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EDITORIAL

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Over ninety new boys were admitted to this School in September, and, like many other schools in the district, we now have as many boys as we can cope with. We are waiting patiently for new buildings. Meanwhile masters and boys must bear, as best they can, the strain, which is really still slight, caused by overcrowding. The maximum use is being made of all available teaching space, and we are reconciled to the fact that before the problem can be solved the situation must inevitably grow worse. Our number will be swollen still further next September, and the prospect of so large a school has given rise to the "two Speech Nights scare."

While plans are being drawn up for the future the immediate need is being met. It is possible that partitions will go up in the Hall and Dining Room in order to provide more teaching space. Before this can happen, however, innumerable problems must be solved. At present not even the cricket pavilion is secure from invasion.

The problem of accommodation is clearly a very serious one for the School, but, for the Magazine Staff, there is an equally urgent problem—that of contributions. The wave of contributions with which our publicity campaign was greeted last term seems to have spent itself, and we are now looking for a fresh source of articles. If we could only tap the humour, which can be seen throughout the School, by persuading potential contributors to commit their inspired thoughts to paper, our problem would be solved. We are determined to overcome our difficulties; so when this issue of "The Frestonian" is safely gone to Press we will start "gunning" for more contributors.

SALVETE

The following boys entered this School in September, 1957: -

Form I.

P. Barber
P. Barlow
H. Beckitt
G. B. Beddis
R. R. Blackburn
D. Bott
H. Bowles
E. Brookes
G. Brown
K. Brown
G. Bullock
J. Cadman
G. G. Cantrell
M. R. Carey
R. Chambers
J. Cockerham
C. Cooper
R. M. Copley
H. Cromwell
S. D. Crosland
J. T. Davison
R. Dawson
J. Dimmock
T. J. Dyson
D. G. Ellerby
F. English
J. Evans
R. Evans
B. Flynn
A. R. Golding

Form III.

J. H. Thompson

M. R. Grainge
C. J. Grimley
J. D. M. Gunn
D.D. Haigh
P. M. Haigh
B. Hale
D. M. Hall
M. N. Hayes
J. M. Haywood
M. L. Hirst
S. Hodgson
W. L. Horner
I. A. Howson
R. D. Hunter
G. Hutchinson
G. Hyde
G. R. Idle
A. T. Jackson
J. K. Jarvis
D. M. Johnson
M. K. Johnson
P. Johnson
J. A. Jones
R. Jukes
D. Kellett
W. J. Kettlestring
A. Knowles
J. R. Law
R. C. Lees
D. Lord

Form V.

S. L. J. Jackson

R. McNally
K. McNicholas
M. Middleton
A. Miles
G. D. Milnes
J. H. Moorhouse
G. H. Moxon
M. Nettleship
T. J. Ogley
P. Oxley
R. M. Parkinson
A. G. Pattinson
G. A. Pawson
R. Richardson
I. Robinson
M. D. Saxton
A. Sharp
J. F Short
A. Simmons
J. Smallman
R. Smith
E. Stephens
J. E. Swain
B. R. Taylor
G. M. Teal
W. J. Thirlwell
C. Walker
J. S. Warren
L. G. Westwood
K. R. Wood
J. Wright

Form L VI A.

C. I. Hunter

VALETE

Form U VI S.

J. M. Bullingham
G. Cooper
W. R. Dyson
D. J. Hopwood

Form U VI A.

W. S. Hayle
A. R. Hirst
M. V. Miller

Form L VI S.

J. W. Oxley
B. P. Ryder

Form L VI A.

B. W. English
R. B. Gray

Form VI M.

A. Grelg
T. A. Hardcastle
R. Hopwood

J. A. Lyon
T. P. McNamara
M. Marsh
G. Wilby

Form V A.

D. Blakeway
R. N. Butcher
J. S. Hepworth
A. Lee

R. Marks
A. Maskill
J. Myers
S. Nicholson

C. Riley
T. Taylor

Form V B.

K. Abson
A. C. Baker
G. Colley

B. Cooper
J. I. Crane
T. Davis
B. D. Fraser
R. B. Govan
P. Jibson
M. D. Price
K. Proctor
B. Pugh
R. Ratcliffe
L. C. Routham
M. Sugden
M. Swift
J. Townend
Form IV C.
T. Walker
Form II B.
K. Haytack
A. P. Jackson

DE OMNIBUS

The School Prefects this year are K. Holroyd (Head Boy), E. Proctor (Senior Prefect), C. P. Couch (Captain of Bennett), N. H. Lee (Captain of Freeston), M. J. Vonemloh (Captain of Frobisher), J. A. Shaw (Captain of Hanson), J. D. Newton (Captain of Rugby), G. B. Milner (Librarian), B. Mountain (Captain of Athletics), C. W. Nuttall, W. H. A. Major, K. E. Phelps (Captain of Football), A. Jenkins, M. Frost (Vice-Captain of Football).

The Annual Founder's Day service was held on 16th July. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Normanton, the Rev. C. A. O. Warman. The Vicar was assisted by the Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill, Chairman of the Governors, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. H. de Candole, Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough. The lesson (Matt. v. 1-16) was read by the Head Boy, J. M. Bullingham.

On 31st October a party of senior boys travelled to Leeds Town Hall to hear a talk about N.A.T.O. by General Norstad, the Supreme Commander. The meeting was held under the auspices of the British Atlantic Committee and the Chairman was the Earl of Scarbrough. It was admirably "stage-managed" by the School party, and General Norstad spoke to a capacity audience.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of magazines from King's School, Pontefract, Batley Grammar School, Rothwell Grammar School, Thornes House Grammar School, Normanton High School, Cockburn High School, Percy Jackson's Grammar School, Aireborough Grammar School and Rishworth School.

A large party of boys and masters visited the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate on Thursday, 11th July, and on Tuesday, 29th October, three members of the Sixth made a three-day visit to Grantley Hall Adult College, Ripon.

A small party from the Sixth paid a visit to Ackworth on 13th November, in order to see the first part of Goethe's "Faust," which was performed as a contribution to the West Riding's International Theatre Month, by the Ackworth Village Players.

The well-known broadcaster and writer Mr. Josselyn Hennessy visited the School on Wednesday, 27th November, and talked to the Sixth form on the European Common Market. The Chairman was J. D. Newton and a vote of thanks was proposed by G. B. Milner.

On November 11th a service was held in the School Hall in remembrance of the old boys and masters who died in the two World Wars. After the Head Boy had read the Roll of Honour and placed a wreath of poppies on the Memorial Plaque, the traditional silence was observed.

THE HOUSES

As we have many new boys this term, and as it is a long time since this subject was explained, it is felt that the following notes may be of interest.

The Editor of "The Frestonian" for the Summer Term, 1905, in calling attention to our old foundation says— "Those who would wish to appreciate the founder should study the times in which he lived and the friends among whom he moved."

Following this excellent suggestion, Mr. Holden in 1932 renamed the Houses in the School after the founder and his friends.

BENNETT HOUSE (formerly the Blues) took its name from:—

"Mr. Doctor Bennett, of York, Chancellor and my always good friend." He is nominated as a Supervisor and Overseer to advise the Executors, and is to receive for his trouble "the sum of Ten Angels, or a Piece of Plate of like value."

FREESTON HOUSE (formerly the Buffs) takes its name from our founder, John Freston, of Altofts, in the County of York, Barrister-at-Law.

