## A brief history of Weald Manor

- An Academy for young gentlemen is mentioned in 1790
- Followed by John Beechey's Mansion House Academy in 1815 which moved into Weald Manor in the 1820s and closed in the late 1850s. In 1830 it was called a 'Gents Boarding School' but John Beechey's school was variously called a 'Classical and Commercial School,' 'Manor House,' 'Academy,' 'Mansion House.'
- <u>GH Drewe's</u> 'St Mary's College' opened in Weald Manor in 1859 and was modelled on public schools. Over 50 boys were in attendance in 1861 with an age range of 5-18 it closed in 1863.

If you look at the Victoria County History, which is available to read on line, you will find out much more. <u>https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/oxon/vol13</u> Page 58-60