

Self-Guided Tour

A walking tour of the historic grounds at Woolverstone Hall



IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL

WOOLVERSTONE HALL
SUFFOLK, ENGLAND

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Key:

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| 1 Sports Centre | 7 Woolverstone Hall | 13 Visitors' Car Park | 19 Tennis Courts | 25 Outdoor Classrooms |
| 2 Hayworth Theatre | 8 Prep School | 14 Prep School Car Park | 20 Kitchens | 26 St Michael's Church |
| 3 Swimming Pool | 9 Art School | 15 Cookery Rooms | 21 Deliveries | 27 Church Field |
| 4 Woodside | 10 Stable Block | 16 Staff Accomodation | 22 The Dairy House | |
| 5 Orwell House | 11 Groundsman's Stores | 17 Pavilion | 23 The Barns | |
| 6 Learning Resource Centre | 12 Design Technology | 18 All Weather Sports Pitch | 24 Forest School | |

A Brief History of Woolverstone Hall



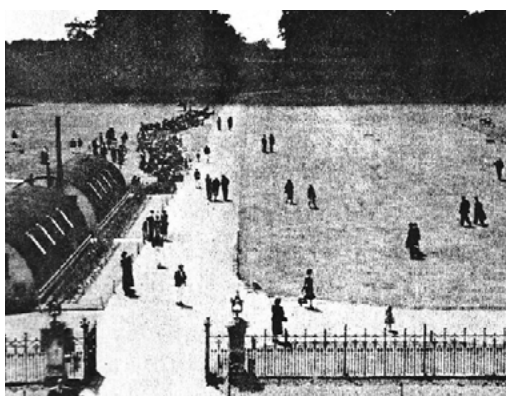
In 1776, William Berners employed John Johnson, an architect who later became the County Surveyor of Essex, to build a new house. Johnson designed a large, formal mansion of grey brick and light grey stone. This is essentially Woolverstone Hall, which survives today. This Grade I listed building is widely thought of as one of the finest examples of Palladian architecture in England.

In 1783, William Berners died and was succeeded by his son, Charles. His son, another Charles, commissioned Thomas Hooper in 1823 to make extensions and alterations to the Hall.



Charles died, unmarried, in 1831 and was succeeded by his brother, Henry Denny Berners, Archdeacon of Suffolk. His son, yet another Charles, who lived at Woolverstone until 1919, succeeded him in turn. From then until 1937, it was the home of Major John Anstruther Berners.

In 1937, the Nuffield Trust, for Oxford University purchased the estate. The Hall remained empty until 1939, when it was taken over by the War Office. In 1942, it was passed to the Admiralty for use as a combined operation base and staging was erected on the Hall for a Royal Observer Corps post. LNS Woolverstone next took up residence in the Hall, opening a branch of the London Nautical School.



In the early 1950s, the Hall and 60 acres were used by London County Council (LCC) for the purpose of establishing a secondary grammar boarding school for London boys. Woolverstone Hall School closed its doors in 1990 and in 1992 it became the home of Ipswich High School where pupils thrive within its historic walls.



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