"I will that my Executors shall purchase and procure a plot of ground in Normanton, and there erect, edify and build a convenient house for a free grammar school, there to be kept for ever."

FROBISHER HOUSE (formerly the Reds) is named after:—

"The Right Worshipful my very good Cousin, Sir Martin Frobisher, Knight," who is nominated as a Supervisor and Overseer to aid and assist with his best advice, help and counsel the Executors and Feoffees."

"I give to the said Sir Martin Frobisher Ten Angels, or a Piece of Plate of like value."

HANSON HOUSE (formerly the Whites) is named after John Hanson:—

"John Hanson, of Woodhouse, Junior, I do nominate and make an Executor of my last Will and Testament and I give him for his pains, to be taken in the faithful and speedy execution of this my Will, Twenty Pounds, only such other legacies as I do give unto him by this my Will." (These include a Cloak, and three yards and a half of mourning robes and garments) "to every one of the Executors of my Will who will take pains to be at my burial."

The Hanson family were to be prominent in the Civil War in the Royalist cause. Hanson House Farm still stands in Snyderdale Road.

OLD FRESTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

" For we were nursed upon the self-same hill "

Officers for 1957-8 are:—

President: J. T. E. Akers (1914).

Vice-President: H. White (1937).

Chairman: J. H. Short (1942).

Treasurer: G. W. Fieldhouse (1940), 6, Newland View, Altofts.

Hon. Secretary: W. Smith (1934), 39, Illingworth Avenue, Altofts.

Hon. Secretary, A. F. C.: J. Richardson (1939), 24, The Grove, Normanton.

There were 16 competitors for the J. H. Holden Trophy played at Pontefract Golf Club on 19th June. C. Richardson (1947) was declared the winner. A very pleasant supper in the Club House was enjoyed by players and spectators.

The O.F.A. v. School Cricket Match in July was one of the most enjoyable fixtures for many years. The game is reported elsewhere in this issue. The following represented the O.F.A.:—A. V. Brookman (1956), W. D. Hill (1953), G. A. Beck (1956), R. Smith (1949), R. Hunt (1936), H. J. Coule (1947), J. S. Freeston (1945), D. S. Barnett (1955), W. T. Smith (1954), A. Westerman (1942) and D. Stokes (1950).

The O.F.A. v. School Tennis match was also highly successful, O.F.A. proving worthy winners, although the standard of the School team's tennis was commendably high.

The Committee elected to honorary membership of the Association Mr. S. R. Menzies and Mr. H. Whittlestone, recently retired members of the Staff. The grand total collected from boys, Old Boys and parents for Mr. Whittlestone's testimonial fund was £51 4s. 1d. We all wish him a long and healthy retirement.

An experiment was made in having the Social Evening for boys leaving School in September instead of July. The evening chosen, 16th September proved to be very foggy indeed and there was a disappointing attendance of " young Old Boys." However, those who did come had an extremely lively evening, which was rounded off with an excellent fish and chip supper.

The Old Boys' Social on 26th October was well attended and the hard working organisers, H. J. Coule and J. S. Freeston, will, no doubt, be encouraged by the obvious success of their arrangements. They propose to have a " repeat performance " on Saturday, 1st February at 7.30 p.m. The Old Boys invite parents and other adult friends of the School to the February function. Admission 2/6. All are welcome.

As we go to Press, the Invitation Dance on 13th December is the next social event in the O.F.A. Calendar.

The sub-committee appointed to investigate the arms and history of the School have received the following letter from the College of Arms in London:—

17th September, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I have now made a search in the Records of the College regarding the Arms which Normanton Grammar School has been using.

I do not find them anywhere in our Records as authorised to Freston. But after a long search I find indications that they may, at a very early date, have been used by this family. There are equally vague indications that they may have been also used by Foston; and it therefore seems probable that these two names originated as one.

They are both Yorkshire names. But if they started as one, they separated out early, and there are other and much better authenticated Arms for both names separately.

That is the general position, but I will try to explain more in detail the grounds for this.

A branch of the Frestons (also spelled Freestone, Friston, and Fryston) seems to have moved out of Yorkshire to Norfolk. In the Visitation of Norfolk made in 1613 there is a pedigree of them, beginning with John Freestone of Altoft, Co. York, whose 2nd son, Thomas of Altoft, had William of London, who had Richard of Needham, Co. Norfolk, whose descendants remained there.

The original John on this pedigree appears to be the man who founded the Normanton Grammar School, and this is the only official pedigree on which I find him.

The Arms allowed to the family at this Visitation are:— Azure on a fesse or three leopards' heads gules.

This implies that the Arms were already ancient. We have no record of origin, and they must go back before the days of Grants. But we accept them as being allowed to the family by the Heralds in 1613. There is also a Crest, a Quartering, and an Impalement for a wife; so there is no doubt about them.

In the Visitation of Co. Lincoln made in 1634, a branch of the same family is shown, with the same Arms allowed to them.

On the other hand, I can probably tell you how the School comes to be using the Arms you quote. Thoresby's History of Leeds, edited by Whitaker (1816), says, "The Family of Freston of Altoftes ought also to have a place here,

not only for a Benefaction to the Free School of Leeds, but as possessed of an Estate at Potter Newton. Their Coat of Arms was:—Paly of six pieces, or and azure, a chief gules."

It seems possible that at some time one of the Normanton Masters or Governors read this and accordingly adopted the Arms for the School.

I have searched for this Coat itself, apart from the name, and do not find it exactly. But to fix a Mediaeval Coat which does not appear again in the Visitations or later, is very difficult. For one thing, before the Visitations a change of tincture in the same Coat was often used to denote cadency. The main reason for the Visitations was to sort out the somewhat chaotic conditions into which heraldry had then fallen, and put it on a clearer basis again.

The Coat occurs with a different coloured chief for other families; and without a chief at all, for Gurney (a Norfolk family). With the paly part in different tinctures, it belonged to quite a number of early families.

Another tendency in Mediaeval times (which was stopped at the Visitations) was for the Arms to go with the land as much as with the family. So that when some man of another name married the heiress and settled on her land, her father's Arms tended to attach themselves to him.

The name of Foston also had other Arms recognised to them by the time of the Visitations, and the paly Coat nowhere appears in the Visitations.

We should therefore regard this Coat as extinct by 1613, and of doubtful ownership before that, and should recognise to John Freston the leopards' heads Coat, provided he was shown to be the same man as on the pedigree, which I think could easily be done.

The question remains as to where Thoresby got his information about the paly Coat. This, I think, could only be settled by local investigation. It might have come from some old tomb. It might be that the Frestons in Leeds still had a tradition of it, and did not know of the Coat in the Norfolk Visitation. We have a number of books in our Library about the North Riding, but practically nothing on the West Riding. Do you know if John Freston's tomb still exists? It would be interesting to know if any Arms are on it.

Yours truly,
R. P. GRAHAM-VIVIAN,
Windsor Herald.

H. Harris, Esq., M.A.,
Headmaster,
Normanton Grammar School,
Yorks.

The sub-committee is considering the next move in this enthralling, but costly, game of tracing the true arms and detailed history of the School.

Forthcoming O. F. A. events include:—

1st February, 1958: Social for O. F. A. and friends.

1st March: O. F. A. A. F. C. v. School 1st XI.

15th March: Annual General Meeting at the Black Swan Hotel.

29th March: Annual Dinner and Re-union.

