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## EDITORIAL

ONCE again a school year has ended and the need to add another chapter to our chronicles has arisen. There is no lack of material from which to make these records, for school life has been as full as ever. We can write our reports with confidence that our traditions have been well maintained, and that this further year of achievement has even enhanced our reputation.

It is with profound regret that we record the untimely death of Mr. T. B. Churchill, B.A., who joined our staff in September, 1950, and served here for five terms until he left in April, 1952, to become Head of the Remedial Centre and Educational Psychologist at Burton-on-Trent. The news of his death very shortly after his appointment there came as a great shock to us all. In the comparatively short time during which he served here we had come to regard him as a most capable and progressive young man, who had quickly earned our respect as a popular and effective teacher, and our affection as a loyal colleague and friend.

Mr. W. S. Williams, B.Sc., left last December to take an appointment as Lecturer in Chemistry in the Birmingham College of Technology. He had taught in our School for four years, and during that time had endeared himself to the hearts of pupils by his friendly personality, so that our pleasure at his promotion was mixed with regret at his going. We shall remember him, not only for his ability when working in the laboratories, but for his great interest in photography and the part he played on the cricket field and tennis courts. We wish him well in his new appointment.

Miss K. M. Morgan left us a term later, she having taught Domestic Science here since 1948. During that time she joined in many branches of school life in a whole-hearted way. Apart from her departmental work, she gave her time willingly to help in numerous activities where her special skill made her services particularly valuable. Whenever special catering was necessary, Miss Morgan was there to supply the need, as many pupils can testify. We greatly appreciate her ever-ready help and wish her happiness in the future.

Mr. J. Gripton has found it necessary to retire from his part-time work here as teacher of Commercial Subjects to our Sixth Formers. His records in the School go back to 1920, so that he has taught successive generations of pupils here for thirty-two years past. A man of great ability, the School has been fortunate in having him as a member for so long. His success as a business man has been coupled with his skill as a teacher. His business connections have regularly been a source of great help within the School. His teaching here has made it possible for many pupils with a full grammar school education to add, in the Sixth Form, various commercial subjects which have enabled them to take up good posts on leaving. His genial personality has become a part of the School, and we hope that he will still find time from his business interests to pay an occasional visit to his old friends here.

We welcome as colleagues Miss R. M. Busby, who has come to take charge of the Domestic Science Department, Mrs. M. Warwick, who is now taking the Sixth Form Commercial Courses, Mr. B. R. Lawton, B.A., who is teaching French, and two specialists in Science, Mr. K. C. Hudson, B.Sc. and Mr. H. V. Bennett, B.Sc. We wish them all happiness and success in their work among us. An additional note must be added concerning Mr. Hudson, as he has to leave us for his period of National Service after only a few months to establish himself here. We wish him good fortune while he is away, and we look forward to his return.

These few Staff changes have been such that we may, as compared with many other schools, regard ourselves as singularly fortunate. Only one gap has occurred, that, as might well be expected, on the Science side, where Mrs. Jones had more than her fair share of work during the early part of this present year. Apart from a temporary shortage of staff there, all our work and activities have gone ahead most successfully. This issue of our magazine will show that our standards in studies have been well maintained, our present pupils having faced up to the new Joint Matriculation Board Examinations with good success. So too, enthusiastic support, on the part of both staff and pupils, has brought success to our various out-of-school activities, the games, athletics and swimming, the Joint Societies, the Girl Guides, the Orchestra and Choirs, while holiday groups away in camp or at Edgmond Hall or travelling abroad have brought back most satisfactory accounts.

Our successes in all activities have been achieved by reason of the fact that, with all the changes which come to us year by year, the spirit of service in the School still remains. Written

reports which follow in this issue are factual statements of tangible things, but one must read between the lines to find things which are intangible but which really matter. The achievements of this School, since its foundation in 1904, are due to many loyal and devoted members, who have given their best without stint, including some whose life work has been bound up with the School. Much that is finest among us will never be recorded, being too personal. The spirit of whole-hearted, generous service to one's fellows has inspired that which is best in our achievements, in accordance with the divine injunction, "If any man compel thee to go with him a mile, go with him twain." While that Christian spirit remains, our School will continue to make a worthy contribution to society.

C.C.H.

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### **SPEECH DAY, 1951**

AS the day traditionally set aside for our Speech Day was polling day for the General Election, our Speech Day, 1951, was transferred to Wednesday, October 31st.

As usual, the School Hall was crowded to its fullest capacity; indeed, many who wished to attend were unable to do so owing to the lack of space.

In the unfortunate absence of Alderman B. T. Robbins, J.P., C.C., Chairman of the Governors, the Chair was taken by Alderman G. W. Rose, J.P., Vice-Chairman, and after his opening remarks the Girls' Captain, Yvonne E. J. Dugmore included in her report the girls games and athletics, the girls visit to France, the School Guide Company and the musical activities. The Boy Captain, G. E. Brown, reported on the boys games, the boys visit to Switzerland, and the Joint Societies.

Then followed an admirable rendering of Schubert's "Minuet and Trio" by an instrumental trio—Joy Howard (1st violin), B. Babington (2nd violin) and Valerie Wood (pianoforte).

The Headmaster's report was then given by Dr. C. C. Howard, who commented upon the first General Certificate of Education, the results of which had reached the usual high standard, as had the work and other successes of the School.

Our guest for the afternoon was Sir Hugh Chance, M.A., Hon. A.C.T. (Birmingham). In his speech, Sir Hugh spoke of the increasing need in the world to-day of men and women who

were capable of leadership. He was convinced, he said, that these leaders would only be found from among the people with a sound Grammar School education, and thus he urged all students to remain at school as long as possible.

The presentation of prizes was followed by an excellent rendering of the two-part song "A Shepherd Kept Sheep" (Thiman), by the Girls' Choir of fifteen voices.

The vote of thanks was proposed by His Worship the Mayor of Oldbury, Alderman S. T. Melsom, J.P., C.A., and seconded by Councillor J. D. Beard, C.C.

Janet S. Tibbetts. FORM 6B.

## AWARDS 1951

### Form Prizes for General Proficiency

FORM 1C

JEAN M. SHERWOOD  
MARINA J. LANDER

FORM 1B

MARJORIE M. DOWNING  
JEAN W. McLELLAND

FORM 1A

NORA A. TUCKER  
EDNA L. PARTINGTON

FORM 2C

D. MORRALL  
G. L. CORBETT

FORM 2B

A. W. HEWITT  
J. W. BAKER

FORM 2A

VYVIAN M. WELCH  
JANET A. GREAVES

FORM 3C

PATRICIA K. WILCOCK  
JILLIAN R. CRYER

FORM 3B

BETTY SMITH  
CHRISTINA HILL

FORM 3A

BERYL FANTHOM  
JOY V. HOWARD

FORM 4C

B. S. PYNE  
PATRICIA A. ROOKER

FORM 4B

A. W. POOLER  
JANICE E. CROSS

FORM 4A

R. J. OAKLEY  
D. EDGE

FORM 5S

EVA M. CROFTS  
K. CARTER

FORM 5M

A. C. POOLE  
D. A. WOOD

FORM 5G

A. P. BENNETT  
R. KITCHEN

FORM 6X

OLWYN RUSTON  
VALERIE WILLIAMS

**General Certificates of Education at  
Ordinary Level**

I. G. BETTELEY  
D. J. CURTIS  
B. W. FENNELL  
L. T. HALL  
K. G. ROCK  
B. SHELTON  
T. E. SMITH  
M. G. SPENCER  
J. A. STEVENTON  
G. J. WALKER  
MARGERY E. BROOKBANK  
JOAN L. CHARNELL  
MARGARET B. CUTLER  
PAULINE GOREHAM  
HEATHER E. HADLEY  
CHRISTINE M. MIDDLETON  
PATRICIA C. NEWBY  
ANITA M. PAGE  
OLWYN RUSTON  
JUNE M. TAYLOR  
VALERIE WILLIAMS  
P. J. ABELL  
G. H. BRINDLEY  
J. GURNEY  
M. K. HALL  
J. HAWKINS  
A. C. JOHNSON  
D. A. SHAW  
MARILYN ABBEY  
MARY M. BLACKFORD  
MARJORIE E. COXILL  
BARBARA GREAVES  
BARBARA GREGORY  
ANNE F. GREIG  
EILEEN P. HARRIS  
JOAN M. HUMPAGE  
GLADYS L. M. KIRKALDY  
MAUREEN LILLEY  
EILEEN M. MARTIN  
KATHLEEN J. ROBINSON  
VALERIE P. UNDERHILL  
R. H. BEARD  
W. V. DRURY  
D. J. M. GARRINGTON

J. K. HOLYHEAD  
B. MITCHELL  
J. B. PAICE  
G. C. D. PARKES  
A. C. POOLE  
F. R. PREECE  
A. J. VINEY  
D. A. WOOD  
JOCELEYN I. BACON  
MARGARET A. BENTLEY  
SHEILA D. CARTWRIGHT  
MARY E. HALL  
PATRICIA A. HALL  
BRENDA G. HARRIS  
SHEILA R. HYDE  
MARY J. MORSE  
SHEILA J. PLANT  
C. MARY REDICK  
AUDREY I. ROBERTS  
JOAN SMITH  
BERYL E. WHITEHOUSE  
B. J. BABINGTON  
J. E. BLACK  
M. J. FELMINGHAM  
M. J. FISHER  
B. E. GREEN  
D. B. JONES  
K. SEDDON  
A. E. STEPHENS  
B. C. WALLIN  
PAMELA F. BAKER  
ANN S. COLLINS  
DORIS M. EASTER  
GLADYS M. FRANKS  
DOROTHY HALL  
JENNIFER M. HUTCHINSON  
DOREEN O. C. SIMMONS  
JOSEPHINE STAMP  
E. ANNE WALTERS  
JANET WATSON  
JOAN WHITEHOUSE  
NANCY E. ETHERIDGE  
JUNE M. HALL

**General Certificates of Education at  
Advanced Level**

G. E. BROWN  
P. T. R. BROWN  
M. A. COLE  
R. L. DITTRICH  
H. J. H. DUNN  
A. W. EASEY  
R. M. EDGE  
L. N. GREEN  
I. R. W. HARGEST  
D. HILL  
A. E. PARKES  
J. A. PERRY  
G. A. M. ROBERTSON  
D. J. SUCH

W. G. K. TAYLOR  
D. I. TROWMAN  
A. WOOTTON  
DINAH R. BAKER  
BARBARA W. COMLEY  
YVONNE E. J. DUGMORE  
KATHLEEN M. LEWIS  
JANE MARTIN  
PATRICIA A. NEWMAN  
JANET A. PARTINGTON  
ENID PHILLIPS  
JOYCE STANDLEY  
MARGARET E. WEBB  
B. E. S. TRUEMAN

**Special Awards**

Munro Major Open Scholarship to Queen's College, Cambridge:	I. D. HOWARD
Open Scholarship to Birmingham University:	R. L. DITTRICH
Open Scholarship to Bristol University:	D. I. TROWMAN
State Scholarship:	R. L. DITTRICH
Worcestershire County Major Scholarships:	P. T. R. BROWN
	M. A. COLE
	YVONNE E. J. DUGMORE
	L. N. GREEN
	ENID PHILLIPS
	W. G. K. TAYLOR
	A. WOOTTON
	H. J. H. DUNN
Dawes Memorial University Scholarship:	AWARD DEFERRED
Albright University Scholarship:	KATHLEEN M. LEWIS
Oldbury Educational Trust Scholarships:	M. G. SPENCER
	I. D. HOWARD
O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding Achievement:	I. D. HOWARD
Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership:	JANET A. PARTINGTON
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership:	
Best General Certificate of Education —Girls:	ENID PHILLIPS
Best General Certificate of Education —Boys:	R. L. DITTRICH

**Prizes for the Best Use of Leisure**

Senior Boys' Prizes, awarded by the late Mr. A. P. Hands:	B. BABINGTON
	B. E. S. TRUEMAN
Senior Girls' Prizes, awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow:	BARBARA W. COMLEY
	JANET S. TIBBETTS
Junior Prizes, awarded by the late Mr. C. T. Barlow:	MAVIS LETTS
	R. ROBERTSON
Art Prize for Design of programme cover for "Merrie England":	JANET TURNER
Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time Activities:	91 AWARDS

**Awards for Games, Athletics, Swimming, etc.**

Girl Guides Prizes:	CONSTANCE BAGLEY
O.S.A. Prize:	JEAN WOODHOUSE
Quayle Games Prizes:	P. J. ABELL
	R. L. DITTRICH
	KATHLEEN M. LEWIS
	PATRICIA A. NEWMAN
Girls' Junior Champion:	BERYL FOLEY
Boys' Junior Champions:	T. REYNOLDS
	R. T. HANCOX
Girls' Intermediate Champion:	ANN ELSDON
Boys' Intermediate Champion:	R. J. OAKEY
Girls' Senior Champion, awarded Albright Cup:	ENID PHILLIPS
Boys' Senior Champion, awarded Vernon Cup:	L. N. GREEN
Parents' Cricket Match — Cricket Shield:	THE SCHOOL

## House Cups

Swimming :	KING'S HOUSE
Howarth Cup for Inter-House Games:	SCHOOL HOUSE
Jephcott Cup for Athletics :	TRINITY HOUSE
Davies Cup for Junior & Middle School Studies :	QUEEN'S HOUSE
Hadley Cup for Academic Achievement of Seniors :	KING'S HOUSE

## Some Recent Successes of Old Scholars

J. W. FIELD, M.D.

Awarded C.M.G. (Companion of the Order of St. Michael & St. George) in the Birthday Honours List, for Medical Research in Malaya.

