the site above the pool. It is also planned to provide heating or a cover for the swimming pool in order to extend its effective use.

The building of a new Gymnasium will not only provide for a wide variety of indoor games and sports practice which will be particularly valuable during the winter and in wet weather, but will also free the Conservatory for conversion into an Assembly Hall. This arrangement will, at relatively modest cost, meet the pressing need for a place where the whole school can assemble. The new Assembly Hall, which will be fully equipped for plays, concerts and other functions, should make an exceptionally pleasant Hall, with its fine proportions, generous windows and attractive Victorian ironwork.

Much of the Stable Courtyard has already been converted to Science teaching, and the lower photograph shows the old Coach House converted into the Junior Physics Laboratory. But the Senior Chemistry and Physics Laboratories badly need extending, and the plan also provides for two additional rooms for the teaching of Geography.



## How to subscribe

A total of £150,000 is needed for the Appeal Programme, and all donations, large and small, will be gratefully received. Cheques should be made out to "Rendcomb College Trustees' Appeal" — "R. C. T. Appeal" for short, — and should be sent to the Appeal Office; an addressed, postage prepaid envelope is provided for the purpose.

As a registered charity, Rendcomb enjoys certain tax advantages.

- i) Capital Gains Tax: all gifts made to registered charities, including gifts of stocks and shares, are free from Capital Gains Tax.
- ii) Capital Transfer Tax: all gifts made to a registered charity during a donor's lifetime are exempt from Capital Transfer Tax unless they are made within one year of death. Gifts made by will, or within one year of death, are exempt if their total value does not exceed £100,000.
- iii) Deeds of Covenant: as a registered charity, the College can recover income tax paid on a gift made under Deed of Covenant. With the basic tax rate of 35%, nearly £54 are added to every covenanted £100, at no extra expense to the donor. A 7-year Deed of Covenant is therefore a most effective way of responding to the Appeal. For those who wish to adopt this way of subscribing, the simplest way is a Banker's Order. Forms of Deed of Covenant (A) and accompanying Banker's Order (B) are attached; they should be sent to the Appeal's Trustees, using the enclosed addressed and postage prepaid envelope.

An alternative method, if you are chary of committing yourself for seven years and would prefer to make a once-for-all lump sum donation, but still wish to enjoy the tax advantages of a Deed of Covenant, is to use a method entitled Deposited Covenant. By this, a lump sum gift can have the effect of a Deed of Covenant. Anyone who wishes to adopt this method should

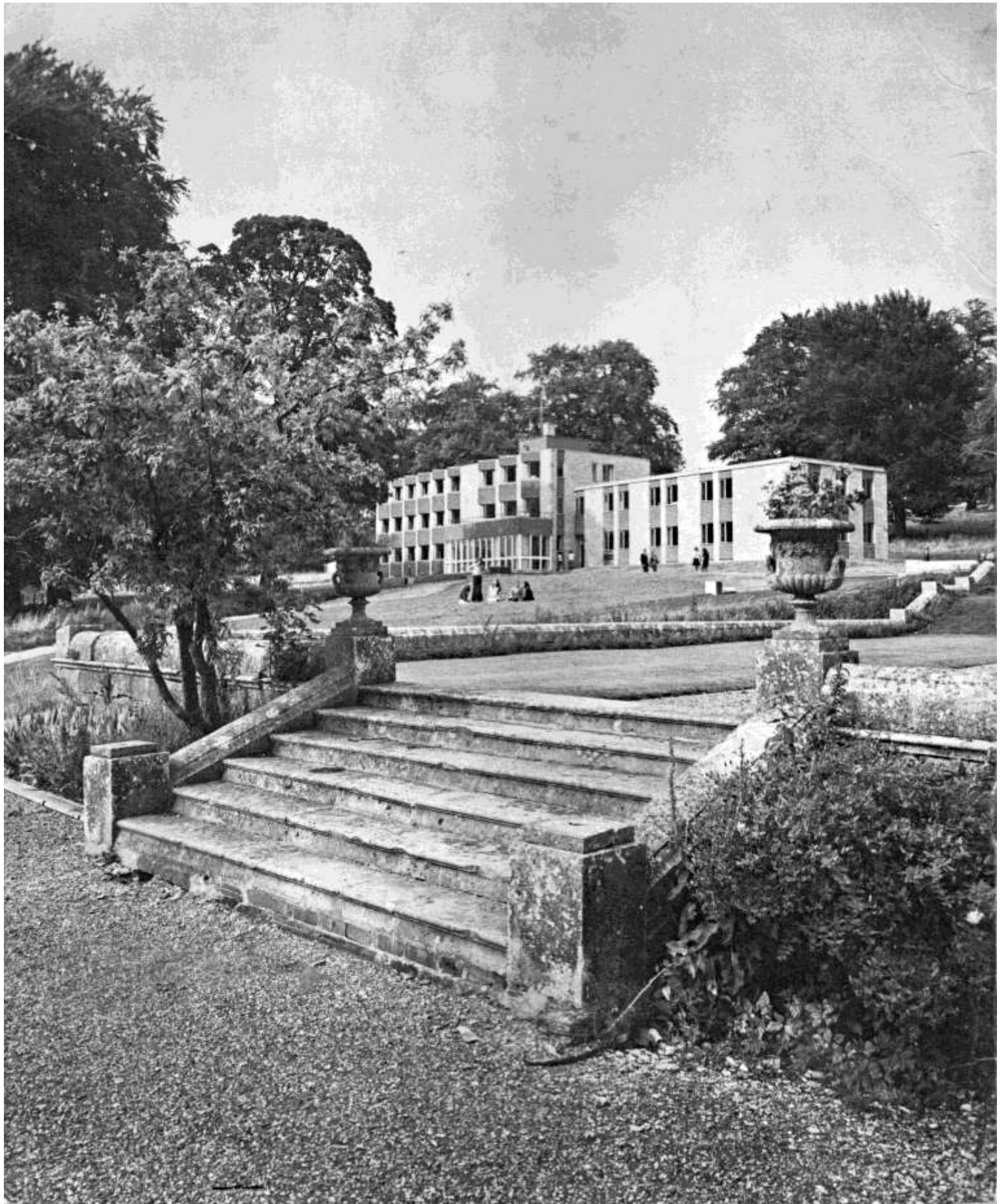
- i) draw a cheque in favour of the R. C. T. Appeal;
- ii) complete a suitable Deposited Covenant, (C) the net yearly sum being 1 /7th of the amount for which the cheque is drawn.
- iii) sign a form of Deposit and Authority (D) authorising the Trustees to use the proceeds of the cheque as an interest-free loan for payment of the instalments on the Covenant. Forms are attached overleaf covering (ii) and (iii); they should be sent, with the cheque to the Appeal Office in the enclosed, postage prepaid envelope.

## Illustrative schedule of gifts

Number needed	Net annual payment *	Gross value per covenant	Total gross value
3	£500	£5, 000	£15, 000
15	£200	£2, 000	£30, 000
20	£100	£1, 000	£20, 000
40	£50	£500	£20, 000
200	£20	£200	£40, 000
250	£10	£100	£25, 000
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			£150, 000

Payments may be made quarterly if preferred. The above figures are purely illustrative: the covenant can be made for any amount, large or small.





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