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TO PARENTS

SCHOOL POLICY AND EXAMINATIONS

There seems some confusion in parents' minds as to our Examination arrangements. I thought I had better set out our ideas.

Let me first tell you about the College of Preceptors. This is a very old examining body whose examinations are in two stages - Certificate and Senior Certificate. There are two main reasons for entering boys for these exams. First it gives them valuable experience before taking G.C.E. and secondly boys will always work better when there is some incentive.

Some years ago we started to enter boys of the fourth forms for the Certificate stage. It is supposed to be suitable for boys of this age. The results have always been so good that this year we decided to enter the fourth forms for the Senior Certificate which is almost G.C.E. standard, and the third forms for English and the three Maths. subjects in the Certificate stage. The third form results were most gratifying:- English 47 passes out of 49, Arithmetic 40, Algebra 47 and Geometry 38. We were very pleased, especially considering that it was a year early which makes it difficult to cover the syllabuses. Boys were also quite successful in the Certificate stage as 70 subjects were passed out of 159. At the same time, some of the fourth form took some G.C.E. subjects.

I think you will agree it is well worth while continuing with these Examinations.

As far as G.C.E. is concerned, we enter boys for Examinations of London University and in some cases for those of the combined Southern Universities. London Exams. are held in Summer and in January, and Southern in Summer and November. Boys may enter for one or both of these Universities' Exams. at the option of parents. We suggest to boys what subjects they should take and it is expected that they will discuss this with parents. There is one important stipulation - boys should reach their sixteenth birthday before September in the year they sit. The Department of Education and Science has ruled that "the Head of a School may enter a younger boy if he considers it educationally desirable and if he has pursued a course of study with such a degree of competence to make it probable that he will pass". I therefore do not enter younger boys unless the subject master is able to satisfy me of the boy's competence. Otherwise it is entirely in the hands of parents as to which subjects boys take and whether in the Exams. of one or both examining bodies.

Some boys are more capable and are faster workers than others and it is possible to speed up their work. This especially applies to Mathematics. As you know boys are streamed in this subject when they reach the fourth form and it is the 'A' stream which is entered a year early, i.e. while boys are still in the fourth form. The following details show how this came about.

In 1962 a graduated programme designed to meet the increased importance of Mathematics by endeavouring to raise the standard to such a level that the more capable boys should reach additional Maths. standard at the end of their fifth year was introduced. Additional Maths. includes the topics of Calculus, co-ordinate Geometry, more advanced Algebra and Trigonometry which have to be studied for 'A' level Pure Maths.

The results of the programme as carried out to date are as follows:-

1962 and pre-1962	5th Form mock exams. held in Spring term, G.C.E. exam. in June, with pass level 55 to 65%		
1963	5th Form Spring G.C.E. Exam.	52%	pass
	Summer " "	75%	"
1964	5th Form Spring " "	54%	"
	Summer " "	82%	"
	4th Form: 9 boys selected - 8 passes.		
1965	5th Form Spring Exam.	96%	"
	Summer " 3 passes in additional Maths.		
	4th Form - Entire Class	75%	pass.

The effect of the programme has been to give added incentive to the boys to work harder, a stimulus which has passed to other subjects.

Much thought has been given to devising ways and means whereby boys could improve their overall exam. results. In this respect grateful thanks are due to parents who have given their support by allowing their sons every opportunity to sit for examinations as recommended and by paying the entrance fees.

It is perhaps to be deprecated that so much emphasis should be placed on examinations results, but as the highly competitive society in which we live continues to place an ever increasing importance upon them, then surely it is in the boys' interest to compete as effectively as possible. It is important to mention here that the improved results previously outlined have been obtained without envisaged cramming and without neglecting the broader issues of a boy's school life.

The success of a boy in his fourth year, therefore, is really something exceptional, something of which a parent may truly be proud. Failure at this time, however, by no means suggests a boy is either lazy, backward or incapable of passing at the end of his fifth year.

Enclosed with this letter is a list of the results of the 1965 Examinations.

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1965 EXAMINATIONS PASS LIST

SIXTH FORMS

Advanced Level of the General Certificate

H. CHAMBERS (Economics, Geography)	P.D. CORNISH (Geography)
G.L. ELLIOTT (Geography)	D.A. KING (History, Geography)
K.B. STEVENS (Pure Mathematics, Pure and Applied Mathematics).	
A.L. WHEATON (Economics, Geography)	J.R. WOOLLISCROFT (Economics, Geography)

The 8 boys in the Upper 6th passed between them 59 'O' level subjects and 12 at 'A' level.

Additional 'O' Level Passes

J.A. ASH (English, Economics)	S.C. BAILEY (General Science)
R.C. BARBER (Addit. Maths.)	M.R. BOURNE (Rel. Knowledge)
C.J. BRIDGES (English, Addit. Maths.)	H. CHAMBERS (French, Economics)
G.A. COOKE (Maths., Chemistry)	P.D. CORNISH (English, Econ. History, Economics).
J.R. CURGENVEN (Addit. Maths.)	
G. EDMUNDS (Econ. History, French, Economics, Rel. Knowledge)	A.J. EMERY (Rel. Knowledge)
D.A. HARDING (Maths.)	T.D. HALL (Econ. History)
C.W. LAWRIE (French)	G.M. KING (Maths., Physics)
J.S. MELLOWS (Addit. Maths., Econ. History, History)	P.D. MANWARING (Geography)
D.C. ROBINSON (English)	M.J. READ (Chemistry, Econ. History, Economics)
K.B. STEVENS (Geography)	D.L. SHOESMITH (French)

FIFTH FORMS

Additional 'O' Level Passes (Some subjects were passed last year).