### Birmingham University

*Faculty of Science*

E. R. ROBERTSON  
R. STEPHENS

Hons. B.Sc. (Class II, Div. I) Botany.  
Hons. B.Sc. (Class I, Chemistry, awarded Frankland Prize for Chemistry.

G. RUSSELL  
P. J. WHITTINGHAM

Passed 2nd year B.Sc. course.  
Passed 1st year B.Sc. course.

*Faculty of Arts*

VALERIE BAYLISS

Passed 2nd year Honours School of English.

DOREEN PARTINGTON

Passed 2nd year Honours School of History.

*Faculty of Medicine*

J. M. SHEPHARD

B.Sc. Hons. (Class II, Div I) Anatomy and Physiology.

T. SPENCER

Passed Final M.B., Ch.B., Part I.

*School of Dental Surgery*

D. A. STOKES  
ALMA M. COX

Diploma in Dental Surgery.  
Diploma in Dental Surgery.

*Education Department*

NANCY C. M. HARROLD, B.Sc.

Gained Teaching Diploma.

*Faculty of Commerce*

VICTOR B. HALE

B. Com. (Sociology, Economics & Political Science).

### University of Sheffield

J. BUTLER  
M. C. ROUND

B.Sc. 1st Class, Fuel Technology.  
Completed 2nd year of course in Hons. Zoology.

G. F. BROWN

B.A. (Pass II) General.

### University of Nottingham

J. MORSE

Completed 1st year of course for B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry.

### University of Wales

*Swansea College*

J. M. LOMAX

Passed 1st year examination in Civil Engineering.

### University College of North Wales—Bangor

A. J. LAMBERT

Passed the Second Year Examinations for B.Sc. in Forestry.

### Bristol University

C. J. CASHMORE  
AILIE BIRD

B.Sc.  
Completed 2nd year of Honours French Course.

R. WILLETTS

Gained Certificate of Education.



	Saltley College
D. C. STOKES	Gained Certificate of Education.
	Dudley Training College
DAPHNE NICHOLLS	Gained Teaching Diploma (Distinction).
	Birmingham College of Technology
JOYCE WESTON	Passed Intermediate Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.
P. P. RICHARDS	Passed the Intermediate Examination B.Pharm. of London University.
E. R. KNIGHT	B.Sc. (Special) in Chemistry of London University.
P. H. ANDREWS	Qualified as H.M. Inspector of Taxes in the Chief Inspectors Branch of the Inland Revenue Department.

### SPEECH DAY, 1952

ON the afternoon of Thursday, October 23rd, parents and pupils gathered in the School Hall to celebrate the annual Speech Day.

The proceedings were opened by the chairman, Alderman B. T. Robbins, J.P. C.C., who paid a tribute to the governors of the School.

The chairman's remarks were then followed by the captains' reports. The Head Girl, Anita Page, gave an account of the activities of the Joint Societies and the Girl Guides and the girls games and athletics. R. Kitchen, the Head Boy, reported on the School's National Savings, the musical activities, the boys' holiday in France and the boys' games and athletics.

These reports were followed by a musical item—"Rondo from Musik für drei Violinen" by Mozart—which was performed by the instrumental trio, Joy Howard, B. J. Babington and R. G. Birch.

Dr. Howard then presented his report, in which he commented upon the work and achievements of the past year, showing the very high standard reached in the external examinations and upon the part which Grammar Schools have to play in the nation's life.

Then came the most enjoyable part of the whole function—the speech and presentation of prizes by Canon R. S. O. Stevens, M.A., B.Sc., an old boy of the School. After a very amusing opening in which he recalled memories of his own schooldays, Canon Stevens continued by asking us to compare the School to the pear tree on our badge, and said that we should draw life and wisdom from it, as the branches gain life from the tree, and carry out

into the world the spirit and the traditions of the School—and in our turn become a “forest of trees” standing firmly with strong roots—and not merely tangled, indiscriminate brushwood.

The presentation of prizes was followed by a vocal item given by the Girls' Choir. Their choice was “O Lovely Peace,” and they gave an excellent rendering of it.

The afternoon came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by His Worship the Mayor of Oldbury, Alderman S. T. Melsom, J.P., C.A., and seconded by Councillor Mrs. E. Pine.

E. Harris.

### Form Prizes for General Proficiency

FORM 1C  
F. DARBY  
P. S. LEWIS  
FORM 1B  
A. DODSON  
JOYCE V. WRIGHT  
FORM 1A  
J. S. SMITH  
J. F. RICHARDS  
FORM 2C  
JANET L. MOORE  
JOAN HOLYHEAD  
FORM 2B  
SHEILA F. HARRISON  
VALERIE M. DAWES  
FORM 2A  
SHEILA SMITH  
JEAN W. McLELLAND  
FORM 3C  
J. A. JACKSON  
K. A. MOORE  
FORM 3B  
M. D. SPOONER  
E. W. H. GLOVER

FORM 3A  
JANET A. GREAVES  
VYVIAN M. WELCH  
FORM 4C  
JILLIAN R. CRYER  
BARBARA M. LANG  
FORM 4B  
BETTY SMITH  
CHRISTINA HILL  
FORM 4A  
BERYL FANTHOM  
JOY V. HOWARD  
FORM 5X  
R. J. OAKEY  
D. EDGE  
FORM 5M  
R. M. SAVAGE  
SHEILA E. BASTABLE  
FORM 5G  
M. R. HADLEY  
G. B. MOORE  
FORM 6X  
A. P. BENNETT  
JANET M. TURNER

### General Certificates of Education at Ordinary Level

T. J. ALLEN  
B. A. ASHBY  
B. J. BABINGTON  
A. P. BENNETT  
K. J. CARTER  
W. COMLEY  
M. A. COX  
M. J. CRYER  
J. G. LINES  
D. J. NEED  
D. W. D. SLIM  
L. D. STEVENS  
A. C. R. STRINGER  
R. E. TURNER  
J. R. WHITEHOUSE  
D. G. WOOD  
JOCELEYN I. BACON  
PAMELA F. BAKER  
ROSALIE A. COLE  
CHRISTINE M. COX  
EVA M. CROFTS  
JOAN GAMBLES

G. B. MOORE  
H. J. H. MOSS  
J. W. PERKINS  
S. PURVIS  
B. S. PYNE  
JOYCE A. BIDDLE  
IRENE FARR  
HAZEL C. GREEN  
CATHERINE J. GRIEVE  
MAUREEN M. HADLEY  
MAVIS A. HADLEY  
DIANNE E. HARPER  
SONIA HILL  
MARGARET P. JEAVONS  
JOYCE E. JOHNSON  
ANNE MOLYNEUX  
DOROTHY B. NICHOLLS  
PATRICIA A. ROOKER  
SHEILA M. SABIN  
JUNE D. SAUNDERS  
PATRICIA A. SMITH  
JANET M. TUCKER

PATRICIA A. HALL  
 MARY J. MORSE  
 SHEILA M. PAYNE  
 FRANCES G. REEVES  
 JOSEPHINE STAMP  
 JANET S. TIBBETTS  
 JANET M. TURNER  
 MARY WATSON  
 P. J. ABELL  
 I. G. BETTELEY  
 R. M. EDGE  
 J. HAWKINS  
 J. H. WHITE  
 D. A. WOOD  
 INEZ BAKER  
 MARGARET A. BENTLEY  
 BARBARA W. COMLEY  
 MARJORIE E. COXILL  
 MARY E. HALL  
 ANN E. WALTERS  
 JOAN WHITEHOUSE  
 A. G. COX  
 A. P. DEBNEY  
 E. DEELEY  
 R. GROVE  
 M. R. HADLEY  
 B. HARES  
 K. W. KEPPEY

SYLVIA M. WATERHOUSE  
 G. T. BEARD  
 K. C. BRATTON  
 B. A. CHETWYND  
 A. T. W. FOX  
 J. B. HALL  
 G. E. J. HARGEST  
 R. J. LEE  
 J. MORGAN  
 J. G. PORTER  
 B. ROBERTS  
 R. B. ROSE  
 R. M. SAVAGE  
 T. T. SPENCER  
 MARY BAGNALL  
 SHEILA E. BASTABLE  
 VALERIE S. BEARD  
 MOLLIE BIDDULPH  
 CLARA GRIFFIN  
 PAMELA HIGGINS  
 KATHLEEN P. PLIMLEY  
 JEAN F. ROBERTS  
 JOYCE P. SHEASBY  
 BETTY R. STEVENSON  
 SHEILA M. WALTERS  
 GLORIA B. WHITE  
 IRIS L. WOODWARD

### General Certificates of Education at Advanced Level

G. E. BROWN  
 D. HILL  
 R. KITCHEN  
 D. R. PARKES  
 K. G. ROCK  
 G. R. SALTER  
 T. E. SMITH  
 J. A. STEVENTON  
 M. R. H. THOMAS  
 B. E. S. TRUEMAN  
 G. J. WALKER  
 RUBY ASHFIELD

MARGARET B. CUTLER  
 YVONNE E. J. DUGMORE  
 JANET C. HAWLEY  
 JANE MARTIN  
 CHRISTINE M. MIDDLETON  
 PATRICIA C. NEWWEY  
 ANITA M. PAGE  
 OLWYN RUSTON  
 BARBARA A. SAVAGE  
 MARY SMITH  
 VALERIE WILLIAMS

### Special Awards

State Scholarship to St. John's Col-  
 lege, Oxford:  
 State Scholarship to University Col-  
 lege, London:  
 Worcestershire University Awards:

D. HILL  
 A. W. EASEY  
 JANET C. HAWLEY  
 JANE MARTIN  
 OLWYN RUSTON  
 G. E. BROWN  
 H. J. H. DUNN  
 R. M. EDGE  
 D. R. PARKES  
 G. R. SALTER  
 B. E. S. TRUEMAN  
 P. J. WHITTINGHAM

Staffordshire University Award:  
 Albright University Scholarship:  
 Dawes Memorial University Scholar-  
 ship:  
 Oldbury Educational Trust Scholar-  
 ships:  
 O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding Achieve-  
 ment:  
 Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership:  
 Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership:  
 Best General Certificate of Education  
 —Girls:  
 Best General Certificate of Education  
 —Boys;

AWARD DEFERRED  
 AWARDS DEFERRED  
 D. HILL  
 G. E. BROWN  
 YVONNE E. J. DUGMORE  
 OLWYN RUSTON  
 D. HILL

### Prizes for the Best Use of Leisure

Senior Boys' Prize, awarded by the late Mr. A. P. Hands :	B. HARES
Senior Girls' Prize, awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow :	JUNE SAUNDERS
Junior Prizes, awarded by the late Mr. C. T. Barlow :	B. DINGLEY SANDRA PAYNE
Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time Activities :	90 AWARDS

### Awards for Games, Athletics, Swimming, Etc.

Girl Guides' Prize :	JANET TUCKER
Quayle Games Prizes :	P. J. ABELL S. PURVIS VALERIE WILLIAMS FRANCES REEVES MAUREEN BREHAUT D. TAYLOR T. REYNOLDS SHEILA ROLLASON G. HOLLOWAY
Girls' Junior Champion :	NADIA BURTON
Boys' Junior Champions :	I. G. BETTELEY
Girls' Intermediate Champion :	PARENTS
Boys' Intermediate Champion :	
Girls' Senior Champion, awarded Albright Cup :	
Boys' Senior Champion, awarded Vernon Cup :	
Parents' Cricket Match — Cricket Shield :	

### House Cups

Davies Cup for Music :	SCHOOL HOUSE
Swimming :	TRINITY HOUSE
Howarth Cup for Inter-House Games :	SCHOOL HOUSE
Jephcott Cup for Athletics :	TRINITY HOUSE
Davies Cup for Junior & Middle School Studies :	KING'S HOUSE
Hadley Cup for Academic Achievement of Seniors :	TRINITY HOUSE
Winning House in National Savings Campaign :	SCHOOL HOUSE

### Some University Successes of Old Scholars, 1952

#### Cambridge University

MARGARET STEPHENS, B.A.	Research worker for M.Sc. Appointed Demonstrator in Zoology at King's College, Newcastle.
I. D. HOWARD	First Class in the Preliminary Tripos Examinations. Queens' College Prize for Natural Sciences.

