



**St. Elizabeth Girls' Academy, Uganda
Administration Building Rendering**

PROJECT PROPOSAL TO BUILD A CAMPUS FOR:
THE ST. ELIZABETH GIRLS' ACADEMY OF UGANDA, EAST AFRICA

APPLICANTS:
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PROJECT LOCATION:
KAMPALA, UGANDA

BACKGROUND:

Uganda is a country which has been ravaged by war and disease for almost thirty years now. Immediately after independence in 1962, the political landscape changed dramatically from democracy to dictatorship. When Idi Amin came to power in 1970, Uganda was placed under a total economic embargo for nine full years. The economic and political structures totally collapsed and the country has not recovered to this day.

The civil war which erupted in 1980, immediately after Amin was removed from power, left the country destitute. Many families were separated and many children were left to fend for themselves. This is the time when the AIDS epidemic started and war was a great factor in the spreading of the disease. By the mid-nineties, over two million children were orphaned and many infected with AIDS.

Because of rampant poverty in the country, many of these orphaned children, especially the girls, are easily taken advantage of. By age 14 or 15, many of these girls are pregnant or have a child. The problem then becomes, children who are homeless having children on the streets. Without intervention of any sort, this becomes a vicious cycle which is difficult to break.

This is what prompted Fr. Mugagga Lule, along with a group of Ugandan nuns, to open and run an orphanage/school called the St. Elizabeth Girls' Home. Since 1998, we have housed and educated the most destitute girls in Kampala. The girls we have at the orphanage are former street children, orphans, and HIV/AIDS infected and affected girls.

It is sad to note that in northern Uganda alone, three thousand children die every month, but very little or no attention is given to this by the world. Some of these children climb onto trucks and come to Kampala, to escape the violence in their region. When they arrive in the city, they have no food, shelter, or basic necessities of life. Some of the girls we assist came to Kampala from Northern Uganda, which has been ravaged by war for the past 19 years.

The more than two million orphaned children in our country lack food, shelter, medical care, education, counseling and vocational skills which would enable them to have a good quality of life.

At any given time since its foundation in 1998, we have had an average of 200 girls each year. If we had the facilitation, the number can swell to over one thousand in a month. We turn away many girls in need because the facility is very small and we struggle so much to maintain the 200 girls we have. The girls range from age 0 to 21.

When the girls arrive at the home, we assess their needs and give the best we can. All of them need basic counseling, since most of them have never had anyone to show them love and concern in their lives. For others, we teach them vocational skills at the orphanage. We have programs like catering, sewing, crafting, decorating, etc. These programs are intended to give the girls some skills to be able to fend for themselves later in life. We recently had our largest graduating class of 36 girls.

We depend 100% on private donations to run this orphanage. Sometimes the resources are so scarce that the girls barely survive. Most of the costs are for food and bare necessities @ \$4.30 per child per week (\$2500 per month). This is the reason we are proposing this project. If we are assisted to buy a large portion of land, we can use the land to grow our own food, which is our largest cost presently. This will allow us to use funds for other things for the girls, and allow us to care for a larger number of girls total. Right now we have a very small area, approximately one acre of land, where all these girls are congregated. It is not healthy, but it's the best we can do with our current funding.

PLAN FOR THE NEW SITE:

We are humbly introducing to you this proposal of constructing a new academy and campus which will assist us to help the helpless, far better that we can do so now. The goal is to promote the survival, protection, and development of children in Uganda. With your generous help, we will assist more vulnerable girls and orphans in Uganda, empowering them with survival skills for self-reliance.

The skills involve vocational training programs such as: catering, tailoring, home economics, computer skills, agriculture, and the breeding of livestock.

We will continue to offer physical and emotional support to the girls. Currently, we offer two counseling and guidance sessions for all girls per week. The girls attend mass four times per week. They also clean and care for the facility on an on-going basis. In addition, we provide social and spiritual development support, recreational activities and girls' sports programs. The daily schedule is 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

After graduation: we provide post training support services for girls after they leave the Home. Resettlement kits are provided to the girls, if we are lucky enough to get a donor. For example, we have provided girls with sewing machines as they leave, and we monitor how them progress on their own, giving advice where we can. We have also assisted girls in securing job placement after training and graduation.

The new rehabilitation center will assist us in furthering the above framework.

ADDENDUM A is a collection of pictures from the current home documenting the information above.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

PHASE I: LAND PURCHASE \$100,000 USD

We wish to relocate to a 50 acre piece of land which will be the permanent site for the new vocational and rehabilitation institute. ADDENDUM B contains pictures of the proposed land site.