C. R. Kaye (1951) has been awarded a National Coal Board Scholarship and has just entered Leeds University to read Honours Mining. Our hearty congratulations on a well-earned success attained by hard work and perseverance.

D. T. Wright, B.Comm. (1927), a former Sports Champion of the School, is now landlord of the Three Houses Inn, Sandal. He is one of two Frestonians who obtained triple colours at Leeds University. He was offered the appointment in 1942 of P.E. Instructor at Normanton but was later advised to remain on the staff of Wakefield Technical School. His son, Donald, has obtained national recognition as a show jumper and was recently placed third in the leading junior Show Jumper of the Year competition at Harringay Arena.

R. M. Auty (1944) is a representative of Wiggins Teape, Ltd., the paper manufacturers. He is based on Nottingham.

T. P. McNamara (1957) is now employed with H. Harrison (1914) in his Estate Office at Castleford.

R. K. Hunter (1951), who was a Flying Officer serving in the R.A.F. as a pilot, is now with Lloyds Bank. His brother, C. I. Hunter, has entered Lower VI Arts.

A. Jarvis (1953), who recently finished his National Service as a Corporal in Transport Command in Wiltshire, is now back with the Education Department at County Hall. His younger brother, J. K. Jarvis, has just joined the School and their cousin, J. Banks (1954), who was also in the Education Department at County Hall, is now in Cyprus with the Royal West Kents.

T. Edwards (1940), an Honours graduate of Cardiff, is now Staff Superintendent of the National Oil Refinery in Llandarcy, Neath, S. Wales. He recently returned from a tour of duty in Aden.

R. Lindop (1935) has now left the Treasurer's Department, County Hall, Wakefield, to become a Probation Officer at Castleford. A. E. Lindop (1934), his brother, is Headmaster of Boston Spa Church of England School.

C. E. A. Holden (1951), former Head Boy and youngest son of the late Head Master, has qualified at Guy's Hospital as a doctor. He was married on 24th August, 1957, to Miss Gillan E. Conway-Gordon. P. N. A. Holden (1947), a R.A.F. Medical Officer stationed at Kirkham, is expecting to be demobilised in February, 1958, and G. C. A. Holden (1945) is serving as a regular Medical Officer in the Army in Cyprus. He is married, with one daughter.

R. O. Tordoff (1945), an officer in the Royal Navy, has been promoted Lieutenant-Commander.

C. M. Sadler (1956) has been awarded a County Technological Scholarship to continue his Applied Optics course at Bradford Technical College. He has passed his F.B.O.A., Part 1.

D. Price (1955) is now reading Medicine at Birmingham University.

B. Searby (1956) has passed his 1st M.B. Examination at the Royal Free Hospital, London.

F. A. Albrighton (1925) is a Head Master in Bispham, near Blackpool.

M. L. Woodhouse (1955) is a Senior Aircraftman at R.A.F., Lindholme, and has had experience as Air Radar Mechanic and on ground equipment. On demobilisation this year, he was hoping to commence training for the teaching profession.

C. H. Thompson (1951) is at Chester Training College, specialising in Physical Education.

J. W. Pennington (1935) is a chemist in Castleford and a prominent member of the Magic Circle.

J. Pennington (1926), his brother, formerly Head Master of Normanton Modern School, is now a Head Master in Crowborough, Sussex.

F. Pennington (1929), a member of Castleford Borough Council and a past President of the Chamber of Trade, is a boot and shoe factor in Castleford.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the end of the second year of our existence, I think that we are justified in feeling we have again gone a considerable way in achieving the primary object of the Association, which is to enrich the lives of the boys at the School.

We have found practical ways of helping the School, not only by contributing to the School Fund, but also by organising events in which boys participate.

The Association's activities for the summer ended with a much debated end-of-term dance for parents, old boys and scholars. The experiment, in which senior boys were invited to take their ladies, was something new and, as events turned out, something acceptable. It was rare satisfaction to us to hear a representative of the boys politely tender grateful thanks on behalf of the young guests.

That is a brief picture of our term, with only one problem emerging. I refer to the sparse attendances at the educational events. A few weeks ago we had the first of two meetings on the political approach to education, and though the committee members were present in strength, there was little evidence of interest from the general body of parents. Unless we can work up more enthusiasm from parents in general for this type of event, we shall continue to embarrass speakers, who have invariably come at some considerable inconvenience to themselves.

The writer would like to thank his fellow officers for their help and support, and would suggest that inspiration has been provided all round by the high rate of attendance of committee members at meetings during the term.

THE STAFF

We have this School year 24 masters. On the staff photograph published in this issue, there are 23 masters and the Head Master. Monsieur Pierre Voyer, our second French Assistant from the University of Poitiers, was in France and so was absent from the photograph.

It includes, however, our first master from Keele Hall, the University of North Staffordshire, in Mr. T. B. Foster, B.A., who has joined us primarily for English, after serving in the Royal Air Force as a Flying Officer. Mr. Foster is Form Master of IVa and is helping with School games and the periodical department of the Library.

Mr. R. D. Hollands, B.Sc. (London), of Altrincham Grammar School, Cheshire, has succeeded Mr. Whittlestone as Senior Mathematics Master. Mr. Hollands was educated at Pembroke Dock Grammar School and Southampton University. He was an A.B.A. Southern Counties boxing finalist and has played chess for Cheshire.

Mr. D. H. Fox, B.Sc., of Nottingham University, is a very well-qualified biologist, who is giving valuable help with chemistry, general science, and games, in addition to biology. He is living in Crofton, a close neighbour of Mr. J. Lowndes, B.Sc., of Manchester and Leeds Universities. We made Mr.

Lowndes' acquaintance when he joined us for six weeks last summer, and now he is a member of the permanent Staff, specialising in Mathematics and Physics.

We offer all five new masters a cordial welcome to Normanton.

SOCIETY JOTTINGS

CLUB FRANCAIS

The only meeting of the term took place on 6th November, and film strips, illustrating the growth of Paris from ancient times to the present day, were shown. Records of modern French singers were played also, but most members found the task of translation too difficult. M. Munton was unanimously invited to retain his position as Secretary, and J. C. Allen was appointed as his assistant. It is hoped that M. Voyer will take M. le Hir's place as President of the Club.

FILMS

On 24th October a film show was given in the Senior Physics Lab. The film was an I.C.I. production dealing with the invention and uses of the new wonder fibre "Terylene." The film showed the various experiments which finally enabled J. R. Whinfield to produce "Terylene." The majority of the audience were members of the Sixth, but the film was explained in non-technical terms, so that it was readily understood by everyone.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term the Photographic Society has concentrated on practical work. Few boys had done any contact printing, and so Mr. Machin gave the initial demonstration. An effort has been made to show the difference between the various grades of paper, using the same negative for each. A number of talks have also been given on such subjects as colour photography and sepia toning. On one occasion an attempt was made to take a paper negative in a plate camera, supplied by Mr. Machin, but unfortunately the result was disappointing.

THE LOCO SPOTTERS' CLUB

The Club was formed at the beginning of this term, and Mr. Robinson agreed to accept the office of President. Other officials were elected at the first meeting. Meetings have since been held on Wednesdays, and usually devoted to talks and film shows.

On Monday, 4th November, 31 members visited Doncaster locomotive works.

LIBRARY

The Librarian gratefully acknowledges the receipt of books from the Headmaster, S. K. Stones, D. Young and W. R. Dyson.