#### London University

C W. WINTERFORD	Awarded B.Sc. Degree (General).
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#### Birmingham University

##### Faculty of Medicine

A. T. SPENCER	Passed Final M.B., Ch.B.
A. E. CUTLER	Passed Second M.B., Ch.B. (Part II).
D. C. PEARSON	Passed Second M.B., Ch.B. (Part II).
A. WOOTTON	Passed Second M.B., Ch.B. (Part I).
M. A. COLE	Passed Second M.B., Ch.B. (Part I).
J. M. SHEPHARD	Completed Fourth Year of Medical Course.
G. K. CLARK	Passed Final M.B., Ch.B. (Part I) Distinction in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology).

*Faculty of Arts*

D. R. WAGG  
VALERIE M. F. BAYLISS  
DOREEN M. PARTINGTON  
L. N. GREEN

Awarded M.A. Degree (Spanish).  
Awarded B.A. Hons. Degree (IIB)  
(English).  
Awarded B.A. Hons. Degree (III)  
(History).  
Passed 1st year examinations in Hons.  
School of Geography.

*Faculty of Science*

G. J. RUSSELL  
R. J. JAKEWAYS  
P. J. WHITTINGHAM

Awarded B.Sc. Degree (Pure Science).  
Awarded B.Sc. Hons. Degree (Class I).  
(Engineering).  
Passed Second Year Hons. B.Sc.  
Chemistry examinations.

**Bristol University**

AILIE BIRD  
D. I. TROWMAN

Awarded B.A. Hons. Degree (II)  
French.  
Passed First Year examinations for  
B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry.

**Leeds University**

E. V. DULSON

Passed Final M.B., Ch.B., (Part I).

**University of Nottingham**

J. MORSE  
W. G. K. TAYLOR

Passed Second Year Examinations in  
School of Chemistry.  
Passed First Year B.Sc. (Part I) in  
Chemistry.

**University of Sheffield**

D. W. WAKEMAN, D.Sc.  
M. C. ROUND  
H. J. H. DUNN

Appointed Lecturer in Post Graduate  
School of Physical Metallurgy.  
Awarded B.Sc. Hons. (Special) Zoology  
(Class II).  
Passed First M.B., Ch.B., Examination.

**University of Wales**

*Swansea College*  
J. M. LOMAX

Passed Third Year Examinations of  
the course of B.Sc. in Civil Engin-  
eering.

**Birmingham & Midland Institute**

*School of Music*  
JILL WOOD  
RONA CONNOP

Awarded A.B.S.M. & L.R.A.M.  
Awarded A.B.S.M. & L.R.A.M. &  
L.T.C.L.

**Birmingham College of Technology**

M. G. SPENCER

Passed Intermediate Examination of  
the Pharmaceutical Society.  
Prize in Chemistry.

**Liverpool College of Physical Education**

KATHLEEN M. LEWIS

Passed the First Year Examinations.

**Institute of Mechanical Engineers**

D. FRASER

Passed two stages of examinations for  
A.M.I.Mech.E.  
Awarded two prizes by M.E.B.

**Training Colleges***Dudley*

G. SEWARD  
JUNE CHAPMAN  
PAULINE HOLLYOAKE  
MARGARET WEBB  
DINAH BAKER

Completed Two Year Course for  
Teaching Diploma.  
Completed Two Year Course for  
Teaching Diploma.  
Completed Two Year Course for  
Teaching Diploma.  
Completed first year of course.  
Completed first year of course.

*Worcester*

A. W. GEBBIE  
R. WESTWOOD  
JANET PARTINGTON

Completed Two Year Course for  
Teaching Diploma.  
Completed first year of course.  
Completed first year of course.

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## JOINT SOCIETIES

President	- -	DR. C. C. HOWARD.
Vice-Presidents	- -	MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.
Chairman	- -	D. HILL.
Vice-Chairman	- -	G. E. BROWN.
Secretary	- -	BARBARA W. COMLEY.

September 27th.—The first meeting of the Joint Societies was opened by the President who welcomed the new members, and the new vice-presidents, and introduced the officers for the session.

After thanking the society for the honour bestowed upon him, the Chairman proceeded with the business of the meeting, which took the form of an inter-house quiz. Questions were asked upon various topics by Mr. Morris, Miss Morgan, Miss Bryant, Mr. Smith, Mr. Williams, Mr. Laycock, Mr. Swain and Mr. Woodward.

The winning House was King's, followed by Trinity, School and Queen's.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Hill and seconded by Janet Hawley.

October 4th.—At this meeting, Barbara Savage, L. N. Green and D. Hill, three members of the Upper Sixth talked about their visits to Switzerland in the summer holidays. They illustrated their talks, which were of a varied nature, by use of the episcopes.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Perry and seconded by Olwyn Ruston.

October 11th.—Owing to the fact that Green, our Chairman, had left us to take up a place at the University, the meeting was opened by the President, who installed a new chairman, Hill. After thanking the society, the chairman put forward the motion for a debate. It was: "That in the opinion of this house, a study of the Arts gives a better preparation for life, than a study of the Sciences."

Perry and Olwyn Ruston spoke for the motion, and were opposed by Parkes and Valerie Williams.

After the debate had been thrown open to the house, and the summing up given by Perry and Parkes the motion was carried by a small majority.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Anita Page and seconded by Thomas.

October 18th.—The meeting took the form of a mock election.

Each introduced by his own chairman, the candidates gave their final election address. (Campaigns had been carried on throughout the proceeding weeks).

The Conservative candidate, Viney, spoke first. He was followed by the Labour candidate, Lines, the Liberal candidate, Ashby, and Price, the Independent candidate.

Members of the society then recorded their votes.

Viney, the Conservative candidate, was elected by an overall majority of four votes; he polled 79 votes.

The Labour and Independent candidates forfeited their deposit.

November 15th.—An old scholar, Rev. R. S. O. Stevens, gave an interesting and highly entertaining account of his visit to America.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Trueman and seconded by Mary Smith.

November 22nd.—Members of VIA Biology group gave a lecture entitled "On breaking a bone."

Rock described the structure of bones, and Anita Page types of fracture. Walker and Valerie Williams gave an account of the process of repair, Walker dealing with the physiological aspects, and Valerie with the Biochemistry.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalf and the speakers was proposed by Ruby Ashfield and seconded by Ashby.

November 29th.—At this meeting six members of the society gave an account of their holiday in Paris at the preceding Easter.

Yvonne Dugmore began by describing the journey out, and was succeeded by Lorna Dean and Eva Crofts, who described some of the famous buildings in Paris.

Mary Morse and Mary Watson described excursions to Versailles and Fontainebleu, and Kathleen Homer gave an account of the cafés and shops.

Yvonne concluded the account by telling us of the Hotel at which the party stayed, and of the journey home.

A vote of thanks to Miss Keay and the speakers was proposed by Lines and seconded by Ann Walters.

December 6th.—Mr. Williams, a vice-president of the society, gave a farewell lecture on photography.

Assisted by Babington he explained the developing and printing of a film, and he concluded his talk with an outline of colour photography.

The society warmly supported a vote of thanks and good wishes to Mr. Williams put forward by the school captains.

January 17th.—The society was fortunate in hearing a talk by Mr. Basil Thomas, the well-known theatrical director, manager and playwright.

Mr. Thomas described the stages in writing a play and getting it produced, illustrating from his own experience. He spoke also of some of his duties as a theatre manager.

Afterward he answered some questions on radio plays, amateur dramatics, subsidies, and the taste of modern playgoers.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Brown and seconded by Anita Page.

January 24th.—Dr. Enid Williams, a former member of the staff, gave an excellent lecture on plant "growth substances," a subject which she had studied for her doctor's degree.

She dealt with the discovery, the location and the mode of action of the hormones, and discussed practical applications of this knowledge in horticulture.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Yvonne Dugmore and seconded by Babington.

January 31st.—At this meeting of the society, members of VIA presented a play-reading of "The Winslow Boy", by Terence Rattigan.

The play was introduced by Olwyn Ruston, and the cast, in order of appearance, was as follows:

Ronnie Winslow—G. Walker.  
Violet, the maid—Mary Smith.  
Grace, Ronnie's mother—Anita Page.  
Arthur, his father—G. E. Brown.  
His sister, Catherine—Barbara Comley.  
His brother, Dickie—A. Viney.  
John Watherstone—B. Ashby.  
Desmond Curry—G. Salter.  
Sir Robert—B. E. S. Trueman.



A vote of thanks to Miss Jones, the cast, and others concerned was proposed by Price and seconded by Margaret Jordan.

February 28th.—The society had the pleasure of seeing four films, which were shown by Mr. George Chatham, an old boy of the School.

Three short films about penguins, sea-lions, and Brumas, the polar bear were followed by a colour film of the Hebrides, made by Mr. Chatham himself while on holiday there.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Patricia Newey and seconded by Kitchen.

March 6th.—At this meeting the society was entertained by 5th form dramatics.

5G, under the direction of Miss Scriven, presented a one act play, "The Old Bull."

The cast was:

Sarah—Pat Smith.  
Bones—B. Moore.  
Charles—A. Cox.  
James—R. Grove.  
Uncle William—H. Moss.

The play was introduced by Irene Farr.

Mr. Pearson produced James Ferguson's "Campbell of Kilmohr," members of 5X taking part.

Mary Stewart was played by Janice Cross.  
Morag Cameron by Margaret Jordan.  
Dugald Stewart by Oakey.  
Captain Sandeman by Grieves.  
Archie Campbell by Price.  
James Mackenzie by Cook.  
Soldiers were played by Pooler, Raxter, Simmonds and Smith.

Audrey Bradley introduced the play.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Margaret Bentley and seconded by Bennett.

March 20th.—This week the society had the pleasure of hearing a lecture by Mr. Mafaddyen of Birmingham University.

He entitled his talk, "Electronical Musical Instruments," and, after an introduction in which he briefly revised principles of sound, he described various types of electronic organs. He illustrated his talk with lantern slides.

He also played a record of the clavioline to show the different effects achieved with this type of instrument.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Babington and seconded by Anita Page.

After the dancing class, members of the society went to see the Cresconians' production of "Quiet Wedding."

Immediately prior to the Easter Vacation the last meeting of the 1951-52 session was held. It took the form of a highly enjoyable dance, and was a fitting end to a successful session.

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On Friday, July 4th, the Joint Societies annual excursion took place. This time a tour of the Cotswold country was undertaken, and, on a day favoured by the weather, "a good time was had by all."

Four coaches left School at 7-30 a.m. and arrived back at School some fourteen hours later. In those fourteen hours, we had visited some beautiful places, a few of them being Chipping Campden, Moreton-on-the-Marsh, Chestleton House, Stow-on-the-Wold, Burford, Bourton-on-the-Water, Broadway and Evesham.

We picnicked by the Rollright Stones at lunchtime, and had tea at Bourton-on-the Water, where some enterprising caterer hired the Town Hall to accommodate us!

Our thanks must once more go to Miss Jones for this successful and very enjoyable excursion.

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## VISITS TO STRATFORD

IN the Summer Term, three School parties visited the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford. In May a party of Sixth-Formers saw Glen Byam Shaw's production of "Coriolanus," and a Fifth-Form group saw the same producer's "As You Like It." In July a party comprised of members of the staff and members of the Upper Sixth visited an evening performance of Jonson's "Volpone," produced by George Devine.

When I saw "Coriolanus" I did not think it a good play; in fact, I thought that only Motley's setting and costumes, the producer's skilful handling of his crowd, and some superlative acting by Messrs. Quayle and Hordern pulled it through. For once the

Swan of Avon turned out to be an ugly duckling for me. Perhaps he wrote it with Burbage harrying him every time they met at the tavern.

"Anything new for me, Will? Not had a full house for weeks. It's these plaguey bear-gardens that attract 'em now. Come on, Will, set to, there's a good chap."

But, in a part difficult to make interesting Anthony Quayle did his utmost, and there were times when he almost succeeded in giving the character dignity, and not revealing him to be so very like a belligerent fourth-former.

Miss Ellis was adequate as that "battle-happy" matron, Volumnia, but the best acting came from Mr. Hordern. He gave a wonderful performance as Menenius Agrippa.

"As You Like It" is a play of beauty, and Mr. Glen Byam Shaw and his designer saw to it that the beauty of the play was matched by beauty of costume and design.

