

1883 – 1900 new buildings & land acquired

Due to increased pupil numbers additional buildings were erected & further land purchased

1883	<p>“Central Hall” cannot accommodate 250 pupils – major changes</p> <p>We now know Central Hall as Queen Victoria Hall or just plain “Vic Hall”. 250 pupils could not fit into the hall. The wardrobes, which apparently were on the ground floor of the hall, were converted into a gallery and the organ was placed in the gallery, on each side of which there was accommodation for at least 40 children. Perhaps this explains why the organ leans so much.</p>
1885	<p>The Headmaster's House was built in 1885</p> <p>The Headmaster's House was built in 1885 for the new Headmaster Mr. A. T. Hawes.</p> <p>It is no longer a Head's house and now forms part of the Lichfield Boarding House</p> <p>By 1886 the number of children had reached 100 and by 1875 annual subscriptions amounted to nearly £1,800 and the income from endowments amounted to £1,400.</p> 
1868 to 1900	<p>Between 1868 and 1900 there were many additions to the site</p> <p>These including an Infirmary, gymnasium, laundry and a swimming bath.</p> <p>Additional land was acquired, bringing the site to 25 acres in size.</p> 
1894	<p>Pupils entered for Cambridge Local Examinations from 1894.</p> <p>From 1895 candidates were entered for the Cambridge Local Examinations. The curriculum was broadened progressively and from 1902 until 1917 the pupils were regularly inspected by the Cambridge University Locals Syndicate.</p>
1899	<p>New Headmaster's House built opposite the Orphanage</p> <p>The six-bedroom Victorian Headmaster's House is opposite the orphanage entrance and was built in 1899 on the corner of Penn Road and Lyndhurst Road.</p>

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It has been said that from the outside it looks like a miniature Victorian castle - a grand building complete with its own turret and stunning stained-glass window.

The house was sold in 2008 at a time the school was under financial pressure and the house required extensive renovation work.