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY

On 12th July the annual outing took place; the Society visited York. On arrival the party split into two groups; one group went to see the Treasurer's House, and the other the Merchant Adventurers' Hall. Until 1.30 p.m., when a trip on the river began, members were free to explore the city for themselves, most of them finding their way to the Minster.

The Annual General meeting of the Society was held in the High School Library on 23rd July. After the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer had made their reports for the year, J. Brennan was elected Secretary for 1957-1958 and Miss H. Hughes Treasurer. Miss J. Jarvis and Miss A. Cheeseborough were elected to the Committee from the High School Lower Sixth, and M. Farrell and R. Cooper from that of the Grammar School.

It has become almost a tradition for the first meeting of the Autumn Term to take the form of a record evening, and, as a result, members crowded the Grammar School music room to hear a selection of records chosen for the occasion by the Committee.

In the past a panel selected from both Schools has commented on the records, but on this occasion, the Chairman simply asked for comments from the floor. Unfortunately the records had little to recommend them, and, as a result, members were reluctant to say very much.

Perhaps the most stimulating meeting of the term was the "Any Questions?" held in the High School Library on Tuesday, 15th October. When answering questions the panel was occasionally vague, but on the whole the "brains" put up a creditable performance. The Discussion swung from the Goon Show to the colour bar, and from blood sports to space travel. Many members of the audience made interesting and humorous contributions.

On Friday, 1st November, a small party went by special 'bus to see the Halifax Thespians production of "I am a Camera." The visit was a success.

The play reading, held in the Grammar School Library on Wednesday, 27th November, silenced the critics. The large cast of Galsworthy's "The Silver Box" and the rather small audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves, for, as the

Chairman said before he closed the meeting, the event was "just what the doctor ordered." We were pleased to welcome Mr. Lowndes at this meeting as a representative of the staff.

PASSING NOTES

The West Riding Orchestra visited Normanton on Thursday, 11th July, and those of us who had not gone to the Great Yorkshire Show heard a pleasant programme of music in the High School gym.

Beethoven was admirably represented in the programme by two movements from his Sixth Symphony ("Pastoral") and we hope that the enthusiasm with which this item was received will encourage the conductor to include more of Beethoven's music in future concerts. Rossini's ever-popular overture "The Barber of Seville" and "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saens (which delighted the juniors) also found a place in the programme and were universally enjoyed. Two movements from a fine "Concerto Grosso" by the Italian composer Corelli satisfied the more serious music-lovers who were present.

A brass and woodwind demonstration was presented by Mr. Mitchell, a prominent member of the orchestra who plays both the oboe and the cor anglais.

K. Holroyd thanked the conductor, Mr. Adams, and the Orchestra, on behalf of the School.

The West Riding String Quartet played a selection of music, including works by Bach and Mozart, in the School Hall on Wednesday, 17th July. This concert, while it was generally appreciated, was especially attractive to instrumentalists.

M. J. Vonemloh proposed a vote of thanks to the Quartet.

Since the above visits took place the number of musical activities in School has increased considerably. We should soon have a competent "orchestra" ourselves.

Classes for would-be instrumentalists take place on each evening of the week as follows:—

Monday:	4.15 p.m.	Violin.
"	6.15 p.m.	Advanced brass.
Tuesday:	12.30 p.m.	Clarinet.
"	1.30 p.m.	'Cello.
Wednesday:	6—8 p.m.	Elementary brass.
Thursday:	4.00 p.m.	Elementary recorder.
Friday:	4.00 p.m.	Advanced recorder.

A variety of brass instruments, including cornet, tenor horn, baritone, euphonium, tenor trombone, bass trombone, and E^b Bass is studied.

The popular success of the "Pirates of Penzance," which was performed in School earlier this year, has encouraged us to produce "H. M. S. Pinafore" in the Spring Term, 1958.

On 10th March, 1958, the West Riding Grammar Schools' Festival Choir will perform Vaughan Williams' "Dona Nobis Pacem" in Leeds Town Hall.

Throughout this term members of the middle and senior school have met in the music room once a fortnight to play records of music by composers such as Berlioz, Beethoven, Brahms, Holst, Schubert, Sibelius and Mozart. After some preliminary distresses the meetings have run smoothly, and, since they have not so far been publicised, we would like to take this opportunity of extending a general invitation to the School.

AUTUMN FAIR

This term's Autumn Fair, which was opened on Friday, 18th October, by Mrs. H. Harrison, certainly justified the lavish advertising with which it was launched.

Most people found that "there was so much to see" in only four hours. There was, for instance, a beautiful display of both fresh and artificial flowers, the latter made by Mr. Beddows and Va, which were quickly sold, and the model railway, which proved to be extremely popular with the juniors as expected. For the more robust there were miniature "beetle" drives, and a thriving "bingo" stall. The "juke-box" was as popular as it had been last Autumn.

"Spot the Masters" was a smaller, but none the less eye-catching and entertaining amusement or side show. A really fine show the Masters (many of them appearing as toddlers) put up too. They should be congratulated for so courageously producing such realistic photos.

The dining room was a fine sight to the footsore and weary who eagerly made their way there in search of the abundant refreshments. A very successful talent competition brought the Fair to a close. For this event the Hall was literally packed to the doors, and the glow of satisfaction on all faces was attributed to the fact that the enterprising venture had raised over £200 for School funds.

IMPRESSIONS OF ENGLAND

Near the end of last term we very reluctantly parted with our first French assistant, M. le Hir, who, during his year's stay, succeeded in establishing himself as one of the most popular figures in School.

Before he left on Thursday, 19th July, M. le Hir gave one of the most enjoyable talks of the term, entitled "My impressions of England," to the Senior School.

M. le Hir began by comparing certain conditions in England with those in his native land, pointing out that goods here are cheaper than in France, and the standard of living higher. He admired our stable currency and Government which, he said, gave us a sense of security which was not found in France. M. le Hir then suggested that this sense of security might be partially responsible for one of our principal defects—our sense of superiority, which a visitor encounters everyday in many different ways. Illustrating his point here M. le Hir congratulated the Headmaster who, when he referred to that strip of water which separates England from France, refrained from calling it the English Channel. M. le Hir supplied us with more food for thought, so far as our national defects are concerned, by criticising the way in which English people call all visitors from other lands "foreigners," and dismiss the rest of Europe as "the Continent."

Moving to the topic of education M. le Hir said that French schoolboys have much more homework than schoolboys in England, but that they have not so much enthusiasm for sport. He admired very much the way in which English education is designed to form character as well as produce good scholars.

M. le Hir also admired the comfort of the English home, but he protested strongly against what he described as "the lenient-minded" attitude of the British husband towards his wife. The washing of dirty dishes, he maintained, was no part of a husband's duty unless his wife went out to work. M. le Hir thought it reasonable in such a case for the domestic chores to be shared.

After dismissing the majority of British films as "hopeless" he went on to deplore the fact that there is, at the present day, so little worthwhile, vigorous artistic life—in painting and music, for example—to be seen in England, although we produce many great writers.

In concluding M. le Hir expressed a favourable opinion of the English parks, but vigorously condemned the widespread custom of flag-selling as an organised nuisance. His opinions of the national habit of playing cricket were received with sympathy, but his declaration that, for him, England would always be a second home was understood as a very sincere tribute to our way of life.

