



## Greek colony

development  
of the  
week

**City & Islington College,  
Pitfield Street, N1**  
**From £140,000**

When the lofts came you knew it was safe to follow. Ten years ago Hoxton was a gloomy swathe of post-war council estates, huge, well-intentioned but hideous. Then the poor, poor middle classes, displaced by the gentrification of the rest of London, began pushing back "frontiers" in search of a cheap mortgage, and

lo and behold, here was a ready-made retreat, on the fringes of ciabatta land, with a canal, a park and welcoming house prices. Lofts started appearing, galleries opening and now Hoxton Square is earning a reputation as a mini bohemia. More stately souls will be drawn to Copthorn's conversion of the City and Islington College in Pitfield Street, a grandiose Georgian monument masquerading as a Greek temple. The 38 one- to three-bedroom apartments, one studio and a house will start at £140,000. Old Street tube station is a quarter of a mile away. Sales, 01277 262422. *Anna Tims*