We saw the Forest of Arden change before our eyes—from the bare branches of Winter sprouted the green shoots of Spring, and the costumes were such a sheer delight that we were ready to shout, with Jacques, "Motley's the only wear."

And both play and setting were matched by players. Margaret Leighton was a beautiful Rosalind, suggesting all the character's moods, and Siobhan McKenna's Celia was worth going a long way to see. She was as witty as Rosalind.

Laurence Harvey (Orlando) did all that was asked of him charmingly, and the rustics were all admirably played; and Michael Bates succeeded in making a delicious character out of that mass of words that is Touchstone. One unforgettable moment was the singing of "It was a lover and his lass" by two tiny pages to Touchstone's piping.

But again it was Michael Hordern who impressed most. His Jacques will be remembered for many years by all who saw it. He even made the "All the world's a stage" speech sound new, reminding one as he did so, of Hugh Griffith's bringing a newness to the "This England" speech last year in "Richard II." His performance was, for me, at least, the best thing in an enchanting production.

In July we saw "Volpone," the first non-Shakespearean play to be presented during the Festival at Stratford for many years. It was refreshing, and Mr. George Devine's production contained some great things.

With Mr. Quayle's consent, producer, and designer, Malcolm Pride, gave the play the opulent settings and costumes it deserves—nay, demands. The lifts and slides and machinery for revolving the stage, which had been rusting at Stratford for many years, were brought into full play, and the exciting result led many of the older playgoers to talk of Komisarjevsky's brilliant pre-war productions, about which, unfortunately, I have only been able to read.

The danger of a production of this size and splendour is that it might swamp the cast, but the glorious scenery and costumes were matched by some wonderful acting.

The two main figures are, of course, Volpone and Mosca, and in Sir Ralph Richardson and Anthony Quayle, two great actors played as a team. Neither attempted to steal the glory of the play by making his a mere individual performance. Mr. Quayle's parasite is the best thing I have seen him do (and I am not forgetting his Falstaff) and there were moments when Sir Ralph, in the more difficult part of Volpone, touched greatness. He was a great clown and was probably at his best in the mountebank scene, where the greatest praise that I can give him is that he reminded me of Danny Kaye. He spoke the poetry in the big scene with Celia beautifully, and gave an excellent performance.

There were many very good pieces of acting in the minor parts of this production. Voltore, Corbaccio and Corvino were all good, Michael Bates being howlingly funny as Corbaccio. Celia was played well by Miss McKenna, and Lady Would-be was well portrayed by Rosalind Atkinson.

But, with Michael Bates, the two small part players I remember most are Edward Atienza as Volpone's dwarf, and Michael Hordern as Sir Politick Would-be. This last-named actor has had a wonderful season at Stratford, and, as Sir Politick, he again acted brilliantly. He is one of the best supporting players in the theatre, and with his deep, rich voice, mobile features, and, perhaps above all, his perfect control of movement and knowledge of how to fit a walk to a character, he has proved himself a very, very good actor.

In conclusion, this may not have been one of Stratford's outstanding season's, but it has given us many good things, and our thanks are due to Miss Jones for organising these outings for our enjoyment, and also to Mr. Partridge, who braved the weather at Stratford to stand for a very long while to secure us tickets.

Eric Brown. VIA.

**GUIDE ACTIVITIES**

## OFFICERS:

Captain—F. D. TWEEDIE.

## Lieutenants—

P. PINE.      M. MORRIS.      D. NICHOLLS.  
C. BAGLEY.      F. D. BROADERWICK.

## Leaders—

FRANCIS REEVES	-	-	Chaffinch.
CHRISTINE COX	-	-	Nightingale.
MARGARET JORDAN	-	-	Snowdrop.
JANET TUCKER	-	-	White Heather.
ANN WHITTINGHAM	-	-	Scarlet Pimpernel.
AUDREY BRADLEY	-	-	Primrose.
MOLLIE BIDDULPH	-	-	Robin.

**B**EFORE following on in chronological order from the 1950-51 issue, we must first say how very pleased we all are to welcome as lieutenants, Miss Bagley, who joined us at the beginning of the year, and Mrs. Broaderwick, who returned to us at the beginning of camp. Both were Guides in our Company and trained for service in the Guide Movement in our Company of Cadets.

As usual after the return to school-life we found that the Company funds had dwindled, due to the increasing costs of camp. The annual Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall, Oldbury, helped considerably with an exceedingly useful contribution of £31. We extend our thanks to Mrs. Quayle and Miss Williams for their splendid help and the generous way in which they gave up their time for us.

The Guides attended Church Parade on Remembrance Sunday and Mayor's Sunday and were fortunate enough to have dry, though cold, weather.

At the end of November we combined our "Bring and Buy Sale" and enrolment of Guides and Cadets. The evening was a great success and both visitors and Guides enjoyed themselves.

At the beginning of the new year, Lady Gurner, the Divisional Commissioner, retired from her post and Mrs. Allen kindly took over the duties of office. We were greatly honoured by Mrs. Allen's coming to one of our camp-fires, at which each Company was represented. Mrs. Allen talked about Guiding in general.

On the 6th February, 1952, we heard, with the nation, of the sudden death of His Majesty, King George VI. This brought to

all Guides the one unhappy experience of the year, and we offered our greatest sympathy to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, the young Queen, Elizabeth II, Queen Mary, Princess Margaret and the Royal Family. The King's funeral took place on Friday, 15th February, 1952. In full uniform we heard the service with the rest of the School.

On the following Sunday, six of our Guides were allowed to attend a general service of mourning for the late King at Oldbury Parish Church.

On the 4th March, the Oldbury Guide Local Association held their annual general meeting in the School Hall, at which some members were enrolled. There was shown a film of last year's Guide Rally at Birmingham, which was attended by the Chief Guide.

On the 14th March, in order to help Company funds, we held a Whist Drive in the School Assembly Hall. It was an experiment which turned out to be very successful. It started at 7-15 p.m. and the tickets were 2/- each including refreshments, which the individual Guides had brought together with some prizes.

The Guides attended the Annual Divisional Parade at Edgbaston Old Church, and three of our Leaders were asked to carry, and escort, the Divisional Standard—a great honour indeed.

On May 24th, a training course was held for the Patrol Leaders and Seconds in the Edgbaston Division. It proved to be a great success and all came home with exciting things to show to their patrols.

Meetings were held every Monday night after School, and each Guide worked hard for the advancement of the Company. Many second class badges were obtained and in the near future we are hoping to be able to present some first class badges.

During the year our Guides again won the District Guide Swimming Shield, and also repeated their performance of coming first in the District Athletic Sports.

At last the end of the year came, bringing with it—Camp!! We were returning to our old camp site at Beer, amid the hills and dales of South Devon. As our coach took us up the hill from the village to our camping site upon the cliffs, we recognised many faces as those of old friends and felt quite at home.

Our camp life was to prove very eventful. For example, one day while bathing at Branscombe, a neighbouring beach, a gentleman was stricken very badly with cramp while still in the water.

Some of our Guides helped him up to the beach, where Captain massaged his leg until it was quite better and he was able to walk easily. This incident was reported in the local newspapers. During the evenings, we invited other camping Guides to our campfires. One Company came from London, the other from Chester.

We were very lucky in having good weather throughout camp and there was not one day which was not even more perfect than the previous one.

Alas! "all good things come to an end" and so did camp! When we were coming home, everyone voted it one of the best camps we have ever had.

Even this, however, was not the end of the Guide year, for when we returned home we heard the news that Queen Elizabeth II had kindly consented to become our Patron in addition to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. We share this last joy with all other Guides.

In conclusion, we offer our very sincere thanks to all our friends and supporters for their encouragement during the year and their help in making it such a successful and enjoyable one for all Guides and Cadets.

Margaret Jordan.

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## MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

ONCE again, during the past year music in the School has maintained its high standard. With enthusiastic supporters in all the sections, interest has increased, all branches doing well as a consequence.

Membership of the Orchestra has been maintained with a normal total of thirty players, the sections being correctly balanced. It is good to know that applicants for admission come forward, not only for the first and second violin sections, but notably as players of the viola or 'cello. In fact it appears that, if all competent players of violas and 'cellos are admitted, the violin groups will have to be correspondingly enlarged. Now that Mr. Nurse is specially coaching for viola playing, and Mr. Sutton is doing likewise with young 'cellists, there should be no preponderance of violinists competent to join. It was a year ago that we welcomed Mr. Nurse. In this issue of our magazine we welcome Mr. Sutton, the well-known 'cellist, whose experience as a player in the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and as a teacher in the Birmingham School of Music, makes him a real source of

inspiration to us. The younger pupils being trained by Mr. Nurse and Mr. Sutton should provide our Orchestra with talented players for many years to come.

As members have left from time to time, there has been keen competition for places in the Girls' Choir, and it has thus been possible to select new members with good voices. The standard of singing has been improved, and a perusal of all the items sung shows that an astonishingly wide field has been covered. The Four-Part Choir, the Boys' Assembly Choir and the Augmented Choir have also done excellent work whenever called upon during the last year.

The Christmas Concert gave scope to all sections of our singers and players, the programme consisting, according to our normal practice, of nothing but group work representing the various departments of our school music, including those already referred to in this report as well as chamber music groups of string players. The singing of our choral song, "Britain," on this occasion will long be remembered, for both the Augmented Choir and the Orchestra really excelled in their performance, and the conductor felt such responsiveness as makes music profoundly effective.

On the last day of the Autumn Term we had our usual carol service, which everyone enjoyed. As most of our Christmas activities are of a festive nature nothing better than this special service could be planned for the day when the school breaks up for the Christmas holiday.

The concert at the end of the Spring Term was, however, one which was judged to have reached an even higher level, both singers and players deserving congratulation on their most effective performances, all the result of much careful preparation and practice.

Other musical activities have included the provision of music for the Mayor's Banquet, when a group of our girls once again played during the reception. Their performances were very well received.

The musical appreciation group has met regularly each Wednesday lunch hour, and on these occasions much good work has been done with the help of our gramophone and an abundance of records, so specially helping those of our pupils who are not themselves players, but who are listeners with ever increasing knowledge and appreciation of real music.

This report could not properly be closed without reference to the singing classes held in the School Hall at the end of afternoon



sessions four times a week. There has been a notable improvement in these classes, and it is largely from the interest in music shown in connection with them that enthusiasm for our other musical activities develops.

Our thanks are due to many members of the staff for their encouragement and practical support in all our doings. May music always flourish in the School, and be a constant source of enjoyment to us all!

JOY HOWARD.

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### **COACH TOUR OF NORTHERN FRANCE**

**T**HE party assembled promptly at 10 a.m. on the morning of Friday, the 22nd of August. Owing to an unavoidable delay the coach was unable to arrive until some ninety minutes later, but it soon picked up all the members of the party at the various pre-arranged places and sped towards London. We soon settled down in our seats as we flashed through the English countryside towards Dover with Mr. Tibbs, our driver, philosopher and friend at the wheel of the luxurious cream and blue coach. We stopped for lunch at Dunstable, and for tea at the "Pilgrim's Rest," near Wrotham. Our last stop before the coast was at Canterbury, where some of the party, evidently optimistic as to the state of the Channel, indulged in a supper of fish and chips.

Finally, we reached Dover at about 10 p.m. and the Customs proved a mere formality. We boarded the boat, "St. Germaine," and had plenty of time to inspect it thoroughly before sailing at 12-30. We arrived at Dunkirk in the early hours of Saturday morning and proceeded through Calais, Marquise to Rouen, "the city of a thousand cathedrals," arriving in time for a dinner, cooked in the traditional French manner.

We were in Rouen for three days, from the 23rd of August to Monday the 25th. As we entered the city, we noticed the great amount of reconstruction work being done on buildings damaged during World War II. A new bridge was being built and, all along the river-side, new blocks of flats were nearing completion. The many bullet holes in the walls of the houses still standing were grim reminders of war years.

On Sunday morning we visited the zoo at Clères, where most of the birds and animals roam around in complete freedom.

In the afternoon a journey was made to Etretat, a holiday resort on the N.W. coast. Here one could water-ski, hire a motor-boat or canoe, or, of course, swim. Since the latter cost nothing at all, the whole party confined itself to swimming.

We returned for dinner, a seven-course meal, which proved too much, for by the fifth course almost everyone had had enough. The next day we spent at Deauville and Trouville, twin towns to the south of Etretat, also on the coast. The hotel provided us with a magnificent packed lunch of melons, tomatoes, bananas, sliced veal and bread.

In the evenings we were allowed to explore the city on our own, and there were such things to see as the famous cathedral, the Grosse Horloge, and the church of St. Ouen, which was quite near the hotel.

