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## The School

The School, which was opened in 1862 and numbers about 200 boys, of whom about ninety are boarders, is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education. Boarding places are reserved annually for pupils nominated by the Essex Education Committee, and also by other Educational Authorities.

## Position

Harlow lies on the borders of Herts and Essex, 24 miles from London on the London-Cambridge line, shortly to be electrified. An excellent half-hourly service of Green Line coaches runs between London (Aldgate) and Harlow, the route passing through Epping Forest and the journey taking 1½ hours. The Central Line also runs to Epping, from which buses run to Harlow.

The School stands on a hill outside the town, commanding a fine view over open country, and the buildings of New Harlow do not in any way encroach on the school grounds, nor can they be seen therefrom.

## Buildings

The main school building consists of Dining Hall, Class Rooms, Library, Sick Rooms, Dormitories, Changing Rooms (with Bathroom attached) and Staff Rooms. Apart from the main block are : Art Room, Gymnasium, Class Rooms, Science Laboratory, Senior and Junior Common Rooms, and two Playing Fields. The Headmaster's House, where a few boys sleep, adjoins the School.

## Preparatory Department

Boys are admitted from the age of <sup>ten</sup>nine and for the first ~~two or three~~ years they are in the hands of <sup>a</sup>mistresses for their studies. Their dormitories form a separate wing, with bathroom attached, within easy reach of the Matrons' rooms.

## Studies

The Main School provides a five-year course (six years for the slower boys) in English, Mathematics, French, Latin, Science, Geography, History and Art, enabling a boy to take the College of Preceptors' Certificate in the fourth year and the General Certificate of Education in the fifth. The work in the lower forms has the Certificate as its aim, but without in any way cramming or cramming the boy.

Physical Training is included in the curriculum of every form, every boy having two periods per week.

All boys receive two periods per week in Art, which includes Drawing, Painting, Modelling, Mosaic Work, Basket-work and Pottery. An example of the Mosaic Work has been placed over the main entrance.

Results in the public examinations are very creditable, for in 1957 twelve candidates for the G.C.E. gained in all 60 subject passes, while in the College of Preceptors' Certificate 86% gained Certificates.

Average number of subject passes per candidate since inception of G.C.E. (1951) has been 3.7  
In College of Preceptors (since 1953) the average % of Certificates gained has been 84

## Religious Instruction

The boys attend morning prayers every morning before school, in the church which adjoins the School and is virtually the School Chapel. The boarders attend matins at this church on Sundays. The Vicar of the Parish, or the Curate, takes the boys in scripture lessons and prepares boys for their confirmation.

## Games

The School plays cricket in the summer term, using Marigolds field, the headquarters of the Harlow Cricket Club, where also tennis players may join the Harlow Tennis Club. Bathing for Boarders is also arranged for. The Athletic Sports are held in July. Association football is played during the winter terms and the cross-country running championships are held in March. For all these activities there are House championship cups. During the winter also, badminton is played in the gymnasium by the senior and middle boys, and from time to time boys are entered for open tournaments. Every boarder has a short walk in the morning before breakfast. For the purpose of sport the School is divided into four Houses, each sponsored by a Master.

## Amusements

The Library is well stocked with books, both reference and fiction, papers and periodicals, and boys are encouraged to read in their spare time. Table tennis

is played in the two common rooms and from time to time badminton and table tennis tournaments are arranged. There are work benches for modelling, etc., in both common rooms. A large television is installed in the Dining Hall and the boys have the opportunity of watching selected programmes in the evenings. Musical appreciation is encouraged by means of radio-gram concerts once a week in the Headmaster's House. Attendance at these is entirely voluntary, but encouraged, and boys are led to become acquainted with the classics and to choose their own selections therefrom. All beds in the senior dormitories are wired for headphones, through which boys may listen to the evening programmes when they go to bed.

## Outfit

The school uniform is compulsory and consists of a navy blue blazer with crest, grey pullover, grey flannel trousers, or corduroys (grey), black shoes, and school tie. A clothes list may be obtained from the school secretary, and this shows the clothing required. Every article of clothing and footwear must be clearly marked.

## Domestic Arrangements

These are under the supervision of the Headmaster's wife, assisted by a trained hospital nurse and two experienced matrons.

Each dormitory has two exits and access to three staircases, one of which is stone. The building is supplied with fire extinguishers and Davey fire escapes, and periodical fire drills are held.

### Careers

Every attempt is made to put boys into touch with employers when they leave, and during their last year at school they may be interviewed by the representative of the Essex Youth Employment Bureau, who gives them advice on all careers and upon their leaving will aid them to procure posts. In the case of boys who pass well in the G.C.E. at Ordinary Level and are strong enough to proceed to the Advanced Level admission to the sixth form of other schools, or the South-West Essex Technical College, can be arranged.

### Division of the Year

The school year is divided into three terms: the Spring term, from the middle of January to the end of March; the Summer term, from the beginning of May to the end of July; and the Autumn term, from the middle of September to Christmas.

### Fees

The fee for Boarders is ~~£55~~<sup>£70</sup> per term, and for Day Boys ~~15 guineas to 21 guineas~~<sup>£25</sup>. This is inclusive except for books and stationery, and in the case of books a

liberal rebate is given if they are returned in good condition after use. Sports, Games and Physical Training £1 per annum for Boarders, 10/- for Day Boys. Dinner in Hall, 10/- per week (five days).

All fees are payable strictly in advance, on the first day of each term. If so required the fees may be paid by monthly Bankers' Orders throughout the year, to "Harlow College, Westminster Bank, Old Harlow."

A full term's notice in writing must be given, or a full term's fees paid, before the removal of a pupil.

Inside the back cover is a collection of  
nine photographs:

1. Harlow College  
(from the other side of the circular lawn)
2. Headmaster's house
3. A playing field
4. The art room
5. The dining hall
6. The science laboratory
7. The sick room
8. The gymnasium
9. The Library

