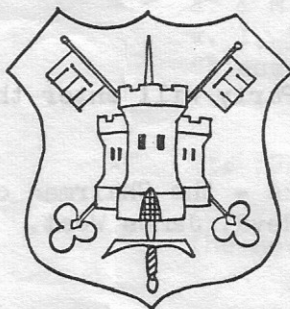


**THE BLUECOAT SCHOOL  
PILTON**

**BARNSTAPLE**



**OPENING OF THE SCHOOL**

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**BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL**

by

**THE LORD BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH**

**TUESDAY, 4th MARCH, 1969 - 3 p.m.**

1. The Architect, Mr. M.H.D. Willis and the Builder, Mr. P.C. Chapple, will hand the key of the School to Mr. J.L. Smeall who will formally unlock the main door.
2. The Official Party will enter the Hall.
3. Opening Remarks - the Chairman of the Managers, the Revd. James West.
4. The Bishop will bless the Hall, the Classroom Clusters and the Kitchen.

While the Bishop blesses the building pupils of the School will sing and make music.

5. When the Bishop and his party have returned to the Hall there shall follow a service of worship and dedication.

<u>BIDDING PRAYER</u>	-	the Chairman
<u>HYMN</u> ...	-	A. & M. Revised 620 v. 1, 5, 8, Doxology "Blessed city, heavenly Salem"
<u>LESSON</u> ...	-	St. LUKE 6, 46 - 49 The Vice Chairman the Revd. David Niblett
<u>PRAYERS</u> ...	-	The Revd. Preb. E.A. Sampson Diocesan Director of Religious Education.
<u>ADDRESS</u> ...	-	J.L. Smeall, Esq.,
<u>HYMN</u> ...	-	A. & M. Revised 336 "Forth in thy name, O Lord I go,"
<u>FINAL PRAYERS</u> <u>and BLESSING</u> ...	-	The Bishop

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TEA will be served in the Music Room and Hall.

Three historic Barnstaple Schools have come together into this new building:-

1. The oldest of them is the Parish Church Junior Girls' School, founded by Alice Horwood in 1659 - only the Grammar School in Barnstaple has a longer history.
2. The Bluecoat School was founded in 1710 and was first sited over the North Gate.
3. Pilton School was founded in 1815 and has always stood in the church precincts.

Each School has given much to the citizens of this ancient Borough and has had its separate history and customs. Yet, to-day, under a new Board of Managers and a new Headmaster, each School sinks its individual identity so that a new and better Church School may emerge. Built on the sure foundations of the past, holding faith in God as central to its life, the Bluecoat School, Pilton, looks forward with confidence.

Architects: Lucas Roberts & Brown, Exeter.

Contractor: P.C. Chapple, Fairview, Barnstaple.