

WALLINGTON INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL LTD.

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WALLINGTON
INDEPENDENT
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
FOR
BOYS

from 11 to 18 years of age

Headmaster

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WALLINGTON

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and one minute from bus No. 234. Buses 154, 157 pass the School)*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

THIS two-form entry Grammar School, which was opened in 1936 has accommodation for some 300 boys. They are admitted to the School at 11 years of age by means of an Entrance Examination and may stay to take "A" level G.C.E. Examinations, usually at about 18 years of age.

The School is a registered centre for the examinations of London University, the Combined Southern Universities and the College of Preceptors.

The School has all the facilities associated with a Grammar School education. There are two fully-equipped laboratories and teaching is given for G.C.E. Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

The gymnasium has all the usual equipment, including shower baths. There is also a Reference Library for use of the boys in the sixth forms. Other equipment includes full-sized sound projectors and strip-film projectors. There are two pianos, tape recorders and record players.

The School is centrally heated by means of an oil-fired boiler, with radiators in all classrooms, passages and gymnasium.

Accommodation is provided for caps, coats and bicycles but the Headmaster can accept no responsibility for loss or damage.

It is most important that all personal belongings should be clearly marked with the boy's name.

Boys are issued with a set of text books and exercise books for which they are responsible. Books lost must be replaced.

Each boy must be provided with a pair of black gym shoes for indoor wear and a pair of white gym shoes for P.E. These shoes must not have black soles. If there is a medical reason for a boy not wearing gym shoes about the school he may wear special indoor school shoes. A towel, for use after showers, must be kept hanging by a loop on the boy's peg. For P.E. a boy wears white shorts and a white vest. Each boy's belongings must be kept in a shoe-bag hanging on his individual peg in the cloakroom.

Homework is set each day. It is difficult to state how long homework should take as it varies between different forms and also depends on individual boys. Generally speaking it should take about an hour in the lower forms to three hours in the top forms. A homework time-table is issued at the beginning of each term.

Languages are taught by the Audio-Visual system.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Headmaster and not to individual masters. In the event of absence, a note should be sent at once and not left until the boy returns to school. A note should also be sent to explain the reason for homework not being done.

Periodic medical inspections are carried out at the school by the Medical Officer of Health and other such facilities are available for all boys. Particulars are given to parents from time to time.

Generally, permission will be given to boys to cycle to school provided they have passed a cycling proficiency test.

A full-term's notice must be given of the intention to remove a boy from the School. Failing this, a term's fee must be paid. It is on this condition that a boy is accepted at the school.

The headmaster will be pleased to see parents, but by appointment only.

The school is examined periodically by Ministry Inspectors.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

An Entry Form is completed by a parent or guardian before a boy joins the school and each boy is interviewed.

The normal method of entering the school for boys of eleven years of age is by means of an entrance examination.

It is presumed that all boys who join the school will stay to take the G.C.E. examination.

The request for a boy to sit for the entrance examination must be accompanied by a fee of one guinea to cover the cost of the preparation of test papers and for the invigilation of the test. Once a boy is enrolled for the examination this fee is not refundable, whether or not a boy is accepted into the school. An Examination Application Form will be sent on request.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This is regarded as an important subject in the School curriculum. Every boy is expected to take part in P.E. and games unless a medical certificate is produced to excuse him. Football is played in the Autumn and Spring terms and cricket in the Summer. Certain boys take swimming in the Summer term. Gymnastics are in the care of a qualified instructor. Swimming is limited to those boys who cannot swim. These boys are taken to the Croydon Baths one morning a week during the Summer term.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Third and fourth form boys are expected to take the College of Preceptors Examinations in the subjects they are studying. This is valuable examination practice before taking G.C.E.

Some fourth and all fifth form boys take G.C.E. examinations at "O" level. Although the principal object of the school is to give all boys a sound general education it is, of course, most important that a boy should obtain a good general certificate of education in order to receive a satisfactory appointment when he leaves school.

At the end of their fifth year boys may join one of the sixth forms either to continue with "O" level, to take additional "O" level subjects or to begin "A" level studies. Time-tables are arranged to suit subjects required by individual boys.

HOURS

Morning assembly is at 9 a.m. Boys should arrive at school at least ten minutes before this time.

9 — 12.30 1.45 — 4

FEES

Forty-five guineas a term. There are three terms a year. There are no extras.

Fees are payable on or before the first day of each term.

No boy will be expected to commence a new term until the fee for that term is paid.

Cheques should be made payable to H. P. Hopkins.

DINNERS

Boys who do not go home or to a relative, must stay to school dinner. They are not allowed to go to local cafés or shops. It is not convenient for boys to bring sandwiches. Dinners are prepared and cooked in the school kitchen.

Normally, dinner money is not refunded and no allowance can be made for absence. But if a boy who pays for a week's dinners on a Monday is absent for the rest of the week, allowance will be made for the 4 days missed. Allowance cannot be made for a shorter period of absence.

Dinners may be paid for by the term, the amount varying according to the length of the term.

The cost is 12/6d. a week. If a boy stays for less than a week, the cost is 3/- a day.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

There are various Societies and Clubs to which older boys are expected to belong. Meetings and outings are arranged periodically, usually outside school hours.

UNIFORM

The School uniform is obtainable from Messrs. Cladish & Co. Ltd., of Woodcote Road, Wallington. Every boy must wear the school uniform which consists of a cap, tie, blazer, grey flannel shirt (white shirts may be worn in the Summer term) dark grey trousers (or shorts), grey stockings (or socks), dark blue raincoat, black shoes. If a pullover is worn, it must be grey. School scarves (optional) may also be obtained.

Sports wear consists of:—

- (1) for football, the School jersey in the particular House colours and white shorts.
- (2) for cricket, white shirts, white trousers (or shorts), white boots or gym shoes. White sweaters are available.

SUBJECTS

When boys reach the fourth forms they are streamed in certain subjects. This avoids holding back the faster boys in their work and enables the slower boys to receive extra help. All boys are expected to take the G.C.E. examination.

Subjects include:—

Mathematics (*Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry*)

Science (*Physics, Chemistry and Biology*)

English Language

Geography

English Literature

Religious Knowledge

French

History (*English and Economic*)

German

Music

Economics (*in 6th forms*)

Craft (*in lower forms*)

Physical Education

EASTER HOLIDAYS

It has become the custom to take a party of boys abroad during the Easter Holiday. Countries visited have included Switzerland, Italy and Holland. Details of proposed visits are announced usually after the previous Summer Holiday.

CAROL SERVICE

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is held at the end of the Autumn term in Wallington Parish Church. A Choir is trained for this and parents are invited.

OPEN DAYS

Parents are invited to the School to talk with the Staff on two evenings, usually just before Easter. P.E. displays are given at this time.

SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY

A full-length play is performed in the School Gymnasium just before Christmas. Proceeds are given to School Charities.

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