PHASE II: CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS/CAMPUS \$4,480,903 USD

This new facility will be able to house 800–1,000 girls. ADDENDUM C includes floor and site plans, and an itemized budget to complete construction of this project.

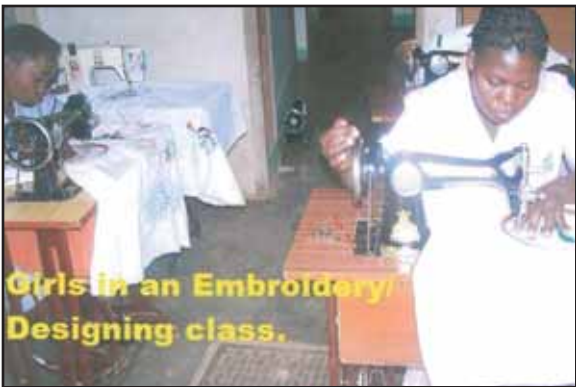
ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS \$190,000 USD

These costs will include food, necessities, course materials and supplies, etc. We are currently working on an itemized budget for this. We will need to secure funding for this as well.

ADDENDUM A

Photos of the current school, vocation classes and
the proposed land site.

Tailor and Embroidery Classes



Crafting and Catering Classes



Catering (TITLE?)



Proposed Land Site



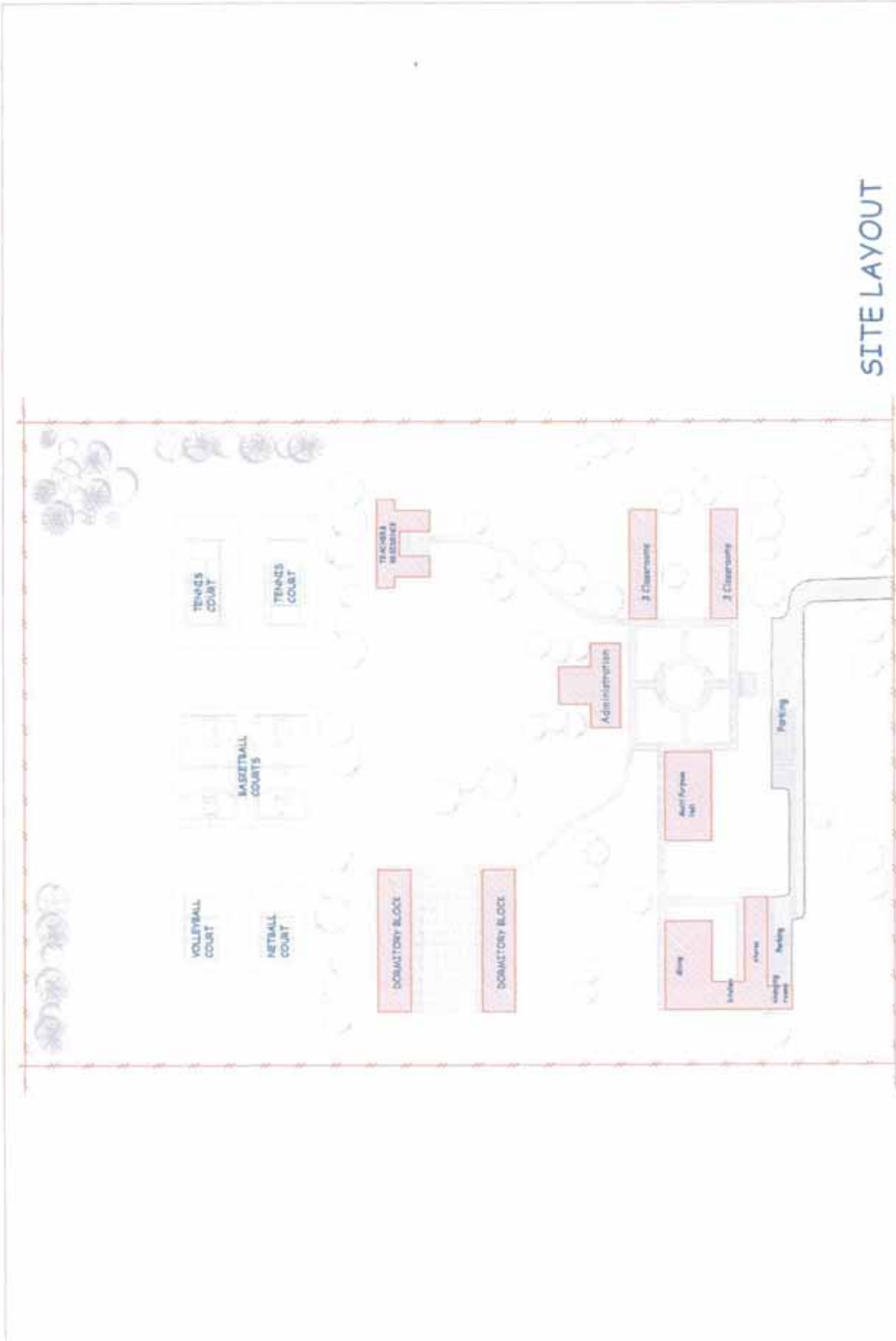
ADDENDUM B

Floor and Site plans for new Academy and Campus

Itemized Budget

**Proposed
St. Elizabeth Girls' Academy**

APRIL 2005



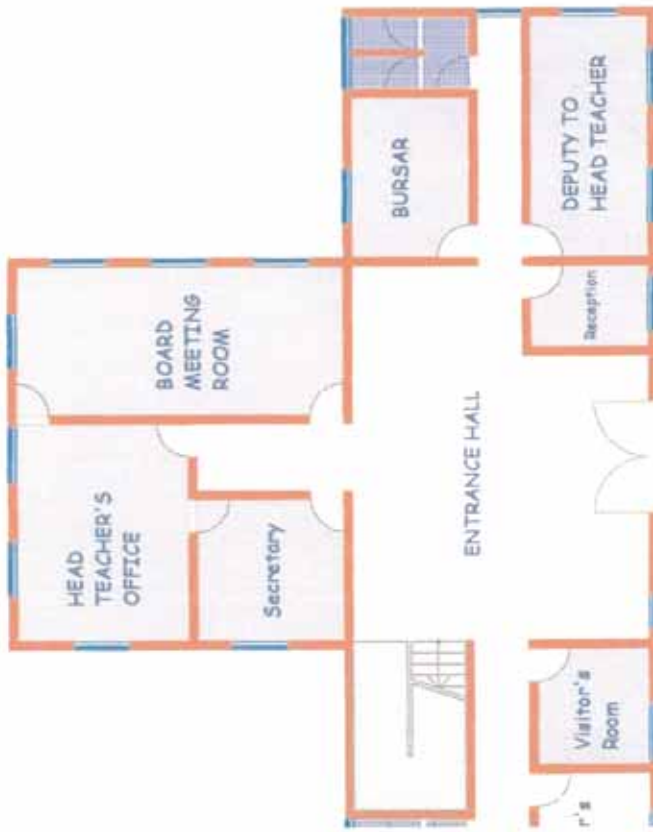
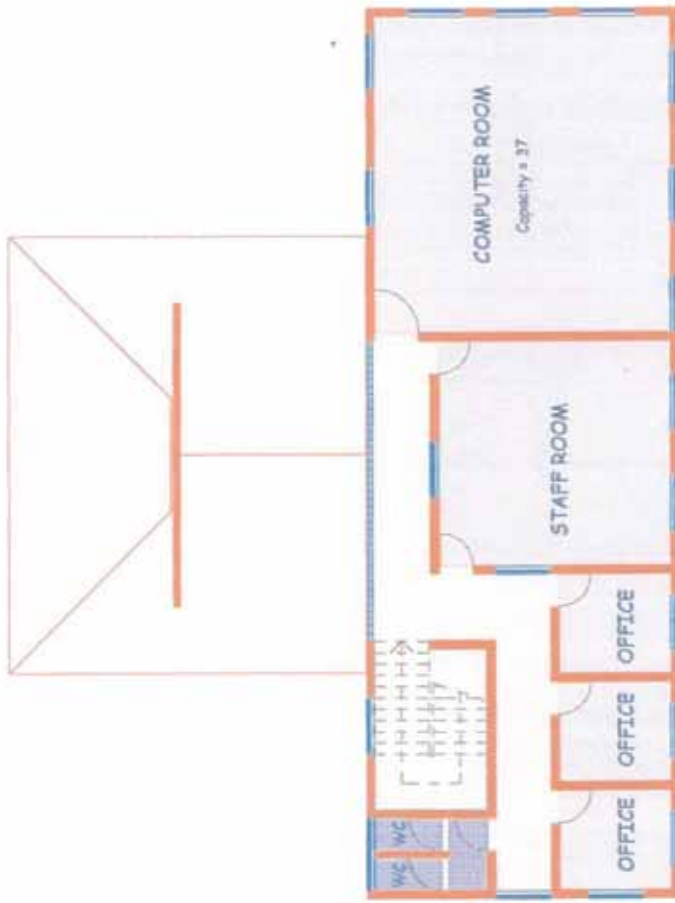
SITE LAYOUT

