

Before co-education

Formal interaction between girls and College boys was encouraged during the 1940s and 1950s. Moira House girls joined boys for a concert in 1947 in Big School (right). During the 1950s dances were also held in Big School with girls from the Beehive School in Bexhill, Battle Abbey School and St Mary's School in Brighton.



An 'unofficial' meeting place for girls and College boys was outside The Eastbourne School of Domestic Economy, in Silverdale Road (left) known to many as 'Rannies' after Miss Randall who ran it.

The first girls



Susan Craib was the first girl to attend the school. She joined in Michaelmas term 1968 to study Classics before going to university, and is seen here in Old Wish Road with other College pupils.

In September 1969, six girls were enrolled at

the College (five day girls and one weekly boarder) and occupied Tenby Lodge, now the site of Pennell House. In addition, 27 sixth form day pupils from Moira House were based at Nugent House (right). Until 1995, the College took girls only in the sixth form.

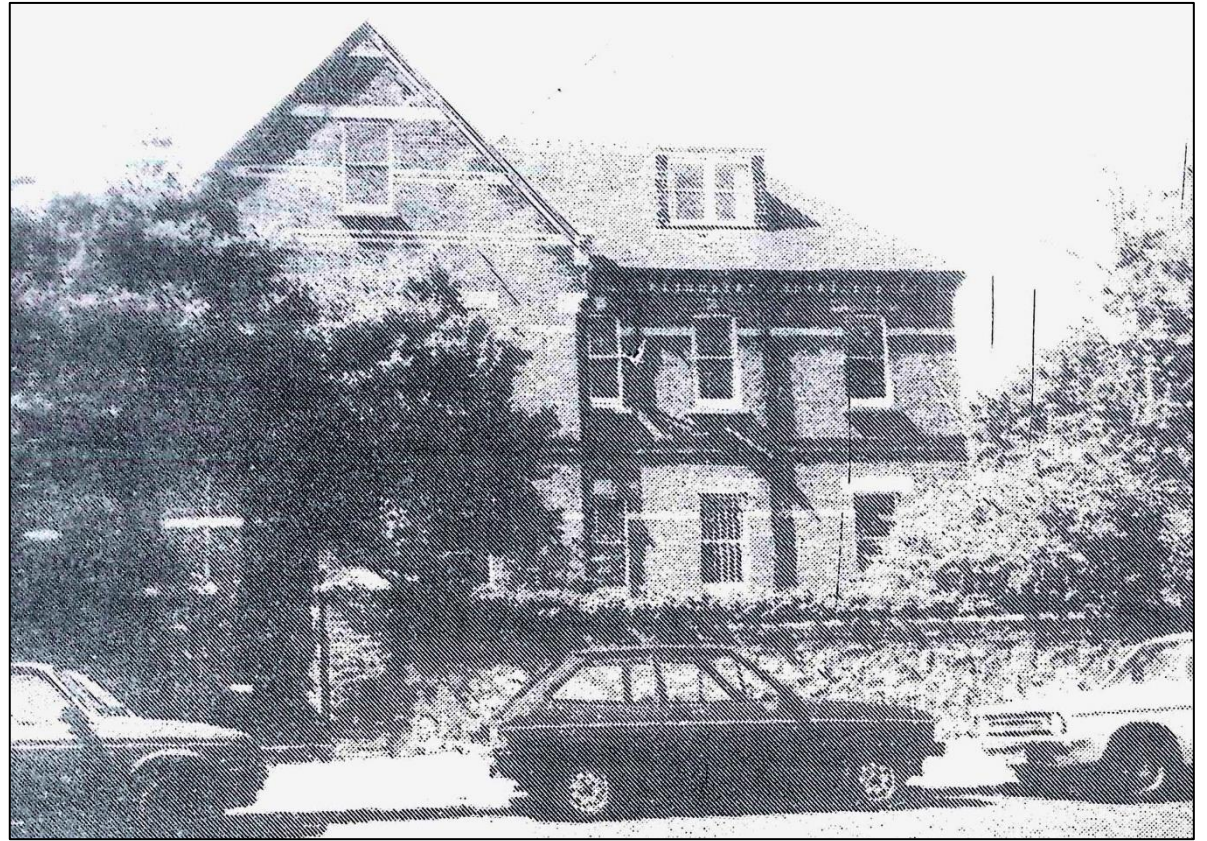


Tenby Lodge

Tenby Lodge was a large Victorian house which stood on the corner of College Road and Blackwater Road. It was bought by the College in the mid-1960s.

