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HISTORICAL.

The School was founded in 1594 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth by the granting of a Royal Charter to Godfrey Foljambe, who endowed the School with the annual sum of £13 :6: 8. Other endowments were made to the School by John Bright the elder, John Bright the younger, James Lingard, Thomas Large, Leonard Gill, and Cornelius Clarke, names which now distinguish the Houses of the School. Ford's History of Chesterfield states that the appointment of the Headmaster was invested in the Mayor and Aldermen, subject to the approval of the Archbishop of York.

The School had the chequered career common to the XVth century Grammar Schools and in 1879, a new scheme for its government was drawn up by the Charity Commissioners. Further alterations were made in 1900, 1909 and 1940. Since 1st April, 1940, the trusts of the Foundation have been administered by the Derbyshire County Council.

The most famous name among the earlier pupils of the School is undoubtedly that of Dr. Secker, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1758-68. In more recent times the list of old boys includes :--

Dr. Erasmus Darwin, the poet and botanist.

Dr. Chavasse, Bishop of Liverpool.

Dr. 1-1. Bradley, Senior Editor of the Oxford Dictionary.

Prof. Sir Robert Robinson, Waynflete Professor of Chemistry, Oxford University.

ADMISSION AND FEES.

Boys are admitted to the School from the age of 8. Parents are advised to enter their sons as soon as may be convenient after the eighth birthday ; it is most important that entry should not be delayed later than the age of 11, the usual age for commencing the main school course, and that it should take place in September at the beginning of the School year. In all cases admission is subject to a satisfactory standard being reached in the Entrance Examination. This is graduated according to age and for boys up to 11 consists of a straightforward test in English and Arithmetic.

Boys passing through the Junior School are required to reach a standard in accordance with that of the entrance examination, at the end of their year in Remove, in order to qualify for admission to the main school.

The tuition fees are £13/10/0 per annum for boys under 10, payable in advance at the rate Of £4/10/0 per term ; and £10/15/0 per annum for boys over 10, Of which £3/15/0 is payable in the Autumn term or the pupil's first term, and £3/10/0 in the Spring and Summer terms. A boy entered before the age of ten, is transferred, provided that he qualifies for admission to the main school, on the lower scale of fees, in the term whose commencement follows his tenth birth~ day. These fees include the free use of text books, exercise books, drawing materials and science apparatus.

For pupils resident in the County Borough of Sheffield the inclusive fee for all boys is £30 per annum payable in advance at the rate of £10/0/0 per term.

In addition to the above there is an annual charge of 6/6d. in respect of sports fees, payable in one sum at the beginning of the Autumn term or the pupil's first term.

All charges are payable in advance. Payment is usually made during the first week of term, but parents preferring to do so may settle their accounts at any time during the vacation. All accounts are payable at the Secretary's Office, at the School. and remittances should be made payable to "The Bursar, Chesterfield Grammar School," and crossed.

PARENTS' AGREEMENT.

The Board of Education regulations require that boys admitted to the School shall complete the normal Secondary School course.

Parents are therefore required to sign the following agreement on admission of the boy :--

1. To keep the boy at the School until the end of the term in which he attains the age of sixteen years, unless prevented by circumstances accepted by the Governors as a sufficient justification for leaving the School, provided that if he attains the age of sixteen years in a school vacation he shall be deemed to have attained that age at the end of the preceding term ;

And if such undertaking be not performed to pay to the Governors as agents of the Derbyshire County Council on demand the sum of THREE POUNDS (£3) as liquidated damages without prejudice to any further liability on account of insufficiency of notice of removal or otherwise.

2. Not to withdraw him from the School without having first given to the Headmaster at least six weeks' previous notice in writing to take effect at the end of a term and in default of such notice to pay to the Governors as agents aforesaid on demand the sum of TWO POUNDS (£2) as liquidated damages in lieu of notice.
3. To pay to the Governors as agents aforesaid the tuition fees such payment to be made in accordance with the School rules and regulations.
4. That the said pupil shall attend the School regularly and shall conform to its rules and regulations.