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PROPOSED GIRLS VOCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION INSTITUTE

TECTURA
INTERNATIONAL



ADMINISTRATION BLOCK - GROUND FLOOR

ADMINISTRATION BLOCK - FIRST FLOOR

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INTERNATIONAL

PROPOSED GIRLS VOCATIONAL
AND REHABILITATION INSTITUTE

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CLASSROOM BLOCK 1



CLASSROOM BLOCK 2

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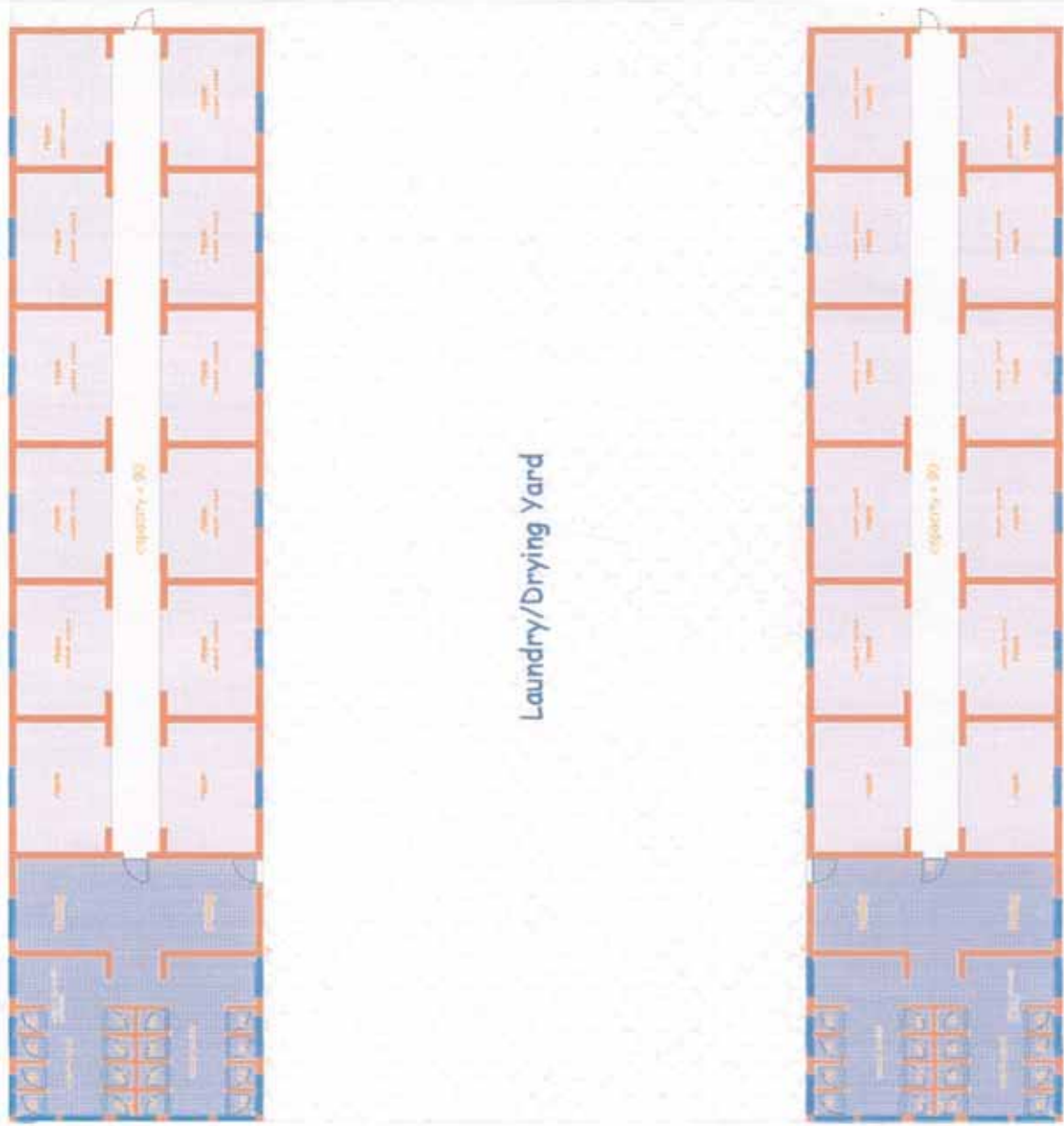
DINING/KITCHEN FACILITY