In 1969, the house became the base for the first girls to be officially enrolled as pupils at the College. The girls were looked after by housemaster Forbes Wastie and his wife, Di.

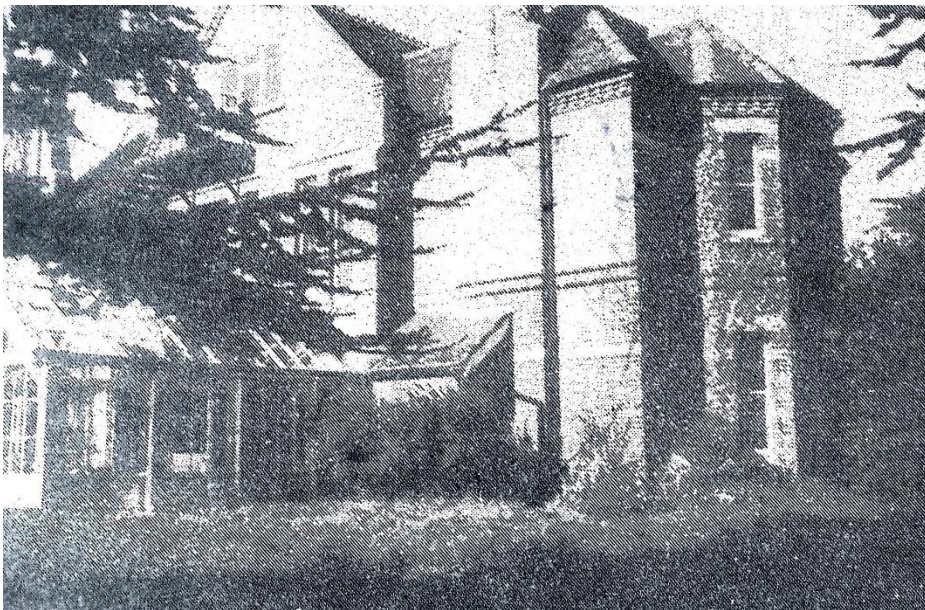
The five day girls were: Christina Jackson, Mary O'Brien, Anitra Swallow, Clare Underhill and Sheila Wadley (Leslie Pickford joined slightly later). The only boarder was Sara Richards. The girls had to share the house with some of the boys from Blackwater House.



Tenby Lodge

In 1971, all girls were based at Nugent. Tenby Lodge was demolished in the 1980s and Pennell House (right) now stands on its site.

The current Tenby Lodge was built as an extension to School House in the 1980s.



The rear garden of old Tenby Lodge showing the conservatory

Nugent House

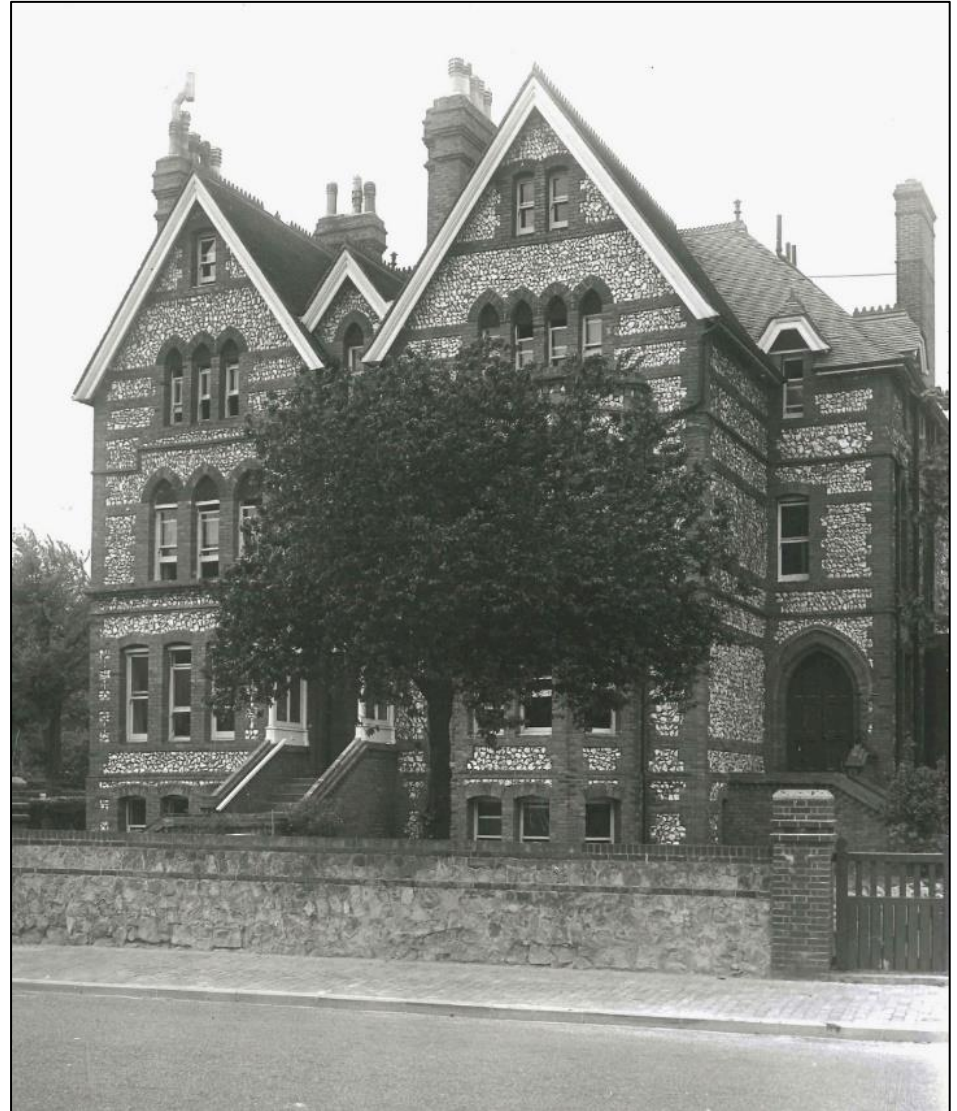
Nugent House was named after OE Arthur Nugent (Wargrave 1891-98).