After modestly acknowledging the great burst of sustained applause which greeted the completion of his address, M. le Hir expressed his readiness to answer questions. This obliging offer produced an immediate and extremely amusing response. A particularly inquisitive member of the Lower

Sixth, after explaining that "Englishmen, when they want to get lost, join the French Foreign Legion," asked what Frenchmen do.

The proceedings, which might have gone on indefinitely but for the promptings of our appetites, were brought to a genial conclusion by the Headmaster, who pointed out that this was one occasion on which he could conscientiously thank the speaker on behalf of us all.

PARTY POLICIES FOR SCHOOLS

Mr. Paul Bryan, D.S.O., M.C., M.P. (Howden) spoke about the Conservative attitude towards education at a meeting organised by the Parents' Association on 18th September.

Mr. Bryan began by emphasising the fact that the influence of the parents in a boy's education is as important as that exercised by his school. Unfortunately this influence is not always as strong as it should be.

He pointed out the differences in attitude of the Conservative and Labour Parties. The main issues over which they disagree, he said, are the eleven-plus examination and comprehensive schools. Both parties are more or less in favour of the 1944 Education Act. Of course, there are bound to be problems over which they differ. We can be fairly proud of British education, as our system provides for the development of character and leadership which are essential to a good system. For example, at a British school near Lima in Peru, there was a stream of pupils queueing for admission, and the Americans there seemed to favour the British system even though there was an American school close by.

What is needed nowadays, he said, is equality of opportunity, for any two boys of equal intelligence do not necessarily have the same chance in life. In this respect the attitude of the parents is all-important. On the whole the parents of sixth form boys are considerate and try to help their families as much as possible. But there is always the danger of modern distractions in the home depriving a pupil of a good chance in life because of the lack of co-operation on the part of the parents.

From the Conservative point of view, equality of opportunity in education should be realised through a process of "levelling up" rather than one of "levelling down." The Socialist Party cannot be against public schools because they are bad, but seemingly because they are too good. To abolish them, Mr. Bryan argued, would be a bad thing, and he pointed out that although the leading socialists appear to be against public schools, most of them send their children

to such schools if they are able. Nowadays, asserted the speaker, the grammar school boy has practically the same opportunities as the public school boy.

The Conservative Party believes in variety; it does not aim to sweep everything aside, and start afresh with comprehensive schools, but seeks to preserve what is good in the present system. Variety in education is a vital thing, and a danger arises when most of our education comes from the same sources—the same newspapers, wireless and television.

On the controversial subject of the eleven-plus examination, Mr. Bryan pointed out that we must realise that selection must take place. The eleven-plus examination is one method. It must be understood that this examination is not some horrible device imposed by the Government. The Central Authority insists that selection takes place, but the method by which this is accomplished is the affair of the Local Education Authority.

The comprehensive school has the advantage of being able to interchange its streams easily, but surely they are too big. It is very difficult for a headmaster to influence each individual when he is dealing with more than six hundred boys.

Money is the greatest problem of all, and it seems likely that in the near future rates must be raised in order to pay for more costly education. There are two reasons for this. In the first place there are more children than ever before to educate, and secondly, they should have the best possible education.

We must not fall behind other nations in the field of technical education, for instance. Therefore, during the next twenty years several millions of pounds must be devoted to technical education in order to keep us abreast of our competitors.

The Speaker concluded his remarks by saying that there were many interesting educational experiments, such as the Leicestershire Scheme, being undertaken by local authorities, the most notable of which should be watched carefully as they might have an important contribution to make to the future of British Education.

Mr. Bryan paid a fine tribute to teachers during his talk, and he was thanked by Mr. Watts and Mr. Pyrah.

On the evening of Wednesday, 9th October, Mr. W. S. Hill, B.Sc., Head of the Lower School of Foxwood (Comprehensive) School, near Leeds, spoke to a mixed gathering of parents and Seniors on "The Labour Party Policy for Schools." Mr. Hill came by invitation of the Parents' Asso-

elation. He said that more attention should be devoted to technical education. If the Labour Party came to power, more money would be spent on education, particularly on technical education. In the Labour Party's opinion, there should be a more widespread study of technical subjects at University level.

The "Bulge" began to move into the secondary schools this year. There had been a very high birth-rate in the mid-1940's, and the effect was being felt now. There is an urgent need for more accommodation. If the Labour Party were in power it would build the new schools which are needed, and which are not being built at the moment. Mr. Hill quoted, to support his argument, the fact that prior to the Suez crisis, this country was spending more money on petrol stations than on schools!

Mr. Hill spoke at great length on the subject of comprehensive education, in which he is, of course, very interested. He discussed the impact of Labour policy on secondary education. The party had thoughts about the abolition of the Public Schools, which, he tried to make out, were too exclusive for a democratic state. The 1944 Education Act stated that children must be educated according to age, aptitude, and ability. The tripartite system of education — grammar, modern, and technical schools — was one way of pursuing this policy, but from the Labour Party's point of view it was not the best way.

His idea of a Comprehensive School was to take all the pupils from a particular area and educate them in one group of buildings, teaching them at a speed suitable to their ability in any specified subject. Thus a child could be in the "A" stream for English, and the "E" stream for Maths. The "borderline" cases could also be more easily dealt with. Mr. Hill explained that 3 per cent, of grammar school entrants are of secondary modern standard. He discussed the problem of parental consent in the transference of pupils from one school to another, with reference to the "terrible shadow" of the eleven-plus examination. "The sole aim of the primary schools," he alleged, "is the eleven-plus examination."

Mr. Hill described in detail "the shadow of the eleven-plus," spreading into schools and homes. He said this problem was worse if a child had an elder brother or sister at a grammar school. The comprehensive school would abolish the need for such an examination. It would also give greater opportunity. After 13, the child who had failed to enter a grammar school, and whose brain developed late, stands a very small chance of achieving grammar school status. In a comprehensive school, this would be infinitely easier.

BRIMHAM ROCKS

Peaked high on the southern tips of the Yorkshire Hills stand Brimham Rocks, frowning down on Pateley Moors and the rolling wastes of heather and grass beyond. A chaotic upheaval of boulders, shale, and pinnacles—time sculptured, mineral-stained in sombre shades of grey, slate blue, and black.

They stand there, black hideous things, upright and leaning, like the drunken sentries of some unearthly army. These ever-changing giants start up from the heather, looking for all the world like man-made monuments, instead of what they are—tombstones recalling an age long dead. They were carved out of the very cliffs, weather-beaten and polished through countless alons, caressed by the fingers of time which seemingly in a time of madness formed these grotesque things. Still they change, slowly, slowly, as the elements burst upon them with jealous fury.

Far, far below, jagged rocks and shale give way to wiry moorland grass and a sea of purple heather. On and on it stretches in colourful waves, cut with black lines tracing the position of the walls of fields, where sheep graze and the ploughman toils to grow crops in the stony soil.

The area is devoid of trees, except for a gnarled oak that sways in the cold winds, reaching its crooked arms to the sky, as if it has been tortured and frozen while still in agony, appealing to the heavens to free it from its elemental burden.

East and west loom more hills: a purple haze floats about them making the distance deceiving. But the sun has now completed its daily course and is bowing its head below the moors with myriad rays, flaming gold and saffron and rose and copper, a holocaust of dazzling colour that washes the whole landscape, etching all in a burning glow; molten; unreal. Even the skies are flooded, their true colour lost in a riot of burning flame. Nature is weaving a shroud for the dying day.