Special consideration is given in administering the clauses of the Agreement in cases where

- (a) a boy is transferred to the School from another Secondary School, or
- (b) is transferred from the School to another Secondary School owing to removal of the family or for any other reason acceptable by the Governors.

It is very desirable, whenever possible, that a boy should remain at school right up to the time of his obtaining a post. A period of inaction between leaving school and taking up a post is apt to lead to deterioration.

The Headmaster reserves the right to request the withdrawal of any boy whose work or conduct is persistently unsatisfactory.

TERMS AND SCHOOL HOURS.

The school year is divided into three terms in the usual way.

The hours of attendance are

Main School- 8.50 a.m.-12.25 p.m. and
1.45 p.m--3.45 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Saturday which are half holidays.

Junior School - The same except that Form 1 finishes at 3.30 p.m. on full school days, and Forms I and II finish at 11.45 a.m. on half holidays.

There is a break of 15 minutes in the middle of the morning.

ATTENDANCE.

Regularity and punctuality of attendance are expected and strictly enforced. No cause except illness is recognised as a sufficient reason for absence unless permission has previously been obtained from the Headmaster. Exception to this rule will only be made when there is a very serious reason. A letter of explanation from the parent is expected after any absence. In the case of slight illness involving only a short absence it is sufficient if the boy brings the explanation on his return, but in more serious cases involving long absence parents are requested to communicate with the Headmaster not later than the third day of absence. If a boy is absent for a period of three days without explanation an enquiry is sent to the parent.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

When leave of absence is desired, application should be made in writing to the Headmaster, not less than two days previously. The reason why leave is desired must be stated or the request cannot be considered. Leave is only granted in unusual circumstances and never when the object is merely amusement.

RETURN AFTER ILLNESS.

In cases of infectious disease, no boy is allowed to return to School on recovery without a Medical Certificate to the effect that he is free from infection, and that he can return to the School with safety to other boys ; and no boy who has been exposed to infection is allowed to attend School without the permission of the Medical Adviser and of the Headmaster. As a precaution, parents and guardians are requested to sign, at the end of the vacation, a certificate of freedom from infection which will be sent to them with the termly report. If they feel that they cannot conscientiously sign this they are requested to communicate with the Headmaster.

ORGANISATION AND CURRICULUM.

The School is divided into three parts. The Junior School, The Main School, and the Sixth Forms.

The Junior School (Forms I, II, and Remove) is a Preparatory Department for boys from 8 to 11 years of age. It is housed in a separate building in Abercrombie Street, opposite the main school buildings. This building has recently been reconditioned and is light and roomy. There is a lawn and a concrete playground.

The curriculum, based primarily on English and Arithmetic, has been widened without sacrificing the attention necessary to fundamentals. Forms I and II do Nature Study, Handwork and make the acquaintance of elementary geometrical forms and ideas by means of simple work with tiles. The Remove do some Elementary Science, Geometry and French.

In the Main School (Forms III, IV, Lr. V, Shell and Up. V), the work is organised to lead to the Northern Universities School Certificate Examination. The subjects studied are Scripture, English, History, Geography, French, German, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Art and Manual Instruction. Music (choral work) is taken by forms below the fifths.

The course is so arranged that a boy may take either four or five years according to his capabilities.

No arrangements can be made to excuse a boy from any part of the regular work of his form.

No boy is excused from Physical Training except on presentation of a written medical recommendation to that effect.

The Sixth Forms.---Promotion to these forms depends on the acquisition of a good School Certificate. The work falls into three main groups of which a boy chooses one. The groups are

1. Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology with French, German or Latin, and

- English, as subsidiary subjects.
2. English, History and French with Latin, and Greek or German as subsidiary subjects.
 3. French, Geography, Economics, with English, German, Economic History Statistics, and in some cases Commercial Law and Accountancy as subsidiary subjects.

