

## Heritage Context

## **History of NLCS**

The NLCS site has a rich history in how it has evolved over time. The Estate was first laid out in the early 17th Century under Sir Thomas Lake and saw numerous redevelopments of the mansion house and its grounds under different ownerships. The Mansion House that survives was built in the 18th Century and was substantially rebuilt in 1910.

Following the purchase of the NLCS site in 1929, various extensions and new buildings have been added over time to enhance the educational facilities of the School.

The proposals represent the next stage in the School's history as it positively adapts to meet the challenges that students will face in the modern world. By equipping students with the right skills and learning they will need to succeed and by ensuring the building itself responds to the challenges posed by climate change, it is hoped that these proposals will ensure a sustainable future for the School.

## **Complementing NLCS's Unique Heritage**

The unique heritage of the School has been reflected in the design, materials and location of the proposed works.

The Mansion House will remain a celebrated centrepiece of the site, with new buildings in the masterplan focusing on the north and west of the site.

The School's heritage setting and picturesque grounds will be enhanced by complementary planting, improvements to the interconnecting pathways and the addition of seating areas. It is also hoped that these changes will improve student wellbeing and appreciation for conservation.



**Mansion House**