J. F. Fairclough.

A LONG RAILWAY JOURNEY

The station was long and narrow, ending abruptly as it gave way to the bleak hills beyond. Everything stood gaunt and staring in the thin morning air, shrouded in mists. The sun came over the horizon, a golden ball, its feeble rays illuminating the fogs, causing the tall distant peaks to stand out in dark profile against the murky background.

The big engine with its train of highly painted coaches slid to a stop between the two grimy platforms. A sprinkling of passengers alighted. Then I entered one of the carriages. The driver peered through the cab window, waited for the accustomed signal, and then opened the throttle. The locomotive jerked violently, making a ripple along the cars behind, with a harsh clanging sound. The big driving wheels spun crazily; the side-rods became a metallic blur; sparks flew like golden starlets from the tracks, and then the sandboxes opened and the wheels obtained a grip. Staggering under the weight of its burden the engine drew slowly out of the small station, which slid by to become a speck in the colourful distance. The open line lay ahead. Smoke billowed from the engine's stack; its drivers pounded the rails, and the massive, man-made giant toiled up the hill, reached the top, and gathered speed on the level ground; the lines pointing like steely fingers into the distance.

I lay back on the comfortable, but well-worn seat of the side-corridor coach, and listened to the quiet hum of the carriages, broken only by an occasional clatter as the train rattled over points.

Pushing down the sliding window I looked on to the green world outside, decked in a warm glow from a now high sun.

The country had changed considerably. Gone were the monotonous hills of the Yorkshire Moors, with their wiry grass and stunted trees and tumbling streams. Now the lush green of the lowlands had taken their place. Rivers, and farms with their whitewashed walls, slid by the speeding train. Cattle grazed contentedly in the never-ending fields, occasionally lifting their heads to gaze in wonder at the steel monster charging by. A bridge flashed by; black waters flowing between its massive walls showed signs of industry ahead.

Gradually the scene changed. The grass had lost its bright green, the hedgerows and bushes were tinted with a murky grey, and the vast sky above told of smoke, and dirt, and factories.

On and on sped the train, clicking musically as it crossed an increasing number of different lines, all seemingly tangled, but spreading out to find their own directions. A small tanker clanked past the train, its boiler coated with black grease, bearing covered goods in its wake, all packed neatly in the small, rusty wagons. The town was ahead. Signal boxes, bridges, trains, people, roads, increased at an alarming rate; sidings stood choked with various rolling stock, some ready for moving, some rotting away.

The big engine was slowing; its brakes echoed with an eerie sound from the filthy, reeking walls of sheds and store-houses. The massive platform loomed ahead, contrasting sharply with the insignificant country station we had left some three hours ago. All was covered with a vast glass arc of girders and posts—a hideous construction, flashing overhead. The locomotive hissed viciously as it pushed softly against the massive hydraulic buffers at the end of the platform. A whistle shrilled. Doors were flung open, and people boiled out. Passengers swirled through the station gates and into the teeming city, frowned on by a dirty, black sky.

J. F. Fairclough.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held on Thursday, 21st November, in the Baths Hall. The Guests of Honour were Air Vice-Marshall H. V. Satterly, C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F., and Mrs. Satterly. Encouraged by the successes of last year's "sneak preview," the cast of "H.M.S. Pinafore" presented to the audience excerpts from the opera. After this a new venture was undertaken when an "International Panel" consisting of C. W. Nuttall, M. J. Vonemloh, J. D. Newton, L. Dunn, M. Frost, and J. Glaze attempted to answer questions on matters of international importance posed by members of the School. J. Brennan was Chairman of the panel. A. Jenkins and D. Rose concluded the first part of the programme with an amusing performance of the famous "Gendarmes' Song."

Following this came the Headmaster's Report. The Headmaster deplored the fact that in many areas only three or four per cent, of boys go on to full-time education after the age of 18, and emphasised the needs for larger grants to students. He spoke of the progress of the School, in various fields, academic, athletic and musical, throughout the past year. He expressed pleasure at the fact that out of the first eight forms represented on the prize list, seven awards had been gained by ex-modern school boys.

After Mrs. Satterly had presented the prizes, the Head Boy introduced Air Vice-Marshall Satterly. In his address, the Air Vice-Marshall said that boys who won prizes had the best possible start in life. He offered words of encouragement to those who had failed to win Awards, saying that they could become prize-winners if only they realised that they had the ability. He stressed the fact that speed, strength, and talent are not the only keys to success. Training, application, and practice are also very important.

The Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill, M.A., presided, and Air Vice-Marshall and Mrs. Satterly were thanked by the Rev. C. A. O. Warman and Mrs. D. Heseltine.

PRIZE LIST

IB

First Prize: D. Holland
 Second Prize: J.H. Dickinson
 Hon. Mentions: G.E. Dean
 B. Baker
 R. Carr

IA

First Prize: J.S. Harrison
 Second Prize: B. Preston
 Third Prize: R. H. Busby
 Hon. Mentions: G.S. Dobson
 C. Teasdale

IIIB

Form Prize: T. M. Conboy
 Hon. Mentions: A. P. Jackson
 P. Davis
 A. S. Oldroyd

IIA

First Prize: P. A. L. Routledge
 Second Prize: D. Herrell
 Third Prize: R. Wilby
 Fourth Prize: H. Gray
 Hon. Mentions: P. M. Hall
 C. S. Hampson

IIIB

First Prize: R. Thickett
 Second Prize: G. Ball
 Hon. Mention: R. Hunter

L.VIM

Form Prize: M.C. Clayson

L.VIA

Form Prize: M. Frost

L.VIS

First Prize: J. P. Aldridge
 Second Prize: K. Preston
 Third Prize: A. Jenkins

IIIA

First Prize: D. Hoyle
 Second Prize: D. Senior
 Third Prize: J.F. Fairclough
 Hon. Mentions: J. Mitchell
 A. P. Gates

IVC

Form Prize: N. Woodward
 Hon. Mentions: A. Johnson
 R.A. Bassinder

IVB

Form Prize: D. K. Mounty
 Hon. Mentions: G. Beaumont
 A. Scholes
 M. Asquith
 R. Dickens

IVA

First Prize: D. S. Atkinson
 Second Prize: D. Brown
 Third Prize: D. Wilkinson
 Hon. Mentions: M. G. Bell
 D. A. Worth
 J. M. Frankland

VB

Form Prize: J. Gaughan

VA

First Prize: C. Tucker
 Second Prize: F. H. Pugh
 Third Prize: A. Bailey
 Fourth Prize: B. Lorriman

U.VIA

First Prize: K. Holroyd
 Second Prize: G. B. Milner

U.VIS

First Prize: N. H. Lee
 Second Prize: J. A. Shaw
 Third Prize: C. W. Nuttall

U.VIS (Third Year)

Form Prize: J. M. Bullingham

SPECIAL PRIZES

E. B. Haslam Junior Prize for Magazine.....	C. J. Makin
Prize for Holiday contribution to Magazine.....	J. F. Fairclough
Gimblett Prize for Magazine.....	K. Holroyd
A. M. Smith Prize for English.....	C. Tucker
Form VA Mathematics Prize.....	B. Lorriman
Swallow Prize for History.....	F. H. Pugh
Forster Prize for Physics.....	A. Maskill
Royce Prize for Chemistry.....	A. Bailey
McKinnon Prize for Effort in VB.....	B. Pollitt
George Pearson Memorial Prize (Courtesy and Good Manners).....	J. M. Bullingham
Charles Pearson Memorial Prize (Sportsmanship).....	G. Cooper
Headmaster's Prizes for Service to the School.....	W. R. Dyson
	W. S. Hayle
E. H. Dixon Memorial Prize.....	K. Holroyd
C. E. Brittain Memorial Prize.....	J. M. Bullingham
J. A. Holden Memorial Prize.....	J. A. Shaw
T. W. Freston Memorial Prize.....	N. H. Lee

House Trophy - Hanson House

A. F. C.

Captain: K. E. Phelps

Vice-Captain: M. Frost

Secretary: C. Tucker

Although the average age of the 1st XI is lower than last year the standard of football has remained very high. There was a considerable amount of competition and experiment at the beginning of the year, especially in the forward line. The team became settled about half way through the term and showed plenty of skill, although in certain cases experience and weight need to be acquired before this skill is fully effective.