The work is directed to prepare for the Higher Certificate of the Northern Universities, for University Scholarships, Derbyshire Major Scholarships, State Scholarships, the Civil Service, and the usual professional examinations.

Every boy who possibly can is urged to complete the Advanced Course, offering as it does opportunities of wider reading in fewer subjects, of individual work and of the exercise of those responsibilities and privileges which are properly accorded to members of the Sixth Forms. The value of these extra two years at school is being increasingly recognised not only of the higher academic standard reached but as a valuable general training.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Curriculum. ---The school Scripture course (which is undenominational in character) is based mainly on the New Testament, one term only in each year being devoted to the Old Testament. The aim of the course is to cover thoroughly the life and teaching of Jesus, and by a study of the lives of S. Peter and S. Paul, to deal briefly with the early days of the Christian church. The treatment of the Old Testament is mainly biographical.

Exemption. -This is covered by Section 14a of the Scheme of Government which reads as follows:---

"The parent or guardian of, or person liable to maintain, or having the actual custody of, any day scholar, may claim by notice in writing addressed to the Head Master, the exemption of such scholar from attending prayer or religious worship, or from any lesson or series of lessons on a religious subject, and such scholar shall not, by reason of any exemption from attending prayer or religious worship, or from any lessons or series of lessons on a religious subject, be deprived of any advantage or emolument in the School to which he would otherwise have been entitled."

PRIZES.

Form Prizes are awarded annually to the two boys at the top of each form at the end of the school year.

Art Prize. This prize is open to members of the Main School, and is awarded for general excellence on the recommendation of the Art Master.

Magazine Prize. The Headmaster gives an annual prize for the best contribution to the School Magazine.

Scott Robinson Prize. The prize was founded by Mrs. Mary Robinson in memory of her husband, Jonathan Scott Robinson, 1843-99, an Old Boy of the School. It is of value about £10 and is awarded annually, "for the best essay on a subject of which the principles of morality or Christianity shall form the basis, the subject of such essay or theme to be decided upon by the Governors and the Headmaster." Any member of the school is eligible to compete.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Governors do not now hold a separate examination for the award of what were formerly known as Foundation Scholarships. The scholarships, now known as Special Places, are awarded on the results of the Minor Scholarship examinations conducted by the Derbyshire County Council and the Chesterfield Education authorities.

SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN THE SCHOOL.

Intermediate Scholarships are awarded by the Derbyshire County Council to boys who have gained a School Certificate and wish to proceed to an Advanced Course. The Scholarships cover school fees and text books, and entitle the holder to a maintenance grant if his circumstances justify one. An Intermediate Scholar must undertake to complete a further two years at school after the award of the scholarship.

LEAVING SCHOLARSHIPS.

Leaving Exhibitions are awarded annually by the Governors to assist boys who are proceeding to Universities and other places of higher education. The exhibitions are usually of the value of £30 p.a. for three years. All boys are eligible who at the time of the award are in the school and who have been in attendance for not less than four years. The award is made on the Higher School Certificate Examination, and candidates are also expected to have a good general school record.

Archdeacon Hill Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was founded in 1857 and is of the value of approximately £20 p.a. and can be held at any British University. All boys over 16 who have been in the school for not less than 3 years are eligible.

The George A. Eastwood Scholarship endowed by the late Alderman George A. Eastwood (1860-1934), an Old Boy and Governor of the school, is awarded annually and is of the value of £15 p.a. tenable for two years. It is tenable at any British University.

County Major Scholarships. The Derbyshire County Council award Major Scholarships on the results of the Higher School Certificate Examination to enable boys to proceed to universities and other places of higher education. They cover fees up to £60 p.a. and carry a maintenance grant up to £75 p.a. according to the candidates' means and the University at which the scholarship is held.

Only boys whose parents reside in the administrative county of Derby are eligible.

