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Secondary schools in Enfield a history

Please note this listing only covers state schools.

Albany

Built in 1939 as a senior elementary school. It became a secondary modern after the 1944 Act. There were originally separate boys and girls departments. The school became comprehensive and fully co-educational in 1967.

Aylward

The former Higher Grade School started in 1927 in temporary quarters at Raynham School, moving to a new building in Wilbury Way in 1967. In 1967 the school went comprehensive and was re-named Weir Hall School, the former Hazelbury Secondary Modern was used as a lower school from 1967 until replaced by the present building in Windmill Road in 1972. The school was then re-named after Gladys Aylward the missionary who had grown up in nearby Cheddington Road.

Broomfield

Originally called Arnos, opened in 1938 as a senior elementary school, taking over from the former senior departments at Bowes School. It became a mixed secondary school after the 1944 Act and went comprehensive in 1967. It merged with the former Minchenden School and was re-named Broomfield in 1984. The former Minchenden School was closed.

Bullsmoor

Purpose-built as a comprehensive school in 1977.

Chace

Opened as 1956 as a boys secondary modern. The school had originally been formed out of the senior boys department at Chase Side. In 1967 the school went comprehensive and was merged with Enfield Grammar. The schools were separated in 1970. The school became co-educational in 1985.

Edmonton

Founded in 1919 as the Edmonton Central School in temporary quarters at Croyland and Raynham Schools. It became Edmonton County Grammar School in 1922. The school moved in 1927 to the former Edmonton Technical Institute in Church Street. It moved again in 1931 to a new building on the Great Cambridge Road. It went comprehensive in 1967 merging with the former Rowantree School (opened as a secondary modern in 1960).

Enfield County

Opened in 1909 as a girls grammar school. It went comprehensive in 1967, merging with the former Chase Girls School in Rosemary Avenue. (The latter opened in 1962 as a girls secondary modern, having been formed out of the senior girls department at Lavender School). The merged school was re-named Enfield Chase, reverting to its original name in 1987.

Enfield Grammar

Originated in a pre-reformation chantry foundation at St Andrew's Church. Some sort of school was in being by 1507. The school managed to survive the dissolution of chantries in 1547. The earliest part of the present school buildings date from c1590. The buildings were extended in 1883. In 1894 the school received its first grant from Middlesex County Council. In 1924 Enfield Court was acquired for use as a lower school. A new hall and further extensions were completed shortly before World War II. It went comprehensive in 1967 and was amalgamated with the former Chase Boys School. The two schools separated in 1970 and Enfield Grammar reverted to its original name, but remained comprehensive.

Kingsmead

Designated as a secondary modern, but opened as a comprehensive in 1967.

Latymer

The only surviving grammar school in the borough. Generally accepted as having been founded in 1624. The original building lay on the south side of Church Street, Edmonton, adjoining All Saints Church. It moved in 1910 to new buildings in Haselbury Road. Major extensions were completed in 1928. There have been further extensions since World War II.

Salisbury

Opened in 1952 as Cuckoo Hall secondary modern. Later re-named Mandeville to avoid confusion with the primary school. Went comprehensive in 1967, merging with the former Houndsfield and Eldon secondary modern schools (see above). A new lower school was opened at Turin Road in 1982. The school was then re-named Salisbury School.

Southgate

Opened in 1910 in Fox Lane as Southgate County School, a mixed grammar school. (A temporary school had been set up at Broomfield House in 1907). It moved in 1960 to new premises at Sussex Way. It went comprehensive in 1967, merging with the former Oakwood secondary modern (opened in 1933).

Winchmore

Opened in 1956 as a mixed secondary modern. The school had been previously housed in the junior school opposite. It went comprehensive in 1967.