Asian 'flu took its toll of players at the beginning of the season, but we found no difficulty in selecting teams. We would like to thank those boys who willingly stepped into the breach at this crucial period and made this achievement possible.

Finally we congratulate the gallant 2nd XI, which, although it gets second consideration, always gives a first-rate performance.

The following boys have played for the 1st XI: —

K. E. Phelps, M. Frost, C. Tucker, H. I. Atkinson, C. Rummings, K. Barnes, D. K. Watts, E. Binns, D. Bradley, P. J. Arscott, R. Harrap, J. Gaughan, E. M. Ellis, M. F. Hough.

The following boys have played for the 2nd XI: —

H. Clarke (Captain), J. M. Cooper, E. Binns, B. W. Hardcastle, B. Lorrigan, M. Thompson, M. F. Hough, P. Rhodes, M. Asquith, A. Jones, N. Ellis, M. G. Bell, P. Williams, D. Thompson, R. Williams, J. Strutt, G. Sleight.

JUNIOR SOCCER 1957-58

Junior Soccer again comprises three teams: the Under-13 XI, the Under-14 XI, and the Under-15 XI. So far this season the Under-15 XI have played only one match, losing 4-2 at Batley Grammar School. The game was played on a small pitch, which rather cramped the style of our agile forwards, but to hold the strong Batley team to 4-2 was quite a creditable performance.

The Under-13 XI had more success in the match against Ossett Grammar School. With A. H. Morgan as captain, the team played strongly and intelligently to win by 10-1.

The "regular" Junior team, the Under-14's have made a good start to the season, winning four of their five matches, and only losing to Barnsley Grammar School by

one goal. The football has been of a high standard and the spirit of the team could not be better. W. R. Watson, who played in the team last year and who now captains the side, has taken over the centre-forward position, where his ball control and distribution have kept the forward line moving well. The defence, marshalled by D. Lumb, has tackled fiercely, and, what is perhaps more gratifying than strong tackling, has always endeavoured to turn defence into attack. J. P. Scott was “pressed” into taking over the vacant goal-keeping position, and, due to his enthusiasm and willingness, to learn, has performed very creditably.

It would be wrong to single out members of the team for individual mention, for it must be remembered that only team work can bring success

The strength of the reserves is also worth mentioning, for players of the quality of A. H. Morgan, G. S. Dobson, R. A. Hadley, and R. Cheetham are eagerly awaiting their chance to step in and show their skill.

1st XI Results

v. Ossett Grammar School (h)	8-0 WON
(R. Harrap 3, D. Bradley 2, C. Rummings 2, M. Frost).	
v. Thornes House Grammar School (h)	1-1 DRAWN
(M. Frost).	
v. Batley Grammar School (a)	2-1 WON
(R. Harrap, C. Rummings).	
v. Scarborough College (h)	7-1 WON
(R. Harrap 3, D. Bradley 2, M. Frost, o.g.).	
v. Barnsley Grammar School (a)	2-3 LOST
(R. Harrap, P. J. Arscott).	
v. Holme Valley Grammar School (h)	9-2 WON
(C. Rummings 3, R. Harrap 3, D. Bradley 2, P. J. Arscott).	
v. St Michael's College (h)	1-3 LOST
(P. J. Arscott).	
v. Percy Jackson's Grammar School (h)	7-2 WON
(R. Harrap 6, D. Bradley 1).	

2nd XI Results

v. Ossett Grammar School (a)	13-1 WON
(P. Williams 3, P. J. Arscott, B. W. Hardcastle, G. Sleight, J. Strutt 2 each, D. Thompson, H. Clarke).	
v. Thornes House Grammar School (a)	4-1 WON
(H. Clarke, M. F. Hough, P. Williams, B. W. Hardcastle).	
v Batley Grammar School (h)	5-2 WON
(P. Williams 2, B. W. Hardcastle, E. Binns).	
v. Barnsley Grammar School (h)	3-2 WON
(P. Rhodes, B. W. Hardcastle, E. Binns).	
v. Holme Valley Grammar School (a)	CANCELLED
v. St. Michael's College (a)	2-5 LOST
(P. Williams 2).	

U.-14 XI Results

v. Thornes House Grammar School (h)	11-1 WON
(R. Hodgson 3, W. R. Watson, D. Holland, T. Shaw, J. E. Ritson 2 each).	
v. Scarborough College (a)	8-2 WON
(W. R. Watson 4, T. Shaw 2, D. Holland, J. E. Ritson).	
v. Barnsley Grammar School (h)	3-4 LOST
(W. R. Watson 2, T. Shaw).	
v. Holme Valley Grammar School (h)	5-0 WON
(W. R. Watson 3, T. Shaw, J. E. Ritson).	
v. St. Michael's College (h)	4-2 WON
(T. Shaw, D. Lumb, W. R. Watson, J. H. Thompson).	
v. Percy Jackson's Grammar School (h)	0-6 LOST

U.-15 XI Result

v. Barnsley Grammar School (a)	2-4 LOST
(G. Sleight, C. Buckle).	

U.-13 XI Result

v. Ossett Grammar School (h)	10-1 WON
(M. Mitchell 3, C. T. Spencer 2, J. P. Walton, A. H. Morgan 4).	

House Matches

Senior:

Bennett 0 v. Frobisher 2.
Freeston 2 v. Hanson 5.
Bennett 3 v. Freeston 2.
Frobisher 3 v. Hanson 2.

Junior:

Freeston 7 v. Hanson 3.
Bennett 6 v. Frobisher 1.
Hanson 1 v. Frobisher 6.
Bennett 3 v. Freeston 2.

R.U.F.C.

It is now two years since Rugby Football was introduced into the School. There has been an improvement in the standard of play, not only of the 1st XV, but also of the boys who turn out in 2nd and 3rd teams on games afternoons.

Only two regular members of last season's 1st XV did not return to School this year, and the rest of the side, together with many of last year's Colts' XV, have been competing for places in the School team. The team selectors have therefore used the opening matches to review the talent available, and so far this season twenty-three boys have played for the School. Five members of the side—D. K. Benton, M. Farrell, J. D. Newton, J. F. Sabey, and J. A. Shaw, are playing in the 1st XV for their third season, while J. K. Clayton, J. R. Hanson, and R. Walters have come into the side from last season's Colts' XV.