State Scholarships tenable at the Universities are also awarded on the results of the Higher School Certificate Examination. They are open to the pupils of all the Secondary Schools in the country, and their value is determined by the requirements of the candidates.

PREPARATION.

All boys except those in Forms I and II are expected to do preparation at home. The time allotted per evening to this work is as follows :--

Form Remove	½ hour.
Forms III and IV	1½ hours.
Forms Shell, V and VI	2 hours.
No homework is set at the week-end.	

Whenever much more or much less than the specified time is occupied by this preparation, the Headmaster should be informed.

As one of the objects of preparation at home is to foster independence and initiative it is undesirable for this and other reasons that a boy should receive regular assistance. In fact under normal conditions no boy should require assistance. It is appreciated however, that a boy may in exceptional cases find himself in such difficulties that he cannot profitably work on his own, in which case, a little help may be desirable. There is no objection to such help being given provided that it is given judiciously and that a note is made against the work that assistance has been given. It is essential in the boy's own interests that masters should be informed of such

circumstances.

Every effort is made to organise homework so that it shall not press too heavily on the boy's out-of-school time. We believe that such work properly organised and controlled is a valuable part in school training. We realise too that almost any system will produce its "hard cases." In such cases the sympathetic co-operation of parents is an important factor and it is hoped that parents will not hesitate to communicate with the Headmaster.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of the school is in the hands of the Headmaster. Conduct outside school, more particularly during travel on the local bus or train services is regarded as a matter of school discipline.

REPORTS.

A report on the conduct and progress of each boy is sent to the parent or guardian at the end of each term. Special reports are made by the Headmaster at other times should circumstances in his opinion, demand this step.

School reports are confidential statements from the school to the parent and are not intended to be submitted to any third party. When school reports are asked for by third parties, parents are recommended to apply instead to the Headmaster for a reference.

In addition each boy has a Monthly Order Card which is taken home for signature when each monthly order is published except right at the end of term when the term report is due. The cards are used to bring to the notice of parents anything unusual in work or conduct and make for more effective collaboration between parents and the school.

PREFECTS.

A limited monitorial system is in force to teach responsibility and self-government and to assist in the general discipline of the school. Under no circumstances is any prefect allowed to administer corporal punishment, and full opportunity is always given for appeal to the Headmaster.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

For the purpose of games the school is divided into five houses each under the direction of a House Master. The houses are named after the chief benefactors of the School and their colours are :--- Clarke black and brown ; Foljambe, black and blue ; Heathcote, black and green ; Large, black and purple; Lingard, black and red.

GAMES.

All boys are expected to take part in school games unless for health reasons it is inadvisable. In such cases a written request for exemption together with a statement of the reasons should be sent to the Headmaster.

Rugby and Association Football are played during the winter. In the summer Cricket and Lawn Tennis are played and there is organised instruction in Swimming and Life Saving.

The school also possesses two Fives Courts.

The first eleven cricket ground and the fives courts are at the school, and other accommodation is provided at Brampton where the school has 27 acres of land.

CADET CORPS.

The school possesses an efficient Cadet Corps, which is affiliated to the Notts. and Derby (The Foresters) Regt. Membership is restricted to boys over 12 years of age, and is entirely voluntary.

The following trophies are competed for each year:---

The Urton Cup for inter-house Shooting.

The Foresters' Shield for inter-house general efficiency competition.

The Wells Cup awarded to the Cadet of best all round efficiency, special account being taken of First Aid work.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

There is a school Flight of the Air Training Corps, which provides training for boys who wish to serve in the Royal Air Force or Royal Navy. Boys of 16 and upwards, who are physically fit, are eligible to join.

SCOUT TROOP.

The school Scout Troop was started in 1936 and has grown steadily since.

The influence of Scouting in education is now widely recognised especially in the sphere of training in citizenship and in the encouragement of self-reliance.