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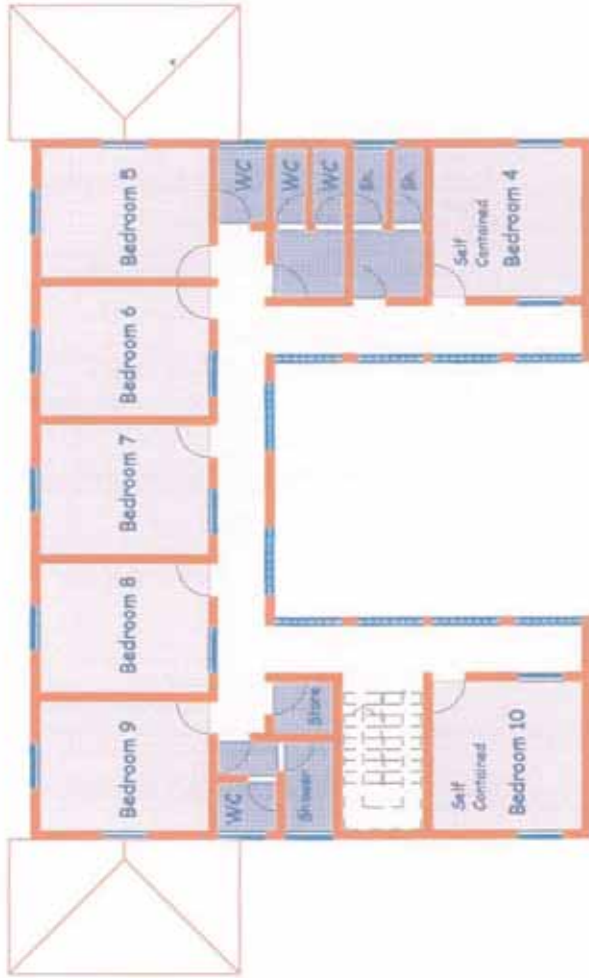
MULTIPURPOSE HALL

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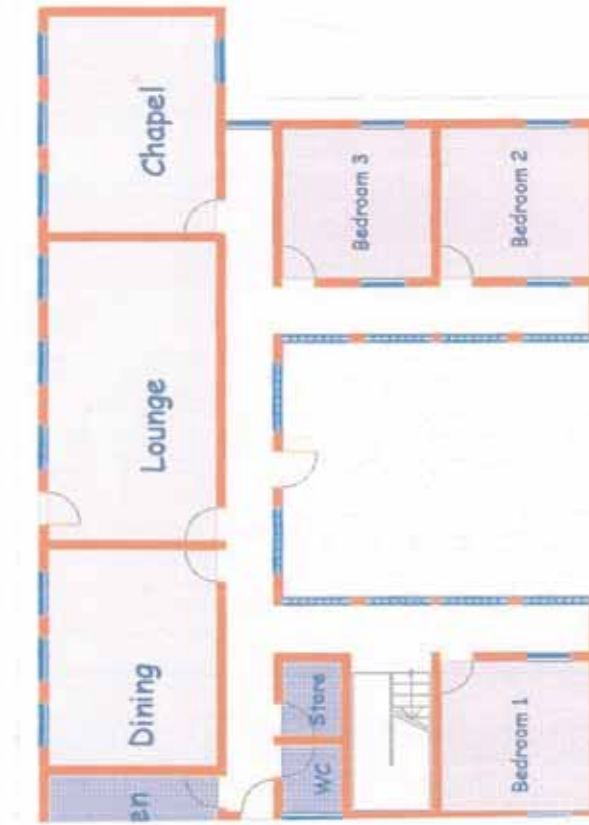
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TEACHERS RESIDENCE - FIRST FLOOR