After breakfast on Tuesday, we journeyed to Paris, arriving in time for a late lunch at 3 o'clock. The day, like all others, was hot, the sun poured down from a cloudless sky. After a little difficulty, the "Hotel Dagmar" was found and we were soon comfortably installed. To the delight of the party, especially those on the upper floors, the hotel was found to contain a lift, and needless to say, it was in constant use.

As Paris is renowned for its beautiful and historical buildings, we decided to visit as many of them as we could.

The beautiful church of "Notre Dame" was our first calling place. We were keenly interested in all our guide had to tell us about this wonderful Gothic monument. We toured Paris the easy way, by coach, seeing the Louvre, Champs Elyseés, Arc de Triomphe, Hôtel des Invalides, Palais de Chaillot, Sacré-Cœur, L'École Militaire. These were all visited in turn, each arousing interest and wonder. Of course, the famous Eiffel Tower was visited, and some of our party wished to ascend it, but owing to our short stay in the city, this was not possible.

One day was devoted entirely to a visit to the Palais de Versailles, where amongst other things we saw the Galerie des Glaces, where the peace treaty which ended World War I, was signed. We also saw the magnificent Long Canal and "Tapis Vert."

During our stay in Paris we visited a musical comedy. This proved to be excellent, the costumes were exquisite and the production very good.

At 5 a.m. on Friday the 29th, the party was awakened by loud knocking at the bedroom doors. After frantic last minute

packing, we all assembled for our French breakfast of coffee and rolls, prior to departure at 6 a.m. The intended route through Amiens was not taken and we kept inland through Arras. We stopped on the way to Dunkirk at Péronne, where last minute shopping was done with our ever-dwindling allowance of francs. We finally came to Dunkirk, passed through the Customs, boarded the "Shepperton Ferry," and departed for England at 2-30 p.m.

We arrived at Dover in the late afternoon and, after passing through the Customs with ease, departed for the "Pilgrim's Rest" for supper. After passing through London at 10-30 p.m. the party wearily dozed off to sleep one by one, to be awakened at 2-30 a.m. on Saturday on arrival in Birmingham. Thus, the tired but contented travellers made their weary way home, very grateful indeed to Mr. Woodward, Mr. Swain, and Mr. Laycock, together with Mr. Tibbs, for the holiday of a lifetime.

G. J. Walker, D. E. M. Price, B. J. Babington.

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### THREE BOYS ABROAD

THE reason for our holiday in France was that we wished to discover the various aspects of the French mode of living, and to see the magnificent scenery about which we had read so much.

In order to lower the cost of our holiday, we decided to hitch-hike, sleeping at night in a tent, and to cross the channel by the more adventurous way of working our passage. We journeyed to Portsmouth on the first day of the school holidays, arriving about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. After enquiring at the Shipping Control Offices, we discovered that, due to the Bank Holiday, no boats were leaving for France within the next few days, so we decided to try at Southampton, but were again unsuccessful. After a wait of six days on the Isle of Wight, we returned to Portsmouth to find that a French cargo-boat was leaving that afternoon. It required a lengthy argument with the captain before he agreed to take us to Boulogne. The Customs officials came aboard at 3 o'clock, signed the ship's papers, and after sampling the captain's liqueurs, wished us bon voyage, and by 4-30 we were happily sailing down to Spithead. The comical French cook, who could not speak a word of English, beckoned us to the galley, where we were confronted by a large bowl of soup, French rolls and some red wine; this was followed by a gigantic omelette.

Boulogne, our first view of France, was disappointing, as the greater part of the town had been razed to the ground during the war. After bidding the captain good-bye, we set off towards Paris. At first we were quite bewildered by the reckless French drivers. Unfortunately, lifts did not come quite as easily as we had anticipated, and by night-fall we had only travelled 50 miles. A great deal of time was spent in looking for a field free from ants. We eventually decided that there wasn't one, and were forced to share our tent with these unfriendly creatures.

The next day we reluctantly decided to part company, in order to travel faster, having arranged to meet at the Arc de Triomphe. Two of us met the same evening in Paris, and were compelled to sleep on the banks of the Seine. During the night we were visited by a Frenchman, whom a gendarme told to "allez vite." The gendarme then informed us that our late companion would have had no scruples about cutting our throats. The following morning all three of us were re-united, and after travelling by the Metro to the suburbs we again separated, and this proved to be our last moments together during the holiday.

Travelling south our object was to reach the Riviera, and then to return via the Carcassonne Gate and the western fringe of the Massif Central to St. Malo. Owing to the difficulty of getting lifts, and the numerous hitch-hikers who had the same object in view, only one of us was fortunate enough to reach the Riviera, another reached Lyon and the third Marseille. Although the slow rate of travel was depressing, much pleasure was obtained from the friendliness of our fellow hitch-hikers, and during the course of our travels we made many friends of many nationalities. It was very surprising the number of Germans and Scandinavians who could speak English fluently.

During our peregrinations we were overwhelmed by the kindness and hospitality of the French people, who on many occasions invited us into their homes in order to give us a meal, which we would always accept readily, as cooked meals were a rarity. The French were also glad to discuss matters of international interest, and on such occasions the wine would run freely. No distinction was found between the hospitality of the peasant-farmers and the upper classes. An example of this was an invitation to the Chateau du Général Leclerc, which was followed two hours later by one to a peasant's cottage. Many of the Frenchmen we met had thrilling stories to tell us of the Maquis or escaping from the Germans during the war.

The beauty of the Central Plateau, Rhone Valley and Cote d'Azure, was worth the journey but the great distances involved in reaching these places somewhat dulled their grandeur for us.

We returned to England by divers routes, one returning via Paris and the Dover-Calais crossing, another, working his passage on a private yacht from St. Malo to Portsmouth, and the other returning from St. Malo via Jersey, where he spent a few days with Mr. Russell and five boys from School, and thence to Southampton by the regular passenger steamer.

Our month's holiday in France provided us with many new experiences and wonderful memories.

Cryer, Poole, Stringer.

## SPORTS RESULTS—Boys

### FOOTBALL

The football season 1951-1952 was, on the whole, dull with occasional bright periods. As far as our normal inter-school fixtures were concerned, this was the dismal statistical result:—

	Fix- tures	Won	Drew	Lost	Can- celled	Goals For	Goals Agst
1st XI ...	32	9	1	13	9	91	101
2nd XI...	27	6	5	9	7	50	64
Junior XI	24	4	2	13	5	45	80

The Captains of the teams were: 1st XI, Abell; 2nd XI, Poole; and Junior XI, Harris.

At extremely short notice, we formed an under 12 XI to fulfil a fixture with Wolverhampton Technical High School. Lewis was captain of this team and although they were defeated by six goals to two, they gained match experience that will be invaluable to these young lads in the future. As preparation for this match, the 1st Year played the 2nd Year and beat them by seven goals to two.

Although we fared so badly in our inter-school matches, our lucky star was definitely in the ascendant as far as the Birmingham and District Grammar Schools Cup Competition was concerned. In the first round of this Cup we were drawn against Redditch Grammar School on their ground. The Redditch team was still an unknown quantity as far as we were concerned when we kicked off

on Wednesday, 12th December, but not for long; our team set in with a will to win and when the final whistle was blown were victors by six clear goals.

In the next round we were drawn against our local rivals, Holly Lodge. This was the most thrilling match of the season. Played at home in shocking conditions the match was a ding-dong struggle throughout. We had previously been beaten by Holly Lodge, six to one, but at full time in the Cup match the score stood at six goals each. Extra time had to be played during which no fewer than three goals were scored, giving us the verdict by eight goals to seven.

The semi-final of the Cup Competition was played against West Bromwich Grammar School on Dudley's ground. Earlier in the season, West Bromwich had beaten our 1st XI by five goals to one and although our lads played gallant football, they were beaten by four goals to two.

Victors in the House Football Matches were School House, who won all three of their matches and had the excellent goal average of sixteen goals for and four against. Kings were second, having won two matches and lost one. Queens beat Trinity but lost their other two matches to take third place and, without a win to their credit, Trinity brought up the tail.

Football Colours were awarded to Purvis, Steventon and Pyne for consistent good play during the season.

Thirty-four boys, some with their fathers, were members of the Oldbury Schools' party which travelled by coach to Wembley to see the Schoolboy International, England v. Scotland, on 5th April. It was a most enjoyable trip culminating in an excellent game of football in which the English boys proved victorious.

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### ANNUAL ROAD RACE

The road races this year were run off on Tuesday, 4th December. This innovation, of running the road races during the Christmas Term, will be repeated in future years, thus giving us the opportunity to do some cross country running during the Easter Term.

The results of the races were as follows:—

Junior Race: 1, Blewitt; 2, Turner (both of Queen's House); 3, Reynolds of King's. The time was 11 mins. 33 secs. The winning House was School, followed by Queen's, Trinity and King's in that order.

The Intermediate Race was won by Holloway of Queens in 12 mins. 19.8 secs. Russell, also of Queen's, was second and Cotton, of Trinity, third. The team result was: 1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, King's; 4, Trinity.

The Senior Race had two School House boys in the lead. Betteley was the first boy home and he was followed by Purvis. Fardon of King's took third place. The House teams came in the following order: School, Trinity, King's and Queen's.

One extremely satisfying feature of the road races this year was the excellence of the entry in all sections; the total number of runners in the three classes of the race was 266, so rather less than 30 boys, including those excused for medical reasons, failed to run. We hope that this high standard will be maintained in future races.

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### CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country running was introduced to the boys for the first time during the year under review. In the Easter Term a team represented the School at four cross country meetings.

The first meeting was at West Bromwich where seven school teams competed. First place was taken by the home team, West Bromwich Grammar School. We were very proud to be placed second with the following individual placings: Chetwynd 7, Cryer 14, Pyne 16, Fardon 17, Rock 20, Purvis 21—amazing team running for the first time out.

We won a five team competition at Holly Lodge, defeating the home team by only one mark. Our third attempt at competitive running was in a six team match at Moseley. The course did not suit our boys particularly, mainly more or less flat road, and we could do no better than fourth place on that occasion.

The peak meeting at which our team ran was an Open Meeting run by the Harborne Harriers for unattached youth on 1st March. Six teams competed on this occasion and with individual competitors, there were in all 38 runners. The result was most encouraging; our finishing order was: Chetwynd 1, Cryer 2, Fardon 4, Holloway 7, Carter 10 (Moss, our sixth runner, was unable to compete because of an injury sustained whilst playing football in the morning). Thus, as only the first three home counted, we won with the excellent total of 7 points, only one more than the minimum possible. Our nearest rivals were King Edward's, Five Ways, with 14 points.

We are now hoping that cross country running will become one of the permanent features of our Winter sports programme and we are searching around for a suitable course for home fixtures.

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### GYMNASTICS

The gymnastic competitions, instituted last year, were extended somewhat during the Easter Term to include not only individual and House competitions, but also to find the best form of this subject. Last year, those competitions included only the lower School, but this year the middle school was also brought in up to Form 4a. Once more the ratings were such as to give the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. The individual results were: 1st, Franklin, rating 95; 2nd, Mountford with 90; Horton came third with a rating of 88; and he was followed by Cotton (87) and Jackson (86).

The best Form was 3c with 486 points, 3b followed with 480, 2b (458), 2c (449), 2a (448) and 1a with 441 points. 1a are particularly to be congratulated for doing so well in only their second term at the School.

The winning House this year was Queen's with 798 points, School (last year's winners) came second with 790 and King's were third with 762.

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### ATHLETICS

Once again this year every boy in the School has been able to contribute points towards the House Athletic Championship through a system of Standard performances. Last year only selected events were used in the standard performance scheme, but this year it embraced all the events in every group with the one exception of the Open Three Mile Race. There was a certain amount of difficulty in getting the senior boys to make their attempts at standard performance and more support from them in future will be appreciated. The effect these points can have on the result of the championship will be evident from the figures below of the standards achieved by the various houses.

Queen's House gained 189 points in standards for boys' events, Trinity had 186, School 173 and King's 150 points respectively. The importance of these points in deciding the championship will be obvious to all. The standards this year were mainly experimental, but from this year's results, a series of standards will be compiled which will serve us in good stead in future years.



The School Athletic Sports Meeting was held on 10th July, although a number of events were actually decided before this date. The Three Mile Team Race, an event instituted only this year, and the Mile Team Race were run off after Sports Day.

The results of the boys' events were as follows:—

#### 100 YARDS

- Group A—1, Darby (S); 2, Lewis (T); 3, Taylor (Q).  
12.1 secs.
- Group B—1, Reynolds (K); 2, Harrold (K); 3, Field (S).  
12.3 secs.
- Group C—1, Hancox; 2, Taylor (Q); 3, Knight (Q).  
11.6 secs.
- Group D—1, Holloway (Q); 2, Bailey (Q); 3, Harris (T).  
11.3 secs.
- Group E—1, Parkes (Q); 2, Fardon (K); 3, Carter (Q).  
11.1 secs.

