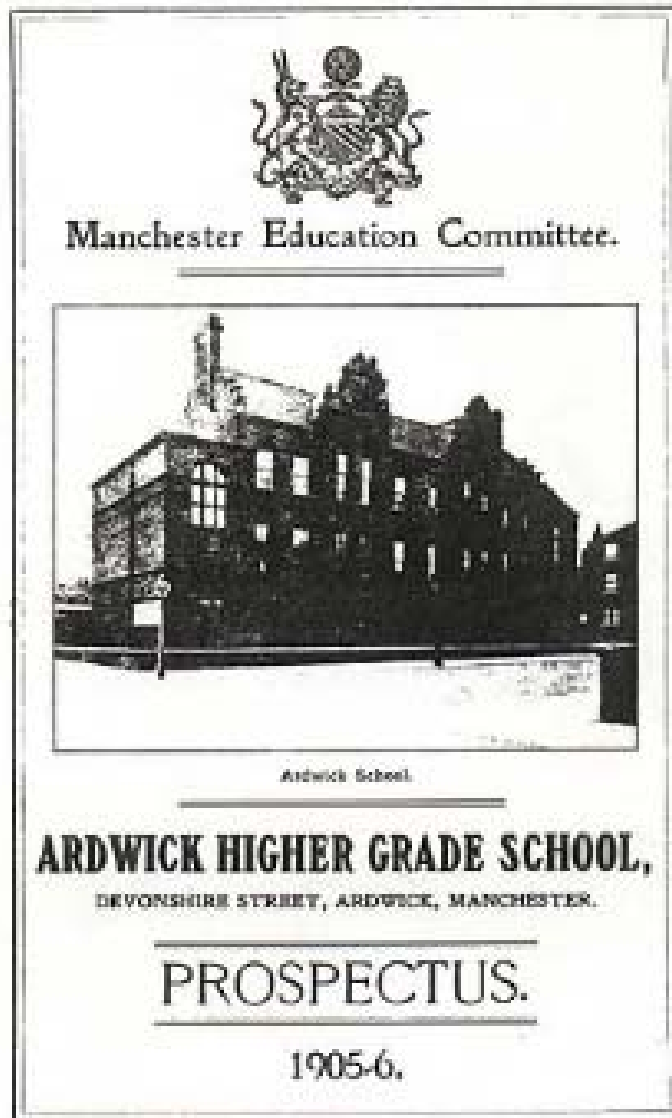


1900s



The Manchester Education Committee (MEC) took over responsibility for administering education in the city after the 1902 Education Act.

The MEC turned its attention to teacher training and supply and was looking to establish permanent colleges for training teachers.

It was decided that the Princess Street building formerly occupied by the Technical School would be adapted for use as a Pupil Teachers' College.

1940s-1960s

Before 1945, teacher training fell outside the scope of further education. In the interwar years, training was extended from a 2 year course to a 3 year course, qualifying students as fully certified teachers. In Manchester an average enrolment of 756 student teachers in 1961 had significantly increased by 1969 to 3954.

