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The School

The School, which was founded in 1840 and numbers about 190 boys, of whom half are boarders, is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education. Places are reserved annually for pupils nominated by the Essex Education Committee.

Position

Harlow is a small town on the borders of Herts and Essex, 24 miles from London on the London-Cambridge line. An excellent half-hourly service of motor coaches runs between Harlow and London (Aldgate), the route passing through Epping Forest.

The School stands on a hill outside the town, commanding a fine view over open country.

Buildings

The main school building consists of Dining Hall, Class Rooms, Library, Music Room, Sick Rooms, Dormitories, Changing Rooms for games, with Bath-house attached, and Staff Rooms. Apart from the main block are: Art Room, Gymnasium-Assembly Hall, Class Rooms, Science Laboratory, covered-in Playground (used for Fives, etc.), Scout Hut-Carpentry Shop, and Playing Field. The Headmaster's House adjoins the School.

Preparatory Department

Boys are admitted from the age of eight and for the first two or three years they are in the hands of governesses 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 in English, Mathematics, French, Latin (or German or Physics), Chemistry, Geography, History and Art, enabling a boy to take the School Certificate from the Higher Fifth Form. The work in the lower forms has the School Certificate as its aim, but without in any way cramming or cramming the boy.

The three lowest forms in the School are taught by mistresses in all subjects, and boys pass into the hands of a form master in the Third Form. The five-year course starts in the Remove Forms, under specialist masters. In the third year of the course, i.e., Fourth Form, boys may substitute German or Physics for Latin if it is found that they have little aptitude for the latter subject. The Higher Fifth Form is presented annually in July for the School Certificate Examination. During the years 1940-1947 the percentage of successes has averaged 72, the average age of the candidates being slightly over sixteen.

Physical Training is included in the curriculum of every form, every boy having two periods per week. During the years following the war an annual display of Physical Training has been presented to parents in the Gymnasium.

All boys receive two periods per week in Drawing, the better pupils taking this subject in the School Certificate,

while the outstanding pupils may enter their work for the Royal Drawing Society's competitions.

Prizes for English Literature are provided by a fund endowed by Old Boys and other friends in memory of Old Harlovians who fell during the 1914-1918 war. They are awarded, in the various classes, for papers on books read during the holidays.

Religious Instruction

The boys attend morning prayers every morning before school, in the Parish 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 himself takes the boy in scripture lessons and prepares candidates for their confirmation. (See note at end with regard to Choir Scholarships.)

Cadet Force

The School has its own company of Army Cadets, which forms part of the 2/4 Cadet Battalion, The Essex Regiment. Enrolment is voluntary and cadets have an opportunity of passing their Certificate "A" before they leave school. This helps them considerably when later they are called up for military service.

Scout Troop

There is a flourishing Scout Troop in the School, led by one of the masters. Their activities are those of the usual scout troops, and the scout hut which they occupy was originally

built by the troop. By means of this troop some attempt is made to give the boys a training in Method and Service.

Games

The School plays cricket in the summer term, using the field adjoining the School and also Marigolds field, the headquarters of the Harlow Cricket Club. On this field three games can be played simultaneously and the home matches of the various elevens are played there. There is river bathing daily in the summer term when weather allows. 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. During the winter also, badminton is played in the gymnasium by the senior and middle boys. Every boy 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, and these Houses compete against each other, for Championship Cups, in all games, both indoor and outdoor.

Amusements

Ample provision is made for the boys' leisure hours, especially in the long evenings of the winter terms. The Library is well stocked with books, both of reference and fiction, papers and periodicals. Badminton and table tennis competitions are arranged from time to time. Every fortnight, in the gymnasium, a cinema show is staged, the machine and films being provided by a London firm, who are

able to give us, at a reasonable charge, up-to-date films of an instructive and amusing nature. The School also possesses a small silent machine and an episcopo.

Musical appreciation is encouraged by means of radiogram 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.

Debates are also arranged, and there is a strong Dramatic Club, which stages plays both before the School and before parents. Such plays as "Richard of Bordeaux" and "The Late Christopher Bean" are among their successes.