#### 220 YARDS

- Group B—1, Harrold (K); Field (S); 3, Smith (K).  
31 secs.
- Group C—1, Hancox (S); 2, Spooner (K); 3, Knight (Q).  
28.8 secs.
- Group D—1, Holloway (Q); 2, Bailey (Q); 3, Harding (T).  
26.7 secs.
- Group E—1, Parkes (Q); 2, Carter (Q); 3, Hargest (T).  
26.5 secs.

#### 440 YARDS

- Group C—1, Taylor (Q); 2, Spooner (K); 3, Hancox (S).  
65.6 secs.
- Group D—1, Holloway (Q); 2, Hadley (T); 3, Harris (T).  
61.5 secs.
- Group E—1, Moss (Q); 2, Betteley (S); 3, Cryer (T).  
64.1 secs.

#### 880 YARDS

- Group D—1, Holloway (Q); 2, Sadler (Q); 3, Kirk (T).  
2 mins. 50.9 secs.
- Group E—1, Chetwynd (T); 2, Cryer; 3, Betteley (S).  
2 mins. 38 secs.

#### MILE TEAM RACE

- Group E—Individual result: 1, Cryer (T); 2, Chetwynd (T); 3, Purvis (S). 5 mins. 19.75 secs.  
Team result: 1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queen's.

3-MILE TEAM RACE

Group E—Individual result: 1, Chetwynd (T); 2, Betteley (S); 3, Cryer (T). 19 mins. 21.3 secs. (Record).  
Team result: 1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queen's.

RELAYS

Group A/B (4 x 110 yds.)—1, King's; 2, School; 3, Trinity. —  
59.4 secs. (Record).

Group D (4 x 440 yds.)—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, School.  
1 min. 59.5 secs. (Record).

Group C (220, 110, 110, 220yds.)—1, School; 2, King's; 3, Queen's.  
92.3 secs. (Record).

Group E (880, 440, 220, 220 yds.)—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, School  
4 mins. 30.2 secs. (Record).

HIGH JUMP

Group A—1, Husband (S); 2, Taylor (Q); 3, Langford (S).  
3 ft. 8½ ins.

Group B—1, Sturman (T); 2, Blewitt (Q); 3, Mountney (S).  
3 ft. 11¾ ins.

Group C—1, Allaway (Q); 2, Teale (S); 3, Hargreaves (K).  
4 ft. 3½ ins.

Group D—1, Franklin (K); 2, Cotton (T); 3, Hadley (T).  
4 ft. 3 ins.

Group E—1, Cook (K); 2, Moore (S); 3, Moss (Q).  
4 ft. 6¾ ins.

LONG JUMP

Group A—1, Taylor (Q); 2, Husband (S); 3, Lewis (T).  
13 ft. 6 ins.

Group B—1, Reynolds (K); 2, Law (T); 3, Field (S).  
13 ft. 9 ins.

Group C—1, Taylor (Q); 2, Horton (S); 3, Allaway (Q).  
13 ft. 5 ins.

Group D—1, Franklin (K); 2, Hadley (T); 3, Ahlberg (K).  
13 ft. 7¾ ins.

Group E—1, Betteley (S); 2, Moss (Q); 3, Oakey (T).  
16 ft. 6¾ ins.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

Group A—1, Smith (T); 2, Lewis (T); 3, Langford (S).  
27 ft. 5 ins.

Group B—1, Field (S); 2, Reynolds (K); 3, Parker (T).  
27 ft. 5½ ins. (Record).

## THROWING CRICKET BALL

- Group A—1, Taylor (Q); 2, Moore (T); 3, Husband (S).  
149 ft. 3 ins.
- Group B—1, Snooks (Q); 2, Rollason (S); 3, Parker (2).  
179 ft. 10½ ins. (Record).
- Group C—1, Spooner (K); 2, Davis (Q); 3, Allen (T).  
187 ft. 7 ins. (Record).

## PUTTING SHOT

- Group B—1, Harrold (K); 2, Parker (T); 3, Law (T).  
34 ft. 0 ins. (Record).
- Group C—1, Spooner (K); 2, Mountford (S); 3, Price (S).  
31 ft. 4 ins.
- Group D—1, Cotton (T); 2, Fullwood (Q); 3, Bayliss (K).  
34 ft. 9 ins. (Record).
- Group E—1, Lines (K); 2, Cryer (T); 3, Fardon (K).  
30 ft. 10¼ ins. (Record).

## THROWING THE JAVELIN

- Group D—1, Cotton (T); 2, Handy (T); 3, Franklin (K).  
104 ft. 8 ins.
- Group E—1, Cox (S); 2, Cook (K); 3, Parkes (Q).  
132 ft. 9½ ins. (Record).

## THROWING THE DISCUS

- Group D—1, Cotton (T); 2, Bayliss (K); 3, Wilshaw (S).  
95 ft. 6 ins.
- Group E—1, Rose (T); 2, Abell (K); 3, Purvis (S).  
91 ft. 2½ ins.

Queen's House was the Champion House up to the end of Sports Day in the boys' events but the aggregate girls' and boys' points, at that time gave the exceedingly close result of Trinity 392½ points, Queen's 389½ points, School 388½ points and King's 346½ points, thus the final championship depended on the Mile and 3-Mile Team Races and on the corrected standard points. After the necessary corrections had been made and the mile and 3-mile events run the points stood as follows: Champion House, Trinity with 402 points, second was School with 395½ points, Queen's came next with 392½ and King's had 346 points.

With such a large and varied athletic programme this year, a great deal of extra work was entailed by staff and children alike. We are extremely grateful to Dr. Howard and to the Teaching Staff for their whole-hearted co-operation in allowing the extra time

necessary to complete the programme. With the experience gained this year, we feel that we shall be able to organise just as large a meeting in considerably less time in future.

The Boy Champions this season are as follows: Junior, Taylor and Reynolds, Intermediate Champion is Holloway and the Senior Victor Ludorum is Betteley. Congratulations to all these, and particularly to Derek Taylor for achieving this honour in his first year in the School.

We entered quite a large team in the Birmingham and District Grammar School Sports again this season. The following boys were entered as individuals in their various events: Junior 100 yds., Harrold and Lewis; Intermediate 100 yds., Hancox and Bailey; Intermediate 880 yds., Holloway and Harris; Senior 100 yds., Parkes and Fardon; Senior 440 yds., Moss and Betteley; Senior Mile, Chetwynd and Cryer. None of these competitors had any success in their events except that Holloway and Moss scored Standard Points.

We also entered teams for the Relay Races in all classes. The Intermediate and Senior relay teams were defeated in their respective heats, but the Junior team ran the fastest second in their heat and went with five other teams into the final. They ran third in the final against very keen opposition. The Junior relay team, consisted of Smith, Hart, Harrold, Field, Langford, Taylor, Lewis, and Darby. Congratulations to these boys for a very fine effort.

Two relay teams, one under 15 and the other under 13, were entered in the competition for the Chamber of Trade Shield at the Oldbury Athletic Club's sports. Because of a printer's error we had to make adjustments to our teams on the track and were unable to run our best team as a result. However, the boys ran well to take third place.

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## SWIMMING

The boys' Swimming Gala was held on the afternoon of Friday, 18th July, at Langley Baths. The two hour programme of swimming and diving was enjoyed by a large number of competitors and spectators. The results were;—

## JUNIOR EVENTS

- 1 Length Free Style—  
 1, Rollason (S); 2, Harrold (K); 3, Husband (S). 21.1 secs.
- 1 Length Breast Stroke—  
 1, Lewis (T); 2, Reynolds (K). 19.7 secs. (Record).
- 1 Width Back Stroke—  
 1, Law (T); 2, Lewis (T); 3, Drew (T). 10 secs. (Record).
- 1 Width Beginners—  
 1, Rollason (S); 2, Husband (S). 8.7 secs. (Record).
- Dive—  
 1, Lewis (T); 2, Law (T); 3, Rollason (S).
- Relay—  
 1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, King's. 1 min. 40.6 secs.

## INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

- 2 Lengths Free Style—  
 1, Hargreaves (K); 2, Wood (S); 3, Ahlberg (K). 39 secs.
- 2 Lengths Breast Stroke—  
 1, Teale (S); 2, Tongue (Q); 3, Russell (Q). 50.9 secs.
- 1 Length Back Stroke—  
 1, Russell (Q); 2, Bagnall (T); 3, Porritt (S). 21.1 secs.
- 1 Width Beginners—  
 1, Cleveley (Q); 2, Lago (T); 3, Dodson (Q).
- Dive—  
 1, Hargreaves (K); 2, Russell (Q); 3, Ahlberg (K).
- Relay—  
 1, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's. 1 min. 21.9 secs.  
 (School was disqualified for not awaiting touch).

## SENIOR EVENTS

- 3 Lengths Free Style—  
 1, Fardon (K); 2, Turner (T); 3, Lane (Q). 54.6 secs.
- 2 Lengths Breast Stroke—  
 1, Thomas (T); 2, Fardon (K); 3, Moore (S). 44.5 secs.
- 2 Lengths Back Stroke—  
 1, Smith (Q); 2, Lines (K); 3, Turner (T). 45.7 secs.
- Plunge—  
 1, Spencer (S); 2, Lines (K); 3, Cox (T). 38 ft. 9ins. (Record)
- Dive—  
 1, Spencer (S); 2, Babington (Q); 3, Cook (K).
- Relay—  
 1, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, School. 1 min. 11.1 secs.

The Boys' House Championship came out thus: 1, Trinity with 39 points, second was King's with 36 points, School came third with 28 points and last was Queen's with 20 points.

In addition to our own Swimming Gala, some of the boys have worked hard during their leisure time to form themselves into a Water Polo team. These boys played a match against Albright School and after the most thrilling match seen at Langley Baths for a long time, the team's drew, one goal apiece.

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### PLAYING FIELDS

The levelling of the first half of the School field is now well under way. We managed to fit in a 330 yard track on the front half of the field this year which served its purpose extremely well. Towards the latter part of the cricket season, we have, occasionally, had fairly decent cricket pitches, but a great deal of work will have to be done on the cricket square during the winter to bring it up to normal Grammar School standard. P.M.R.

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### CRICKET—SEASON 1952

The School 1st XI had a successful season and of the 13 matches played only 2 were lost one of which was against a strong Parents XI. The School averaged 10.4 runs per wicket against their opponents' 8.43 and the low scoring in nearly all matches can be attributed to the poor wickets provided. Indeed, until suitable pitches for net practice are made available, the general level of batting technique will never be high. Most of the batsmen were able to defend their wickets but the lack of stroke play was reflected in the slow rate of scoring, this being particularly evident against the Parents when more than 115 runs should have been scored, even if more than 4 wickets had been lost.

Abell proved a knowledgeable captain and was well supported in the field by the keenness of all members of the XI. Betteley was outstanding in this respect saving many more runs than he scored.

Batting: Abell scored 224 runs in 12 innings for an average of 24.8. no other member of the team having an average worthy of mention. However, Pyne with an innings of 54 against Saltley Training College, Edge D. and Moss should all make runs next season.

Bowling: Purvis (vice-capt.) and Abell bore the brunt of the bowling and both returned exceptionally good figures. So good was

their opening attack that the other bowlers—Stevens, slow off-spinners and Ward, left arm medium pace—were scarcely called upon.

Purvis: 136 overs, 50 maidens, 237 runs, 46 wickets  
—Average 5.15.

Abell: 137 overs, 29 maidens, 351 runs, 42 wickets  
—Average 8.35.

1st XI Cricket Colours were awarded to S. Purvis. Abell is to be congratulated on again being selected to play for the Worcestershire G.S. XI and on captaining the side against Shropshire.

The Junior XI played 7 matches of which 2 were won, 2 lost and 3 drawn. This eleven has several promising players of whom more should be heard in the future—namely Harris a wicket-keeper and left-handed batsman, Cotton and Spooner two useful all-rounders.

The House Matches were keenly contested and produced a much higher standard of cricket than for some seasons. King's had a very strong side and won all their matches, School House being runners up. King's distinguished themselves by defeating the Rest by 5 runs after a most exciting match.

Scores: Kings, 83 for 7 wickets (Abell 37 not out; Purvis 5 for 41).

The Rest 78 (Hill 26; Abell 6 for 41).

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## **SPORTS RESULTS—Girls**

### **HOCKEY**

The 1st XI Hockey team had, on the whole, a successful season, winning 10 of their seventeen matches. Goals scored for the school amounted to 47 with 30 against.

Permanent members of the team were: Margaret Bentley (vice-captain), Valerie Williams (captain), Audrey Bradley, Joceneyn Bacon, Mollie Biddulph, Mary Hadley, Joan Whitehouse, Ann Elsdon, Irene Farr and Frances Reeves.

