

**E**DUCATION in Dundee takes a major step forward tomorrow when the new Craigie High School (the first "purpose-built" comprehensive school in the city) opens.

Built by Charles Gray (Builders) Ltd., total cost of building and furnishings is around £935,000.

The school, which has taken two years to complete, will eventually house some 1300 pupils.

The school comprises a central teaching block with additional teaching and

## Advertising feature

administration blocks running at right angles to the main building.

The separate games complex, housing a games hall, gymnasium, swimming pool, changing-rooms and showers, is also linked to the main building by a covered walkway.

The building is designed in such a way that all classrooms being used for one subject are together and each department can operate independently from the remainder of the school.

All the buildings, with the exception of the games complex and the technical block, are of reinforced concrete construction.

The ground floor exterior walls are finished in facing brick and the upper storeys are of "sky marble" pre-cast concrete panels.

The games block is of steel and brick construction and exterior walls have a Glamoroc finish.

All windows in the school are steel prefabricated units.

Vinyl tiles have been used for flooring throughout.

A feature of the school is the separate library block, situated between administra-

tion block and southern teaching block.

This is built on four concrete pillars with a steel reinforced roof.

Use of timber and glass on the walls gives the building a light pleasant atmosphere.

Theme of the library layout itself is entirely informal with separate areas for studying and for issuing books.

The building also houses a careers office.

### MET. STATION

Another feature of the school is that it has its own meteorological station.

This is on the top floor of the south teaching block next to the geography department.

The homecraft suite on the ground floor of this block contains needlework and dress design rooms.

There's also a changing room where pupils can try on their finished articles.

Ample facilities are provided for cooking and laundry work.

All cookers, both electric and gas, are fitted with timing switches.

Girls can practise their home-making in a flat complete with living room, bathroom, kitchen and bedroom.

The middle floor on this wing is given over to the mathematics department.

On the other side of the library, again on the south side of the main teaching block, is the administration wing, which takes in the retail distribution department.

This department will also be responsible for the running of the school's "tuck shop," giving pupils a chance to put their ideas into practice.

### ROOF ART

The roof of this block can be used by the art department as an outdoor sketching area. It has an impressive view of the river.

The main teaching block, which runs from east to west, houses art, science, commercial and language departments.

Included in the language department is a fully-equipped

language laboratory with space for 24 pupils.

The laboratory also has two recording booths.

The commercial rooms also have the latest equipment, including electric typewriters.

The school can give a complete audio-typing course.

The art department is well laid out with several studios on the upper floor.

A studio on the ground floor is fitted as a craft-room with pottery bar at the rear.

The technical block, of steel and brick construction, provides pleasant surroundings and gives full use of the most modern equipment for various trades.

Included in the curriculum are welding, metalwork, moulding, forging, woodwork and engineering science.

There are also vocational areas where pupils can practise car maintenance.

Facilities are provided for spray painting.

The rooms are painted to simulate a factory atmosphere.

### ASSEMBLY HALL

Parallel to the technical block is the main assembly block which houses assembly hall, kitchen and dining areas and, on the top floor, music department.

The assembly hall stage is fully equipped with curtains, lighting and changing rooms.

There are extra changing rooms near the music department for use if a production is being staged.

A walkway along one side of the hall links the music department with the rest of the school.

The music department contains six sound-proofed practice rooms, band room and classroom.

The school already has enough equipment to furnish a complete band.

One of the first jobs will be to pick the musicians who will form the nucleus of this band.

The kitchen, beautifully-equipped on cafeteria lines,

can cope with up to 600 meals at a time.

There are also three separate dining areas where pupils can eat and relax.

Throughout the building there are several areas set aside as "pupils' social areas."

These have tables and chairs and are meant to be used as places where pupils can gather to chat among themselves.

In the classrooms, teak-veneered individual tables and polypropylene chairs have replaced the old-fashioned desks.

Although the school has facilities for some 1300 pupils, there will be only about 350 in the first year.

This is the first time both school and pupils will be starting completely from scratch.

This year only first-year pupils from Craigie and Douglas and Angus will start at the school.

Headmaster of the new school is Mr George S. Scott.