TEACHERS RESIDENCE - GROUND FLOOR

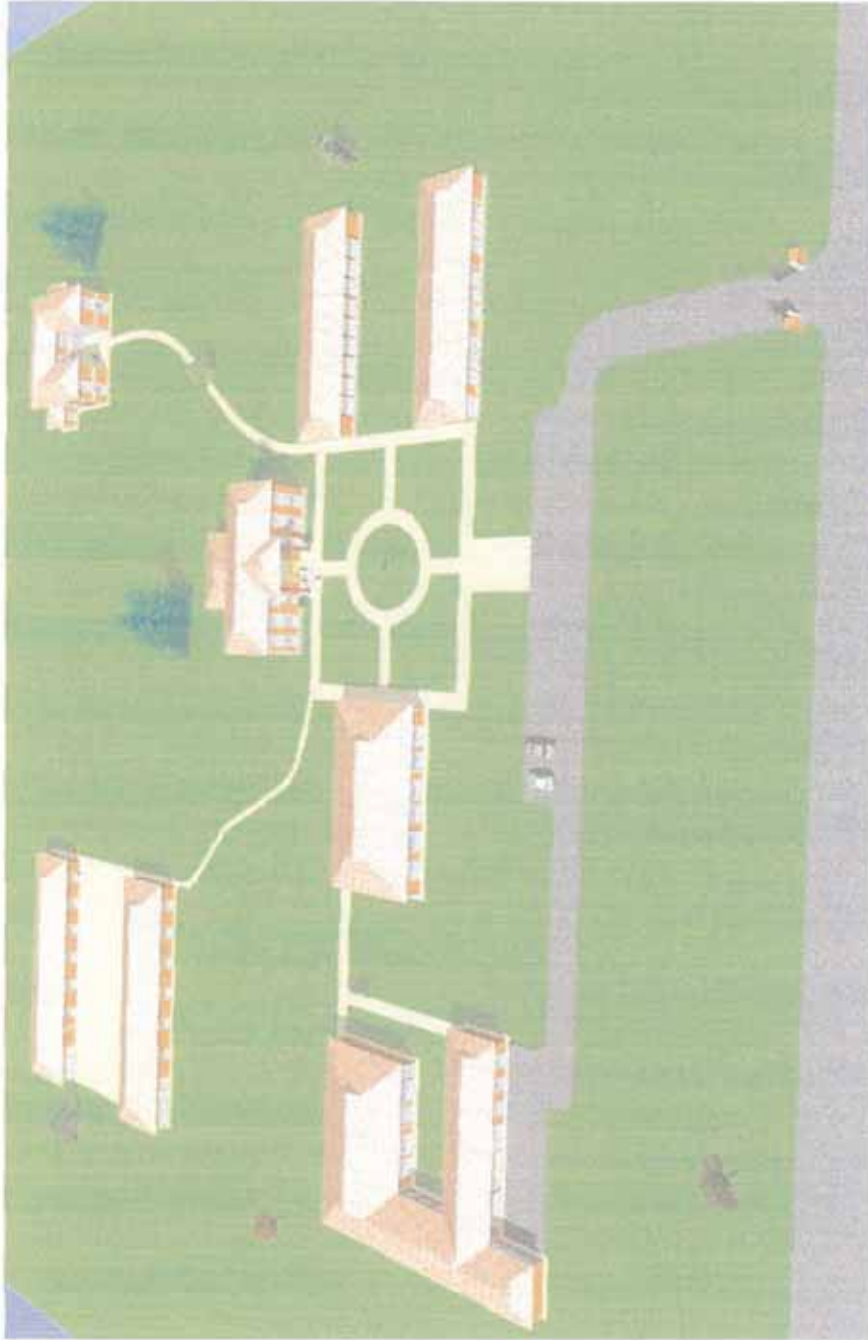
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TECTURA INTERNATIONAL



BIRDS VIEW OF SITE LAYOUT

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ADMINISTRATION BLOCK



DORMITORIES

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ST. ELIZABETH'S GIRLS ACADEMY

COST ESTIMATES - AS OF MAY 2008

ITEM	BUILDING	AMOUNT USD
A	2 NO CLASS ROOM BLOCKS	389,336
B	DINING / KITCHEN	898,144
C	MULTIPURPOSE HALL	374,748
D	ADMINISTRATION BLOCK	608,146
E	TEACHERS RESIDENCE	633,896
F	2 NO DORMITORY BLOCKS	667,460
G	ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS	379,989
	SUB - TOTAL	3,951,719
	ADD	
H	PRELIMINARIES	188,994
I	CONTINGENCIES	188,994
J	COST ESCALATION	151,196
	TOTAL	4,480,903