Others who have played during the season include: Sheila Payne, Mary Bagnall, Margaret Thompson, Diane Allbrook, Christine Cox and Barbara Sorrell.

Hockey colours were awarded to Audrey Bradley.

Each House played 3 games. The most successful was School House who scored 11 goals and none scored against. Trinity scored 4 but had 4 scored against them. Queen's total was 2 for and 4 against, and King's 11 against and 3 for.

School won 3; Trinity won 1, drew 1, lost 1; Queen's won 0, drew 2, lost 1; King's won 0, drew 1, lost 2.

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### ROUNDERS

The Junior team which consisted of B. Faulkner, M. Gripton, A. Elsdon, B. Phillips, J. Sheldon, L. King, P. Hulse, B. Timmins and M. Pickerall, played 7 matches, lost 2, drew 1, and won 4. The score was 40 for and 26 against.

The senior team played 6 matches during the summer, 4 were won and 2 lost.

Colours for good play were awarded to P. Newey and M. Bagnall. The team was: F. Reeves, V. Williams, M. Bentley (Captain), P. Sealey, V. Beard, P. Newey, E. Kent, M. Bagnall, M. Jordan, A. Bradley, M. Thompson, A. Brooks.

Score was 37 for and 20 against.

During the season a marked improvement in the team was seen when posts were used in place of bases.

Three matches were played by each House. King's won 3; School won 2 and lost 1; Trinity won 1 and lost 2; Queen's lost 3. Rounders scored by each House were as follows: King's 19 with  $6\frac{1}{2}$  against; School  $23\frac{1}{2}$  with  $16\frac{1}{2}$  against; Trinity 26 with  $26\frac{1}{2}$  against; Queen's 18 with 37 against.

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### TENNIS

The tennis team played 7 matches out of which they won 4 and lost 3. The team consisted of: Joceelyn Bacon, 6X; Mary Hall, 6B; Pauline Such, 5X; Olga Cliff, 4B.

In the House matches the positions were: 1 Queen's, 2 King's, 3 School, 4 Trinity.

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### GIRLS' SWIMMING GALA

#### BEGINNERS WIDTH

Finals—1, Janet Currell (T); 2, Irene Walker (S); 3, Jean Wiggins (S).



## ONE LENGTH FINALS

- 11—12 years—1, Dierdre Bunce (S); 2, Pamela Rowe (T); 3, Edna Partington (K).  
 13 years—1, Janet Sheldon (K); 2, Olwen Llewellyn (Q); 3, Sheila Smith (S).  
 14 years—1, Eileen Kent (T); 2, Brenda Timmins (S); 3, Diane Davis (Q).  
 15 years—1, Ann Whittingham (T); 2, Valerie Jarratt (S); 3, Norma Davis (K).

## ONE LENGTH BACK STROKE FINALS

- 11-12 years—1, Pamela Rowe (T); 2, Dierdre Bunce (S); 3, Gwen Ward (Q).  
 13 years—1, Sheila Smith (S); 2, Diane Williams (Q); 3, Janet Sheldon (K).  
 14 years—1, Eileen Kent (T); 2, Norma Griffin (T); 3, Brenda Timmins (S).  
 15 years—1, Patricia Rooker (S); 2, Valerie Jarratt (S); 3, Gillian Ward (Q).

## ONE WIDTH SCULLING FINALS

- 13—14 years—1, Eileen Kent (T); 2, Diane Davis (Q); 3, Brenda Timmins (S).  
 15 years—1, Eileen Lowe (T); 2, Kathleen Plimley (K); 3, Dianne Harper (Q).

## DIVING FINALS

- 11—12 years—1, Jean McLelland (S); 2, Gillian Ward (Q); 3, Pamela Rowe (T).  
 13 years—1, Janet Sheldon (K); 2, Ann Ward (K); 3, Sheila Smith (S).  
 14 years—1, Eileen Kent (T); 2, Brenda Timmins (S); 3, Norma Griffin (T).  
 15 years—1, Dianne Harper (Q); 2, Norma Davis (K); 3, Valerie Jarratt (S).

## LIFE SAVING FINALS

- 13-14 years—1, Sheila Smith (S); 2, Ann Westwood (T); 3, Janet Fenton (T).  
 15 years—1, Valerie Jarratt (S); 2, Dianne Harper (Q); 3, Pat Rooker (S).

HOUSE RELAY TEAM

Junior—1, Queen's; 2, King's; 3, Trinity.

Senior—1, Trinity; 2, School, 3, King's.

HOUSE BOAT RACE

1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queen's.

Junior Champion: Pamela Rowe, (T) (6); Runner-up Dierdre Bunce (S) (5).

Intermediate Champion: Eileen Kent (T) (12); Runner-up Sheila Smith (S) (8).

Senior Champion: Valerie Jarratt (S) (8); Runner-up Dianne Harper (Q) (6).

Final marks: King's, 21; Queen's, 25; School, 45; Trinity, 47.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS

ROUNDERS BALL

Group A—1, J. Currell (T); 2, M. Brehaut (Q); 3, C. Nock.  
Distance 143'.

Group B—1, J. Bevington (K); 2, J. Cox (T); 3, M. Shephard (S).

Group S—1, J. Wood (T); 2, A. Ward (K); 3, J. Rose (T).

Group D—1, L. King (K); 2, B. Timmins (S); 3, P. Hall (Q).

Group E—1, M. Field (S); 2, M. Bentley (S); 3, G. Hancox (S).

HIGH JUMP

Group A—1, M. Brehaut (Q); 2, A. Hall (T); 3, J. Currell (T).  
Height 3 ft. 6 ins.

Group B—1, V. Price (T); 2, K. Downing (K); 3, G. Ward (Q).  
Height 3 ft. 9 ins.

Group C—1, J. Sherwood (S); 2, S. Rollason (T); 3, J. Rose (T).

Group D—1, M. Grieve (S); 2, J. Barrett (Q); 3, B. Bailey (K).  
Height 4 ft. 4 ins.

Group E—1, N. Burton (Q); 2, M. Bentley (S); 3, M. Bagnall (K).  
Height 4 ft. 9 ins. (Record).

## LONG JUMP

- Group A—1, M. Brehaut (Q); 2, J. Currell (T); 3, A. Hall (T).  
Distance 13 ft. 4½ ins.
- Group B—1, J. Powell (K); 2, J. Cox (T); 3, J. Downing (K).  
Distance 12 ft. 10 ins.
- Group C—1, S. Rollason (T); 2, J. Sheldon (K); 3, B. Foley (S).  
Distance 13 ft. 5 ins.
- Group D—1, A. Elsdon (K); 2, B. Bailey (K); 3, M. Gripton (T).  
Distance 13 ft. 6½ ins.
- Group E—1, A. Hurst (T); 2 and 3, I. Farr (T) and J. Whitehouse (K) (tie). Distance 14 ft. 0 ins.

## 100 YARDS

- Group A—1, M. Brehaut (Q); 2, J. Currell (T); 3, J. Rose (K).  
Time 13.0 sec.
- Group B—1, G. Ward (Q); 2, J. Walker (S); 3, J. Cox (T).  
Time 13 secs.
- Group C—1, J. Sherwood (S); 2, S. Rollason (T); 3, S. Fletcher (K).  
Time 12.4 secs.
- Group D—1, A. Elsdon (K); 2, B. Bailey (K); 3, J. Barrett (Q).  
Time 11.9 secs.
- Group E—1, M. Bentley (S); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, V. Williams (T).  
Time 12.65 secs.

## 100 YARDS SKIPPING

- Group A—1, M. Brehaut (Q); 2, J. Currell (T); 3, J. Rose (K).
- Group B—1, M. Shephard (S); 2, J. Horton (Q); 3, J. Rose (T).
- Group C—1, S. Rollason (T); 2, J. Sherwood (S); 3, J. Fenton (T).
- Group D—1, A. Elsdon (K); 2, J. Barrett (Q); 3, M. Plant (Q).
- Group E—1, N. Burton (Q); 2, R. Walker (K); 3, I. Farr (T).

## 220 YARDS

- Group B—1, M. Brehaut (Q); 2, J. Cox (T); 3, J. Powell (K).  
Time 32 secs.
- Group C—1, S. Rollason (T); 2, J. Sherwood (S); 3, S. Fletcher (K).  
Time 31.1 secs.
- Group D—1, A. Elsdon (K); 2, B. Bailey (K); 3, P. Hulse (S).  
Time 29.9 secs.
- Group E—1, M. Bentley (S); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, M. Bagnall (K).  
Time 30.9 secs.

RELAYS

Group B—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity.

Time 1 min. 3.2 secs.

Group C—1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, King's.

Time 1 min 0.25 secs.

Group D—1, King's; 2, Queen's; 3, School.

Time 58 secs.

Group E—1, King's; 2 and 3, Queen's and School (tie).

Time 61.25 secs.

N.B.—Points for teams: 6, 4, 2. Individuals: 3, 2, 1.

CHAMPIONS

Junior—Maureen Brehaut, 17 points. Runner-up—Jennifer Cox, 8 points.

Intermediate—Sheila Rollason, 13 points. Runner-up—Ann Elsdon, 12 points.

Senior—Nadia Burton, 10½ points. Runner-up—Margaret Bentley, 9½ points.

HOUSE POINTS

	King's	Queen's	School	Trinity
Sports Day ...	59½	54½	49½	58½
Standard ...	69	45	77	65
Total ...	128½	99½	126½	123½

VALETE

FORM 6A.

**Barbara Comley.**—Prefect; Secretary of Joint Societies; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Advanced.—Dudley Training College.

**Yvonne Dugmore.**—Girl Captain; King's House Captain; Best Girl's School Certificate, 1949; General Certificate of Education, Advanced; County Major Scholarship—Medical School of Bristol University.

**Jane Martin.**—Prefect; Queen's House Captain; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Advanced; County Major Scholarship—Leeds University.

- Ruby Ashfield.**—Prefect; Best Girls' School Certificate 1950, Advanced 1952.—Dudley Training College.
- Margery Brookbank.**—Prefect; School Certificate.—Pupil Teaching, Birmingham Training College.
- Margaret Cutler.**—Prefect; School Certificate.—Birmingham Training College.
- Janet Hawley.**—Prefect; School Orchestra; School Certificate 1950, Advanced 1952; County Major Scholarship.—Bristol University (History).
- Olwyn Ruston.**—Prefect; School House Captain; School Orchestra and Choir; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary 1951, Advanced 1952; County Major Scholarship. — Birmingham University (History).
- Barbara Savage.**—Prefect; Vice-Captain of Queen's House; School Certificate in 1950, Advanced 1952.
- Mary Smith.**—Prefect; School Certificate 1950, Advanced 1952.—St. Paul's Training College, Rugby.
- G. E. Brown.**—Boy Captain; School House Captain; School Choir; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Advanced 1952; County Major Scholarship.—Birmingham University (English).
- A. Easey.**—Prefect; Best Boy's School Certificate, 1949; General Certificate of Education, Advanced.—Transferred to Canterbury.
- R. Edge.**—Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; 2nd XI Football; King's House Captain; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Advanced; Executive Class in Civil Service Examination; County Major Scholarship.—Birmingham University (Chemistry).
- N. L. Green.**—Prefect; School Sports Captain; Senior Athletic Champion; 2nd XI Football; School Certificate, 1950; General Certificate of Education, Advanced; County Major Scholarship.—Birmingham University (Geography).
- I. Hargest.**—Prefect; Certificate of Education, Advanced; Civil Service (Executive) Examination; Accountancy.—
- D. Hill.**—Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; 2nd XI Football; School Choir; Chairman of Joint Societies; Vice-Captain of Queen's House; Vice Boy Captain; School Certificate, 1950; General Certificate of Education, Advanced; State Scholarship.—Oxford University (History).

- J. A. Perry.**—Prefect; Sports Captain of King's House, 1951; 2nd XI Football; 1st XI Cricket; School Orchestra and Choir; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Advanced; Executive Class in Civil Service Examination. — Ministry of National Insurance.
- D. R. Parkes.**—Prefect; Sports Captain of Queen's House; School Orchestra and Choir; Secretary of 1st XI Football Team; School Swimming Team; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Advanced; County Major Scholarship.— Nottingham University (Engineering).
- K. Rock.**—Prefect; Sports Captain of Trinity House; School Certificate.—Albright & Wilson (Laboratory work).
- G. Salter.**—Prefect; Vice-Captain of Trinity House; School Choir; School Certificate, 1950; General Certificate of Education, 1952, Advanced.—Birmingham University (Metallurgy).
- J. A. Steventon.**—Prefect; Sports Captain of School House; 1st XI Football Team; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary and Advanced.—Pharmacy.
- M. R. H. Thomas.**—Prefect; School Choir; Captain of Trinity House; 2nd XI Football Team; School Certificate.—Apprentice in Engineering Firm.
- B. E. S. Trueman.**—Prefect; School Certificate; General Certificate of Education, Advanced.—Nottingham University (History).