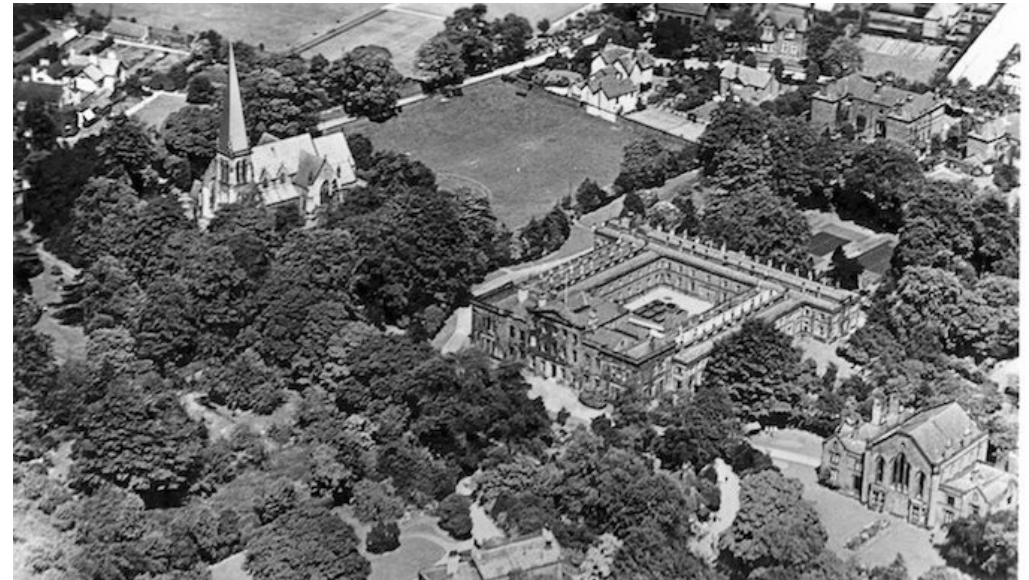


Student Teacher at Elizabeth Gaskell College

The Social Work and Social Science courses were developed in the College of Commerce founded in 1951.



Original College of Commerce building [1973]



Didsbury College of Education opened in 1946



Manchester College of Housecraft – students work

In 1960 there was an expansion of the Manchester College of Housecraft, which changed to the Elizabeth Gaskell College in 1960. In 1969 there was the introduction of male students to the college.

To accommodate the rise in student teacher, there was the establishment of 3 colleges in Manchester:

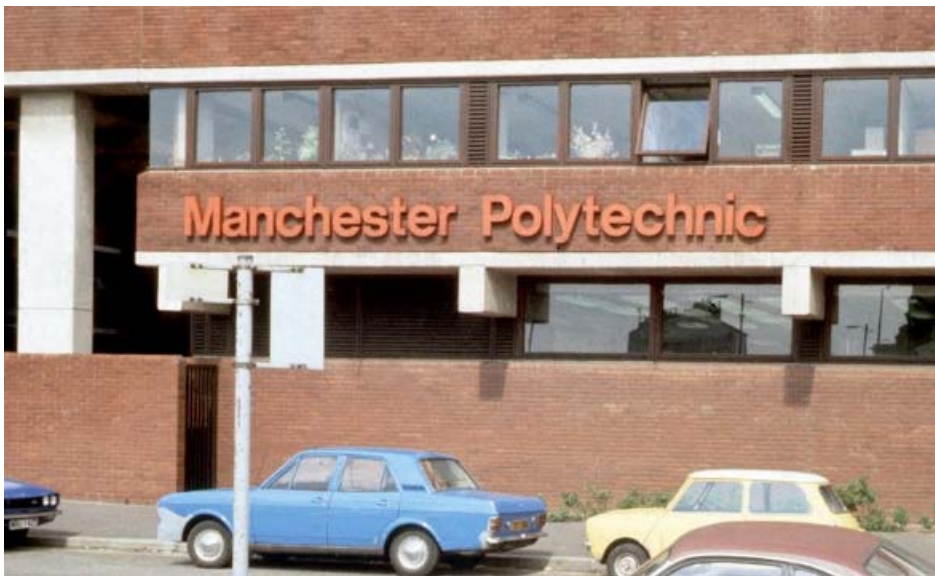
Mather Teacher Training College (1963),
Didsbury College of Education (1946) and
Manchester Training College (1951).



Didsbury College Campus under redevelopment in the 1960s

Mather Training College was opened as a temporary college to train primary school teachers in September 1963. The Didsbury and Elizabeth Gaskell campuses were in development around this time. Education courses continue to evolve in response to changing government policies.