He had bequeathed a large sum of money which enabled the College to purchase the building.

The house opened in 1957 (originally as Mulvanys) as a boys waiting house.

In 1971, Tenby Lodge was closed and both College day girls and Moira House girls shared Nugent.

Moira House ceased sending girls to the College in 1975 and when Watt House opened for day girls in 1991, Nugent became a boarding house only.



Nugent House extension



In 2005, Nugent began to take girls from the lower years.

To accommodate them an extension was built, which opened in 2006

Nugent House 1973

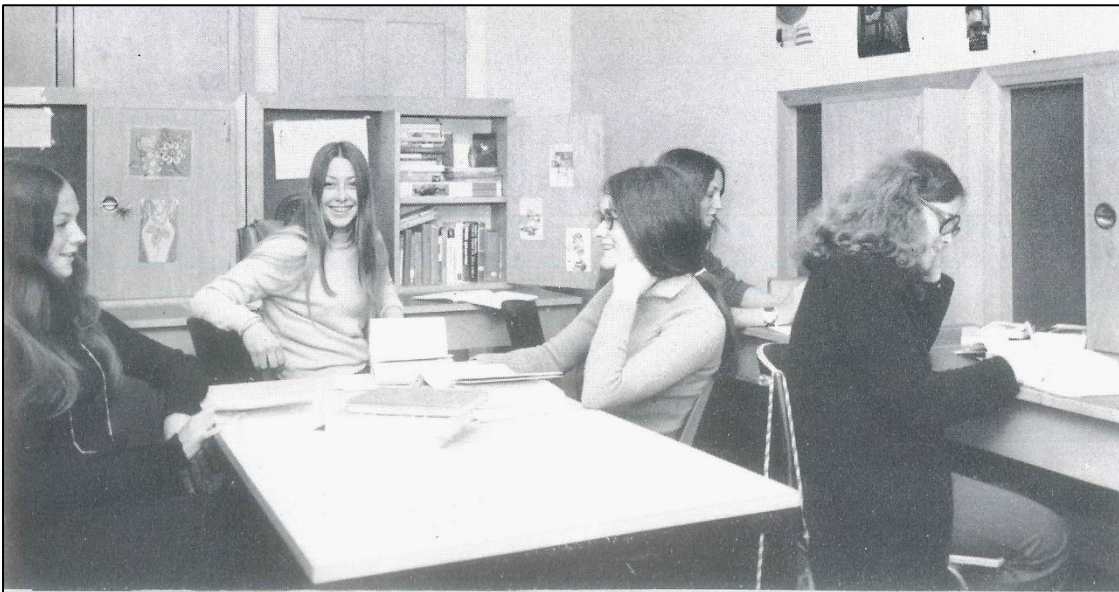


1970s house events



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In 1973 two sixth form girls took part in a geography field trip which involved surveying parts of the coast by air and the Downs. One of the planes was piloted by College teacher and former Spitfire pilot, Donald Perrens



Girls at Nugent, 1970s