**FORM 6B.**

- Inez Baker.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—College of Commerce.
- Doris Easter.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Librarian.
- Anne Greig.**—Hockey Team; Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Office work.
- Mary Hall.**—Prefect; Tennis Team; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—College of Commerce.
- Ann Walters.**—Prefect; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—College of Commerce.
- Joan Whitehouse.**—Prefect; 1st XI Hockey Team; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—College of Commerce.
- Frances Reeves.**—1st XI Hockey Team; Rounders Team; Sports Captain of School House.—Midland Electricity Board.

**FORM 6X.**

- Jocelyn Bacon.**—Prefect; 1st XI Hockey Team; Tennis Captain; Queen's House Sports Captain; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Secretarial work.
- Rosalie Cole.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- Lorna Dean.**—Prefect.—Teleprinter at General Post Office, Birmingham.
- Patricia Hall.**—Prefect; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary. College of Commerce.
- Kathleen Homer.**—In office, Ministry of Fuel and Power.
- Mary Morse.**—Prefect; Sports Captain of King's House; Patrol Leader in Girl Guides; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—College of Commerce.
- Sheila Payne.**—Prefect; Vice-Captain of School House; Reserve for Hockey Team; School Orchestra; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—At Rackhams.
- T. Allen.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Laboratory work, Chance & Hunt.
- W. M. Comley.**—Prefect; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Insurance office.
- D. Read.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Laboratory work.
- A. J. Viney.**—Prefect; School Certificate.
- J. R. Whitehouse.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Forensic Science Laboratory.
- G. Brindley.**—1st XI Football Team; 2nd XI Cricket; School Orchestra; Boys' Choir.—Transferred to King Edward's High School, Edgbaston.
- B. A. Ashby.**—Prefect; Queen's House Captain.—Car-hire Service.

**FORM 5G.**

- Joyce Biddle.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Hospital near Sutton Coldfield.
- Irene Farr.**—1st XI Hockey; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Office at Cadbury Bros.
- Hazel Green.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Insurance office.
- Mary Hadley.**—1st XI Hockey; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Office of Accles & Pollock,

- Mavis Hadley.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Welfare Department of Birmingham Corporation.
- Sonia Hill.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Drawing office, Avery's.
- Margaret Jeavons.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- Joyce Johnson.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Insurance office.
- Ann Molyneux.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Insurance office.
- Brenda Nicholls.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Office work, Accles & Pollock.
- Patricia Rooker.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Chiropody.
- Sheila Sabin.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Insurance office.
- Patricia Smith.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Office of Averys.
- Janet Tucker.**—Guide Patrol Leader; Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Cadbury's.
- Sylvia Waterhouse.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- A. Cox.**—1st XI Football; 1st XI Cricket; General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Accountancy.
- E. Deeley.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- R. Grove.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Accountancy.
- M. R. Hadley.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Bank.
- B. Hares.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Borough Surveyor's Office.
- K. Keppy.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- G. B. Moore.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Architectural School in Birmingham.
- J. Perkins.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- S. Purvis.**—General Certificate of Education, Ordinary.

**FORM 5M.**

- Mary Bagnall.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary; 1st XI Hockey; Rounders; Choir.—Avery's offices (Nursing when 18).



- Sheila Bastable.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- Valerie Beard.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary; Rounders Team.—Laboratory of Albright & Wilson.
- Clara Griffin.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- Marguerite Herbert.**—Secretarial work.
- Pamela Higgins.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary; School Choir.—Bank.
- Kathleen Plimley.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Birmingham Corporation.
- Jean Roberts.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—At Messrs. Lewis's.
- Joyce Sheasby.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- Barbara Sorrel.**—School Choir; 1st XI Hockey.—Office work at Elwells.
- Betty Stevenson.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Office work.
- Sheila Walters.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- June Williams.**—Comptometer Operator, Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds.
- Iris Woodward.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Librarian.
- G. Beard.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Laboratory work.
- K. Bratton.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- B. Chetwynd.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary; School Running Team.—Photographer.
- C. Cox.**—Photography.
- A. Fox.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—At Goldsmith's.
- J. Hall.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Drawing office.
- G. Hargest.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- R. Lea.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- J. Morgan.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—Apprentice Draughtsman, Accles & Pollock.
- J. Porter.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- B. Roberts.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.
- R. Rose.**—Certificate of Education, Ordinary.—General Post Office Apprentice.
- T. Spencer.**—Certificate of Education.—Drawing office.
- R. Wilcox.**—Photography.

**FORM 5X.**

**Barbara Lavender.**—Reserve for Hockey Team.—Office work at Albright & Wilson.

**Dorothy Webb.**—Kings House Hockey Team.—Insurance office.

B. Greaves.—Furniture Removing.

**FORM 4B.**

**A. Smith.**—Motor Mechanic.

**FORM 3B.**

**Jean Bennett.**

**SALVETE**

Suffield, M.	Andrews, Maureen.	Buckley, Pauline.
Barnsley, Pamela.	Elvins, Caroline.	Crees, Sylvia.
Beard, Rosalind.	Gregory, Christine.	Elston, Gillian.
Brown, Janet.	Holland, Patricia.	Horton, Patricia.
Darlington, Vivien.	Holtom, Diane.	Humphries, Pamela.
Donachie Joan.	Jones, Jean.	Kershaw, Gillian.
Green, Patricia.	Limbrick, Diane.	Maddocks, Valerie.
Hadley, Margaret.	Partridge, Gillian.	Moppett, Pamela.
Moss, Sylvia.	Perry, Patricia.	Park, Elizabeth.
Murray, Ann.	Satchwell, Norma.	Poole, Evelyn.
Plevey, Susan.	Sault, Ann.	Rawlins, Maureen.
Reynolds, Nora.	Sheasby, Lesley.	Tromans, Jane.
Savage, Carol.	Snape, Thelma.	Wilkes, Judith.
Shipstone, Valerie.	Stephens, Margaret.	Williamson, Jean.
Taylor, Margaret.	Street, Sylvia.	Winterford, Anne.
Tyler, Anne.	Watton, Carol.	Albrighton, I.
Watton, Diane.	Westwood, Dorothy.	Allen, M.
Ashley, B.	Ashton, P.	Barlow, A.
Darlington, P.	Cox, P.	Bates, P.
Davies, G.	Eaves, J.	Biggs, D.
Gowing, R.	Glover, C.	Butler, R.
Haine, S.	Hall, M.	Dyson, A.
Hathaway, D.	Langley, K.	Foster, J.
Holden, N.	Pearce, G.	James, P.
Hollyoake, J.	Pitt, A.	Jones, R.
Knowles, E.	Roberts, J.	Key, A.
Lodge, D.	Starrs, A.	Kite, R.
Onions, D.	Sturman, R.	Plant, R.

Owen, D.  
 Plant, G.  
 Pollard, S.  
 Storer, J.  
 Stubbs, R.  
 Walters, T.

Templeton, W.  
 Vaughan, K.  
 Walmsley, D.  
 Webb, K.  
 Bishton, Margaret.  
 Bloomer, Margaret.

Robertson, H.  
 Simcox, R.  
 Smart, P.  
 Wilkes, G.

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## POEMS

### The Setting Sun

The sun was setting in the sky  
 A lovely golden red,  
 The fleecy clouds were drifting by  
 A town which now seemed dead.

The twilight deepened through the trees  
 Which sheltered many a bird.  
 The leaves were fluttering in the breeze,  
 A hooting owl was heard.

The moon shone forth her silver light;  
 The twinkling stars did too.  
 The twilight deepened into night,  
 Soon now would fall the dew.

Wendy Gardner. Form 1A.

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### Speed

I sat upon a cliff-top high,  
 And heard the jet-plane roar,  
 It streaked across the cloudless sky,  
 And then was seen no more !

I looked below and there could see,  
 A speed-boat racing home,  
 Its noisy scream came up to me,  
 And died amid the foam.

I looked behind and on the hill,  
The cars took up the race,  
The drivers really got a thrill,  
From their tremendous pace.

The engine on the railway track,  
Came hurtling down the line,  
'Twas swallowed by the tunnel black,  
Had gone and left no sign.

With all these things there is one aim:  
To save an hour or so,  
But they would get there just the same,  
If all these things were slow.

A. Newey. Form 1A.

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**The Stars**

I sit up in my bed and watch,  
The moon go sailing by,  
Surrounded by a host of stars  
All lighting up the sky.

The Pole star and the Little Bear,  
The Great Bear and the Lyre,  
All help the sailor find his way  
To port and homeside fire.

Ann Marshall. 2B.

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**The Jungle**

Thick dense trees and an overgrown river,  
A scene which made me quiver and quiver;  
Monkeys that chatter and screech and play,  
Trees block the light making night out of day.

Slimy snakes, spiders that sting,  
Flies and mosquitoes on the wing;  
To step in that place one would not dare,  
With wild beasts prowling everywhere.

B. Wilson. 2B.

**The Country Train**

Crickety! Crackety! isn't it fun?  
Clickety! Clackety! how the wheels run!  
Rushing through bridges and over streams  
Seeing the country like so many dreams!

How the train shivers through mountain and vale,  
Bumpity! Bumpity! on each rail!  
Running the same in sunshine or rain  
Now on the hill and now on the plain!

J. Thomas. Form 2B.

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**On a Dark Road**

Her eyes the glow-worm lends me,  
The twinkling stars attend me,  
And fairies nine,  
Whose eyes do shine  
Like dewdrops at dawn, befriend me.

No will-o'-the-wisp misleads me,  
Nor snake with fork'd fang bites me;  
I'm on my way,  
Without a stay,  
Since ghosts there's none to fright me.

Let not the darkness hamper me,  
Though moon does hide her face;  
The stars of the night  
Will lend me their light,  
And my path home will trace.

Sheila Harrison. Form 2B.

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**The Farm**

Among the smell of sweet fresh hay,  
Sweet notes of birds at break of day  
The sun moves on its widening way,  
    Her beams shine on the farm.  
The red tiled roof gleams in the light,  
The walls stand out a sparkling white,  
The only things moving in that half light,  
    Are the cattle in the barn.

The cock crows shrilly, creating a stir,  
The whole farm moves with a bustle and whir,  
The farmer appears, at his heel is his cur,  
    The animals move as one.  
The dairymaid goes to milk the cow,  
The little piglets are fed by the sow,  
The ducks and geese all join in the row,  
    A new day has begun.

Valerie Dawes. Form 2B.

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**The Cat**

Within the sheltered porch, my tabby cat,  
Warmed by the sun, in blissful stupor lies;  
And half-responsive to my friendly pat,  
Unseals the amber of his half-closed eyes;  
Then, lulled and soothed to comfort and delight,  
Upon his back he rolls; two padded paws  
Enfold his tapering whiskers, long and white,  
And mask in velvet, finely sharpened claws.

Is this the creature, who, short time ago,  
Wet nose uplifted, sniffed the air for fish;  
Whose eyes, enlarged with greed, like orbs did grow,  
To scan, in dribbling joy, the appointed dish;  
Who, with ingratiating rub and purr,  
And piteous miaows, to curry favour tried,  
And licked his tawny coat of glossy fur,  
All pleading softness, till the meal he spied?

There basks my drowsy pet—till one faint note  
Betrays a hungry sparrow searching round;  
Then tautness grips the sinuous, feline coat,  
A swishing tail disturbs the dusty ground.  
With hardened muscles, body coiled to spring,  
He gloats upon his unsuspecting prey;  
Till with a timely shout, I warning bring,  
And watch a grateful sparrow fly away.

Vyvian M. Welch. Form 3A.

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### **Advice in Poetry**

If you've a thought that's happy,  
Boil it down!  
Make it short and crisp and snappy—  
Boil it down!  
When your brain a coin has minted,  
Down the page your pen has sprinted,  
If you want your effort printed,  
Boil it down!

N. Allaway. 2B.

Gillie Pearce  
With Best Wishes  
17. 12. 52.

Best Wishes  
Pat Sealey  
17/12/52  
O.G.S.

Margaret Jordan  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1952.

Audrey Bradley  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1952.

Roy J. Oakley  
Merry Xmas

D. Edge

R.W. Simmonds

B.T. Bailey

G.V. Rafter

W. J. L. Robinson

Valerie M. Welton  
17-12-52

Christine P. Stini

Janice Cross  
Merry Xmas

Temp Cook

Pauline Ann Such  
17-12-52.

G. Smith

Barbara Palmer