



HARLOW COLLEGE
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PROSPECTUS

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The School

The School, which was opened in 1862 and numbers about 200 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, 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. An excellent half-hourly service of Green Line coaches runs between Harlow and London (Aldgate), the route passing through Epping Forest. 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 the 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 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 two Playing Fields. The Headmaster's House adjoins the School.

Junior & Senior Common Rooms

Preparatory Department

Boys are admitted from the age of eight and for the first two or three years they are in the hands of 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, German, 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 cramping 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 Remove B. The five-year course starts in the Remove A, under specialist masters. The Higher Fifth Form is presented annually in the summer term for the Certificate Examination.

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

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

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 boys in scripture lessons and prepares candidates for their confirmation.

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. ~~There is also a Cub Pack in the Junior School.~~

Games

The School plays cricket in the summer term, using the two fields 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 reference and fiction, papers and periodicals. Badminton and table tennis competitions are arranged from time to time. Occasionally, 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 episcoper. A large projection television, with screen 4 ft. by 3 ft. 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 head-phones, 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. 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 stair-cases, 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 Essex Youth Employment Bureau, 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 and footwear must be clearly marked.

Fees

The fee for Boarders is ~~£~~^{guineas}50 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 ~~£~~^{-20 guineas}15 per term. Dinner in hall, 10/- 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.

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HEADMASTER.

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January 10th, 1957.

W. H. Illsley Esq.,
33, The Ridgeway,
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Herts.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 5th inst. and have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our prospectus.

For this next term, which opens on the 21st, I think I might be able to fit in a boy of II. Admission depends on a test, taken here and lasting one hour. I would suggest that you ring me up when you arrive in Harlow and make an appointment.

Yours faithfully,