All beds in the senior dormitories are wired for headphones, through which boys may listen to the evening programmes when they go up 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 or brown), black shoes or boots, and school tie. In normal times a blue serge suit is worn on Sundays, but as long as clothes rationing lasts boys are allowed to wear their best uniform on that day. A clothes list may be obtained from the school secretary, and this shows the clothing required.

Domestic Arrangements

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

matrons. The school doctor lives within very easy reach of the School.

Each dormitory has two exits and access to three staircases, one of which is of 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 Headmaster's Employment Committee, who gives them advice on all careers and upon their leaving will aid them to procure posts.

Old Harlovians' Club

The Old Boys' Club has been reformed since the war, and all boys, on leaving, are invited to join. By this means all Harlovians have the opportunity of keeping in touch with each other and with the School throughout their lives, regularly receiving news through the medium of the magazine, and they are informed of, and invited to, all School functions.

Division of 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.

Notes

A certificate of health is required on admission, and also at the beginning of each term. Forms are supplied at the School.

Every article of clothing must be clearly marked.

Fees

The fee for Boarders is £40 per term. This is inclusive, with the exception of text books and disbursements paid out on behalf of boys, such as pocket money, haircutting, stamps and replacement of clothing. If books are kept in a good condition a liberal price is given for them if they are returned to the School after use.

The fee for Day Scholars is £10 per term. Dinner in hall, 6/3 per week (five days).

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

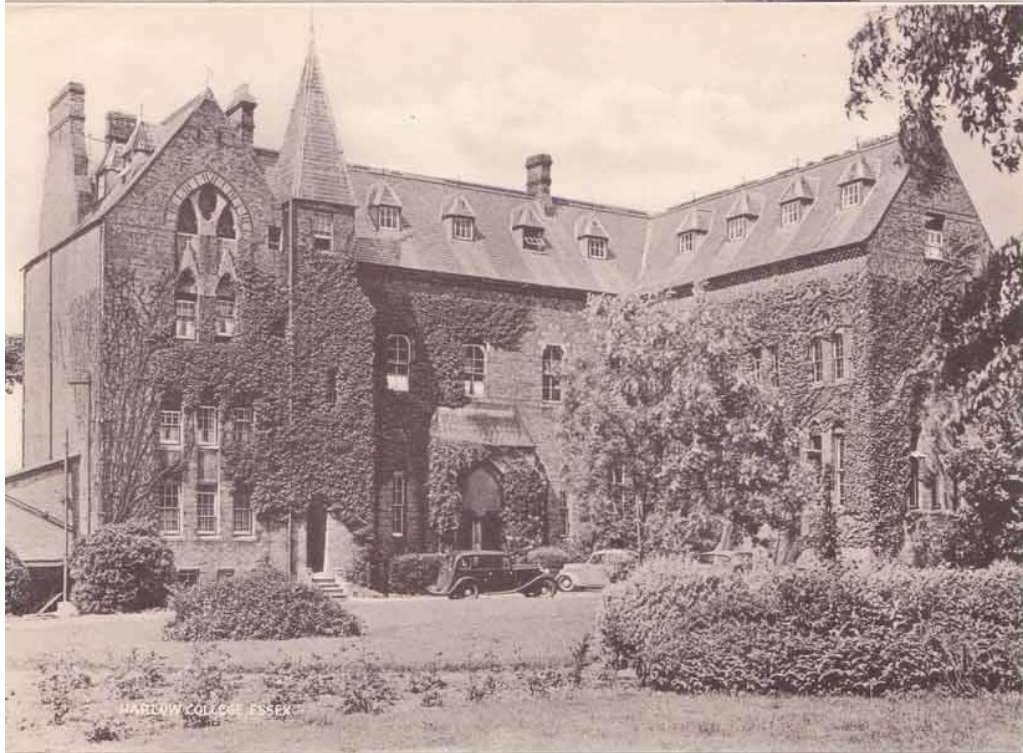
A reduction of £5 per term from the fee for boarders is offered to those boys who can read music and are willing to serve in the School Choir, both in the daily and the Sunday morning services.



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