

# 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

## The British and Foreign School c 1844 to c 1860 (East Road School)

Erected on Church glebe land called Vicar's Croft in 1843, the National School was built at the northern end of East Road to replace the British School being opened for the education of children in January 1844. Boys and girls were segregated and entered the school through separate entrances, as was customary at the time.

In 1870, there were 115 boys, 102 Girls and 150 infants. It initially catered for children through to 11 years old, but as the town's population grew, East Road became the town's main junior school, educating children from 8-11, with Applegarth and Mill Hill serving as Infant Schools.

The school closed in 1980, bringing 137 years of schooling to an end.



Far left: 1953

Left: 1950

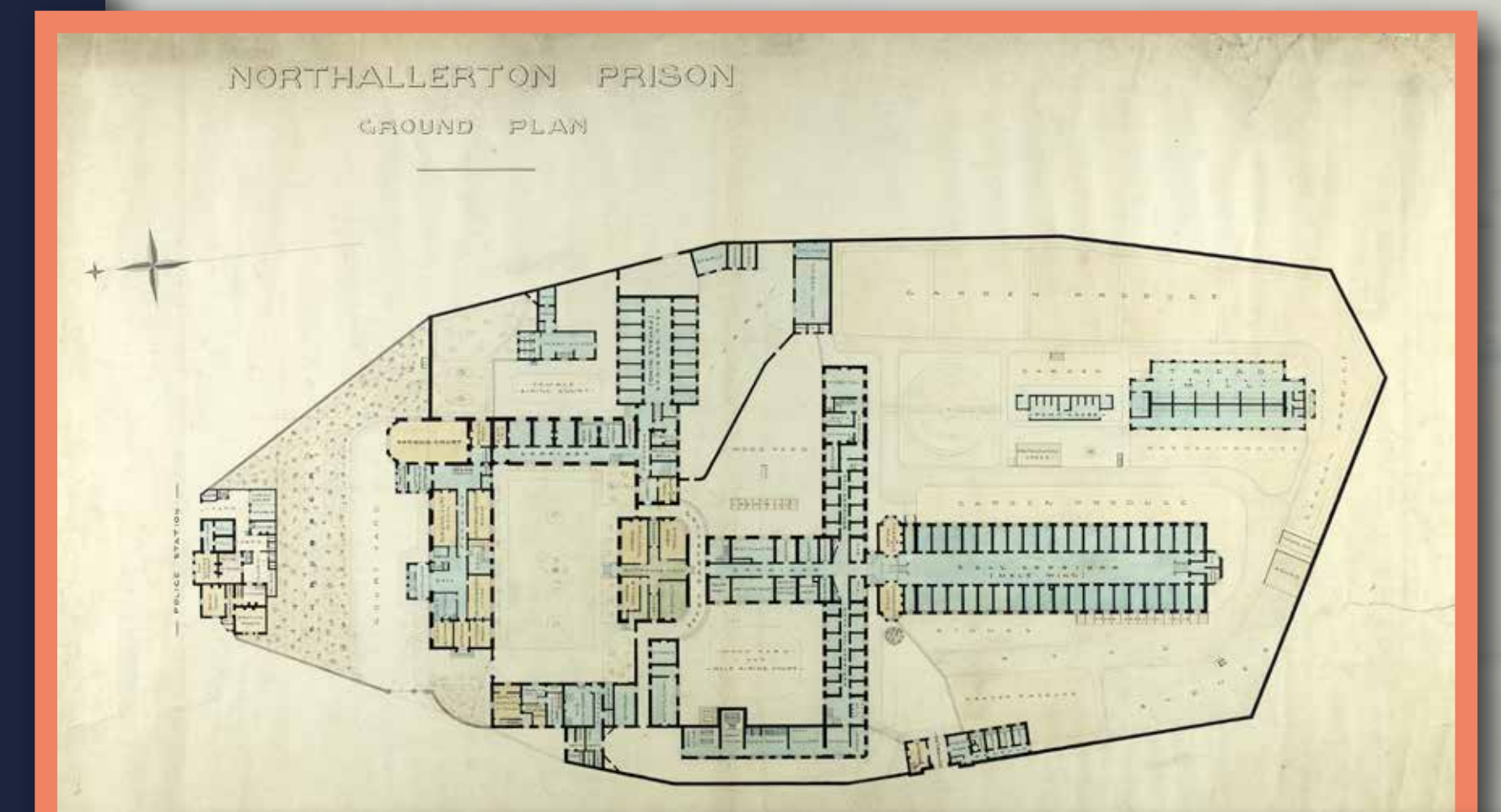
## Brompton School

A school has existed in the village since 1840. This was taken over as a Board School under the 1870 Education Act and was later enlarged to become the building seen in the postcard (dated 1906). The building served the educational needs of the village at the primary level until 1974, when it was demolished and replaced with a modern open plan building with a nursery unit to accommodate children from three and half years upwards. Village children received their secondary education at the two-tiered comprehensive school in Northallerton.

## The Prison School

Northallerton's prison school is first recorded in 1851, when there were 28 boys and 11 girls on roll. It was thought that 'fallen' children or the offspring of adults deemed worthless in society were not deserving of an education.

The most famous pupil was Sophia Constable, imprisoned aged 11 for stealing a loaf of bread. A sculpture of Sophia, by renowned artist Ray Lonsdale, is now located on the site of the prison.



Above: 19th Century Ground Plan of Northallerton prison

Below: 1871-1875 Mugshots of young prisoners aged between 11-15



## Mount Pleasant

From the 1860's onwards there was a flourishing boarding school at Mount Pleasant, a large house on the northern edge of Northallerton and later to be the area's maternity hospital. The school had two successive headmasters, Rev Edwin Bittleston and Edward Delaney Little with normally thirty boys, some from abroad including India and Canada and even some from aristocratic families.