

Then and Now 1951 & 2011

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of The Festival of Britain

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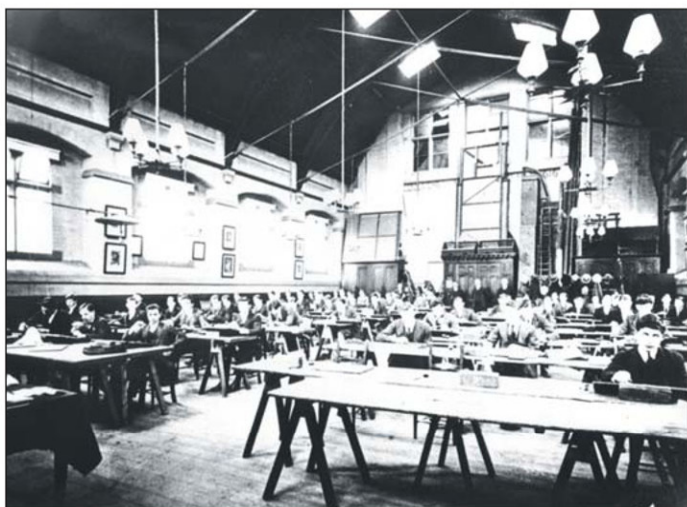
Science

2011



The Science and Art Institute, Church Street, Wolverton

Generations of local people were provided with first class training and qualifications here. Opened in 1864, it was destroyed by fire in the 1960s.



A class at the Science and Art Institute

'The 'Tute' was a social as well as further education centre... A good deal of courting went on in the precincts ... Church Street was alive with young men and women.'
(Eric Bellchambers in his memoirs 'Both Sides of the Wall')



Wolverton Grammar School c 1950



Robert Hooke Building at the Open University (OU)

The world's first distance-learning university is on a 110-acre purpose-built campus at Walton in Milton Keynes. The OU's Planetary and Space Sciences Research Institute, always at the forefront of scientific research, has recently been shortlisted by NASA for its investigation to Saturn's largest moon, Titan, for a key planetary mission after 2012.

'When the proposal for the mission went in there was a one in 28 chance of success. Now NASA have shortlisted it, it's one in three.'
John Zarnecki, Professor of Space Science at the OU.



The University Centre, Milton Keynes (UCMK)

UCMK, based in a purpose-designed building with state-of-the-art facilities in the heart of the city centre, is actively engaged in science research and development, and 'knowledge transfer activities'.