1970s – 1980s



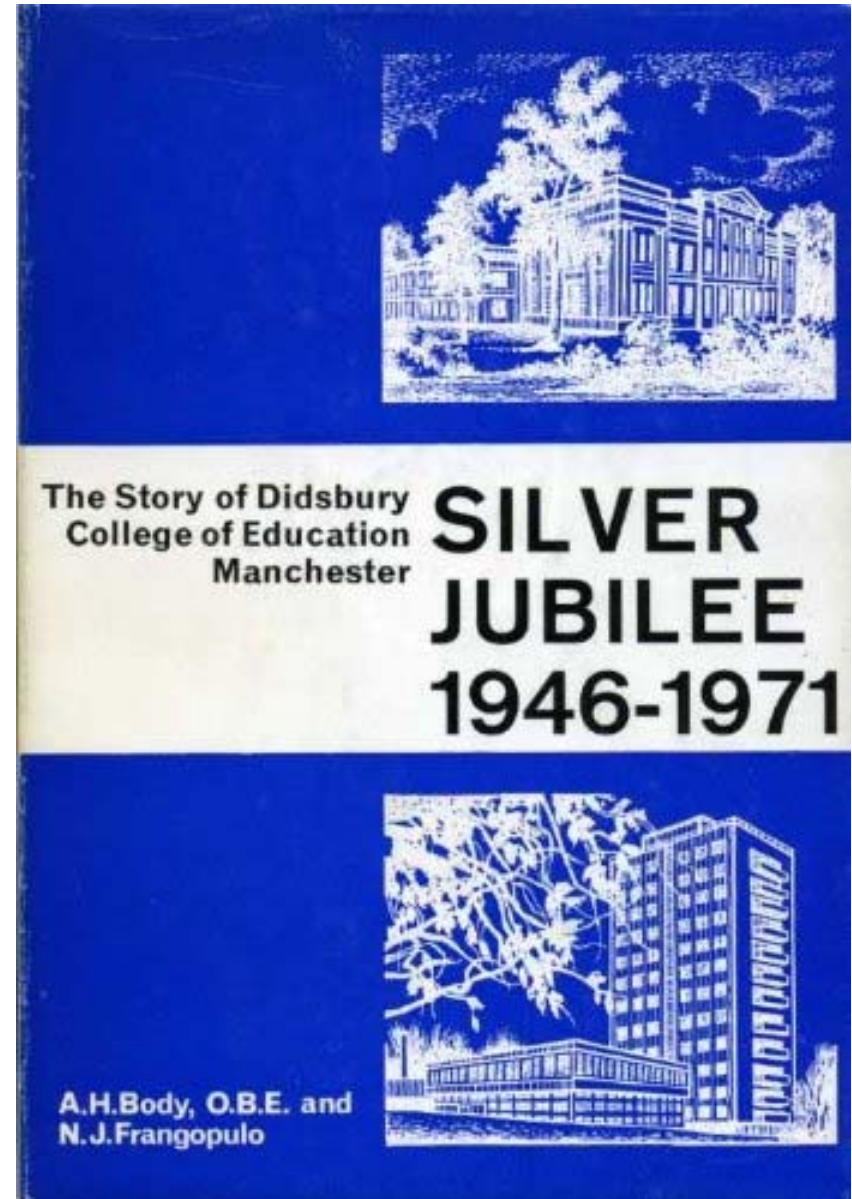
Manchester Polytechnic Cavendish Building 1981

By the time arrangements were finalised to open Manchester Polytechnic, there were 3800 full-time and 200 part-time students on teacher training courses in Manchester.

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Mather Teacher Training College





Bracken House on Charles Street

In 1970, the Polytechnic's Director put forward proposals for a new faculty structure. The Department of Education fell under the Faculty of Community Studies, along with Librarianship and Social Studies. The Faculty of Community Studies brought together teacher education courses taught by constituent colleges and was housed in Bracken House on Charles Street. (The former Aytoun building).



Hollings Building 1967

The Manchester Education Committee proposed a restructuring of teacher training colleges, split into two institutions.

The largest would be made up of Manchester polytechnic, Didsbury College and Hollings College and the smaller institution would be made up of Elizabeth Gaskell College, Manchester College and Mather College.

The reorganisation of teacher training brought into existence the City of Manchester College of Higher Education (COMANCHE), a smaller organisation based on the Elizabeth Gaskell site.

Reductions in funding to educational institutions meant that COMANCHE could no longer operate independently and became part of Manchester Polytechnic in 1983.

In the merger, staff from Therapy and Public Service Studies joined the Faculty of Community Studies and Education.



1990s – 2000s

By 1992 the restructuring of faculties meant that the Community Studies and Education Faculty now contained the following departments: Applied Community Studies, Library and Information Studies, Health Care Studies, Psychology and Speech Pathology and Didsbury School of Education.

Health, Psychology and Social Care activity was based at the Elizabeth Gaskell campus, whilst education courses were based mainly based in Didsbury as part of Institute of Education. From these areas two distinct Faculties emerged: the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Health Psychology and Social Care.



Birley Campus opened in 2014

In October 2014 the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Health, Psychology and Social Care were brought together to be based at the newly built Brooks Building on the Birley Campus.

The campus houses around 6500 staff and students.