D.R. ARTHUR (Maths.)	A.BALL (English, Maths., Physics, Chemistry, French, Geography)
D.H. BARTER (English, Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., Physics)	D.J. BURTON (Maths., Physics, Geography)
M.R. CADWGAN (English)	R.P. CARRIER (Biology)
E.J. CHORLTON (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., History)	J.R. DICKSON (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., Physics, Chemistry)
D.A. DOMMETT (English, Maths., Addit. Maths., Physics)	P.E. FINCH (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., Physics)
P.E. FINCH (Maths., Addit. Maths., Physics)	G.R. GIBBONS (English, Maths., Physics, Chemistry, Geography)
M.O. GOLDSTEIN (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., English, Physics)	B.L. GREGORY (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., Chemistry, Biology)
C.C. HEWETT (Maths.)	A.L. HYNTER (English, Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll.)
G.R. KNOWLES (English, Biology)	C.H. MARTIN (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., English, Chemistry)
I.D. MCGOWAN (Maths., History)	G.H. MOYLE (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., History)
G.R. MERRETT (Maths., History)	R. OLIVER (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., English, Physics)
R.C. MEWES (Maths.)	T.R. PALMER (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., English, Addit. Maths., Physics, Chemistry, French)
R.J. NEWCOMBE (Maths.)	B.L. ROOKE (History)
M.J. NORTHMORE (Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., Physics, Physics with Chemistry)	C.G. STRAIN (English, Maths., Addit. Maths., Physics, Chemistry)
D.B. PICKTHALL (History)	N.J. TAYLOR (English, Maths., Physics)
P.S. RICHES (English, Maths., Physics)	R.A. WOOLHOUSE (English, Maths., Physics)
I.C. ROBINSON (English, Maths.- A Syll. and B Syll., Physics, Chemistry)	
A.M. STRIBLEY (English, Maths., Physics, Geography)	
D. TOWLER (English)	

## FOURTH FORMS

(These subjects were taken a year early)

The following passed in Mathematics:-

P.A. BELL	A.J. BLACKER	J.C. BOSLEY	P.E. BRAZIER
R.C. BROWN	D.R. DOUGLASS	S.R. GRAY	D.C. HILL
A.R. IBELL	J.P. LUMBERS	C.J. MASON	D.A. MICHAELS
M.B. MINERS	A.J. MOUNTAIN	P.J. NATHAN	R.F. NOAKES
R. NORTHMORE	P.G. SHEPHERD	R.W. SHIRLEY	G.B. SHORTER
J.A. THAIN	H.C. TURNER		

The following passed in English Language:-

M.E. BISHOP	A.J. BLACKER	P.E. BRAZIER	J.P. LUMBERS
D.A. MICHAELS	P.G. SHEPHERD	G.B. SHORTER	H.C. TURNER

The following passed the Senior Certificate Examinations of the College of Preceptors. (These were taken a year early.) -

P.J. ANNIS (English)	N. BAKER (Physics)	P.A. BELL (Physics)
M.E. BISHOP (Physics)	A.J. BLACKER (Physics, Chemistry, French)	
J.C. BOSLEY (Biology)	P.E. BRAZIER (History)	D.J. CHAMBERS (English, Biology)
A.C. CREGO-BOURNE (English, Chemistry)	D.R. DOUGLASS (English, French, Physics)	
D. FIELD (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Physics)	D.M. FINDLAYSON (English)	
P.J. FULLER (English)	D. HILL (Biology)	A. IBELL (Physics)
P.J. KEEBLE (English, Arithmetic, Algebra, French, History, Geography)		
D.W. LAMONT (English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Physics, Chemistry)		
J.P. LUMBERS (Physics)	C.N. MACKENZIE (English)	C.J. MASON (English, Physics)
D.A. MICHAELS (French, Physics)	M.B. MINERS (Physics)	J.N. MORTON (English)
A.J. MOUNTAIN (English, Physics, Chemistry)	P.J. NATHAN (Physics)	
R.F. NOAKES (English)	R. NORTHMORE (English, Physics)	D.G. PERKS (English)
A.H. ROGERS (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography)	P.G. SHEPHERD (Physics, Chemistry)	
G.B. SHORTER (French, German, History)	A.T. STEPHENS (English)	
R.C. SULLY (English)	J.A. THAIN (English, Physics, Chemistry)	
N.R. WILLOUGHBY (French)	S.D. YOUNG (Physics)	T.D. YOUNG (Arithmetic, Algebra, Physics).

## THIRD FORMS

For the first time we entered third form boys for English and Mathematics in the Certificate Stage of the College of Preceptors Examination. This has previously been taken by fourth form boys.

Of 49 entered for English 47 passed, and of 57 boys entered for the Mathematics subjects 40 passed in Arithmetic, 47 in Algebra and 38 in Geometry.

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