All the usual Scout activities including camping are engaged in and the Troop possesses a club room at the school.

Boys over 11 years of age are eligible for the school troop, while the interests of younger boys are catered for by the Cub Pack which was formed in January, 1939.

FIRST' AID.

Every Winter a First Aid Class is conducted with the very kind assistance of the Chesterfield Borough Police. Boys are trained to take the examinations of the St. John Ambulance Association.

BICYCLES.

Limited accommodation is provided at the school for the storage of bicycles. This accommodation is for the convenience of the boys, and the Governors of the School do not hold themselves responsible for the safe custody of the bicycles.

SCHOOL DINNERS.

Dinner may be taken at school. Payment is made weekly. Rooms are set aside for boys who prefer to bring sandwiches. Milk, biscuits, etc., may be obtained at the school kitchen during break each morning and at mid-day.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

A wide range of interests is provided for and boys are encouraged to find some active interest outside the class room. Masters are always ready to encourage and supervise any reasonable form of activity. There is a Dramatic Society, Musical Society, Debating Society (Senior and Junior), Natural Science Society,

Astronomical Society, Classical Society, French Society (Senior and junior), Chess Club, Hobbies Club, and a Hornby Train Club.

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

There are two school libraries:----the junior, consisting largely of works of fiction, and the Senior, consisting of nonfiction and works of reference. Lack of space at present makes it necessary to limit the use of the Senior Library, but it is hoped to remedy this defect in the near future.

CAMPS.

A school camp is usually held during the first two weeks of the Summer vacation. The site varies from year to year as fancy dictates. The last four camps have been successively in the Lake District, on the South coast, in Anglesey, and on the North-east coast.

In recent years there has also been a tour abroad, for more experienced campers.

During most week-ends of the Summer term parties camp for the week-end at places within easy reach of Chesterfield by train or cycle.

Camping is in every way a most valuable form of corporate life and all boys who possibly can, are urged to participate.

NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The school runs a branch of the National Savings-Association to provide boys with a simple method of practising regular saving. Boys are given a National Savings Stamp book in which sixpenny stamps are collected. On reaching the value of 15/- the stamps are converted into National Savings Certificates.

DRESS.

All boys must wear the school cap or straw hat with school hatband.

Normal school wear is grey flannels with black school blazer, or dark grey suit. The tie should be black or school or House colours. In hot weather open necked shirts are permitted but these shirts must be either grey, cream or white.

Caps, coats, etc., must have the owner's name clearly marked on them.

White vest, white shorts, and rubber shoes are worn during Physical Training periods.

CONTACT BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE HEADMASTER.

The Headmaster welcomes close co-operation of the school and parents and is always prepared to discuss with parents matters of particular interest and importance.

The best time for seeing the Headmaster is in the morning between 11 and 12 o'clock. It is generally desirable to arrange an appointment beforehand.

The Headmaster is always at home to parents at the school, on the day preceding the commencement of each term.

EXPLANATIONS IN WRITING.

Verbal excuses, requests and explanations cannot be accepted. Such communications should always be made in writing over the signature of the parent or guardian.

Much time is saved if letters are headed with the name and form of the boy to whom they refer.

Parents are earnestly requested to observe this practice.

LETTERS TO BOYS AT SCHOOL.

No boys other than the duly accredited officials of School Societies in correspondence on school business are allowed to receive letters at school.

Letters delivered at school for other boys are forwarded to the parents concerned.

OLD CESTREFELDIAN SOCIETY.

On leaving school all boys are cordially invited to maintain contact with the school and with their contemporaries by joining the Old Cestrefeldian Society. The Society holds an annual dinner and an annual dance and generally fosters social and athletic activity, among Old Boys. The Headmaster is always pleased to supply information if the details regularly given in the School Magazine are found insufficient.

The Life subscription is £1/1/-, which may, if desired, be paid in instalments as follows :-a first subscription of 6/-, and three yearly instalments of 5/-.