So far, this season has been a successful one, and the 1st XV have won four out of the five matches they have played. However, it must be remembered that their opponents have been 2nd and 3rd teams, and therefore these results should not lead to complacency. The captain, Newton, has led the pack, and under his leadership the forwards have worked well together. The team has shown good fighting spirit which was very noticeable in the match against Roundhay. In this game a strong rally a few minutes before time almost led to a draw.

COLTS' XV

J. Senior was appointed Captain for 1957-8, and R. Griffiths, Vice-Captain. They have been particularly well supported in the backs by C. Hough, R. Hunter and T. M. Conboy, and in the forwards by A. P. Gates, L. R. Brannon, C. Hebden and E. Towler. J. F. Fairclough was unfortunate in breaking his nose in a practice game early in the season.

L. Dyas has shown promise, but has been handicapped by absence. R. M. Barr has done well on the wing, M. Powell has given glimpses of ability as a half-back or three-quarter, and D. Brogden played with dash until he pulled a muscle against Rishworth.

The full-back and scrum-half positions have not been filled to satisfaction and the side has suffered from a lack of reserves (not to be wondered at in a Soccer school).

The basic defensive skills of low tackling, falling on the ball, close marking in the line-out and in the backs and safe touch-kicking have not been well-learnt, and one wonders just how, when, and where the Colts, and juniors generally, can be taught, and practised assiduously, in these fundamental matters.

One or two Under-15½ games have been played, as well as Under-15 since the Colts' XV's of some schools we meet are in this higher age group.

1st XV Results

- v. Hemsworth Grammar School 2nd XV (h) 16-3 WON
(Tries: J. D. Newton 2, R. D. Roydhouse; goals: C. W. Whale, 2 con., 1 pen.).
- v. Castleford Grammar School 2nd XV (a) 25-0 WON
(Tries: M. Farrell 2, A. Jenkins, J. D. Newton, E. Proctor, A. Womersley; goals C. W. Whale, 2 con.).
- v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield 3rd XV (a) 9-3 WON
(Try: M. Farrell; goals: C. W. Whale, 2 pen.).

- v. Castleford Grammar School 2nd XV (a) 33-9 WON
(Tries: E. Proctor 2, M. Farrell 2, J. F. Sabey 2, A. Jenkins, C. W. Whale; goals: L. Dunn 3 con., 1 pen.).
- v. Roundhay School 3rd XV (h) 6-11 LOST
(Tries: E. Proctor, R. Walters).
- v. Rishworth School (a) 11-3 WON
(Tries: J. A. Shaw, J. F. Sabey, B. Mountain; goal: C. W. Whale, 1 con.).

Colts' XV Results

- v. Hemsworth Grammar School (a) 11-22 LOST
(Tries: L. R. Brannon, T. M. Conboy; goals: C. Hough, 1 drop goal, 1 con.).
- v. Castleford Grammar School (h) 16-13 WON
(Tries: L. R. Brannon, D. Brogden, T. M. Conboy, R. Hunter; goals: T. M. Conboy, 2 con.).
- v. King's School, Pontefract (h) 0-38 LOST
- v. King's School, Pontefract (a) 9-32 LOST
(Tries: T. M. Conboy, R. Griffiths, J. Senior).
- v. Rishworth School (a) 9-0 WON
(Tries: R. Hunter 2, R. Griffiths).

CRICKET, 1957

Friends of the School have noted with pleasure the improved condition of the Cricket Field. There are now few bare patches and unsightly weeds. The groundsmen have worked hard to produce good results. Our old pavilion is far more attractive with its new coat of paint, and the flag—one might almost call it a banner—floats proudly in the breeze and summons the faithful, alas — too few, to our inter-school games.

Everyone in the school has an opportunity of playing cricket, and on games afternoons a brave show must indeed be presented to those who care to watch. The boys show that they mean business, and they look smart and alert in their whites.

There is no doubt that the general standard of cricket in School has improved, and that some of our junior teams have acquitted themselves nobly, but the individual performances of members of the 1st and 2nd teams have not been particularly striking. There are one or two very promising young players, but they have a long way to go before they can equal the best of the past. Nevertheless, one must give the 1st eleven credit for its determination and team spirit which was most clearly evident in our game against Silcoates. Now that the artificial pitches are ready, there will be more facilities for practice, and it is hoped that proximity and convenience will occasionally lure some of

our Royston and Featherstone boys from their early trains and buses. Practice improves performance, and a little time must be found for this purpose if we wish to compete on equal terms with some of the schools which have a good reputation for cricket.

1st XI

W. S. HAYLE—A true lover of cricket and a natural ball player. It was unfortunate that his batsmanship did not improve as rapidly as was expected, but he is a sound fielder and a better bowler than he knows. He proved himself to be a good leader.

E. BINNS—The School's most attractive bat when he had the good fortune to "play himself in." He possessed the strokes, but lacked the practice necessary to make them effective.

S. NICHOLSON—An all-rounder of great promise, possessing strength and determination. As Secretary he did plenty of work and was always ready to lend a hand at organisation. Unfortunately, the School has lost him. We wish him success on other cricket grounds.

J. M. BULLINGHAM—It is a pity that athletics is his first love, for he has a really fine action for a fast bowler and is a natural hitter.

G. COOPER—A cricketer in the raw. He is not quite sure what he would like to be—wicket-keeper, bowler, or batsman. What he lacks in science he makes up for with enthusiasm.

B. COOPER —Like his brother, he is an all-rounder who showed particular promise as a fast bowler. His ability to score runs quickly was often useful.

D. S. ATKINSON—A very promising young cricketer. He has a most dour defence and needs only to develop stroke play. Blessed with a hand as big as Laker's, he should make a good off-spinner. He tried hard and met with success.

P. RHODES — A shy young cricketer with not enough confidence in his own ability. He has the makings of a good opening batsman, and his bowling will improve as he gains in strength.

B. RUMMINGS—Another natural player. He should make a sound bat, but he must learn to be really loyal to the game.

K. BARNES has plenty of energy, but he lacks self-discipline. He should make a good fast bowler, and, when he learns patience, his batting will improve rapidly.

J. F. SABEY—Left-handed batsmen are always useful in a team, but not always easy to come by. Though not a "ready-made" batsman, Sabey practised hard and had one or two creditable innings.

1st XI Results

School 120 for 8 (D. S. Atkinson 43, W. S. Hayle 26, C. Rummings 22, E. Binns 21), Headmaster's XI 69 (J. M. Bullingham 4 for 9).
 School 86 for 9 dec. (D. S. Atkinson 25 not out, G. Cooper 20), St. Michael's College, Leeds, 87 for 5 (J. M. Bullingham 4 for 32).
 York and Lancaster Regt. 86 for 2. Match abandoned.
 School 126 (W. S. Hayle 29, D. Atkinson 26), Hemsworth Grammar School 128 for 4.
 Whitwood C.C. 137 for 5 dec., School 89 (Mr. J. Malpass 40, S. Nicholson 19).
 Rothwell Grammar School v. School 65 (W. S. Hayle 18). Match abandoned, rain.
 School 125 for 8 dec. (M. Munton 39, J. M. Bullingham 19, Mr. D. York 24), O.F.A. XI 96 for 8 (J. M. Bullingham 2 for 6).
 Silcoates 86 (S. Nicholson 4 for 31, J. M. Bullingham 3 for 12, G. Cooper 2 for 5), School 90 for 7 (G. Cooper 25, S. Nicholson 25, L. Dunn 15).
 School 161 for 3 dec. (W. S. Hayle 52, P. Rhodes 31, G. Cooper 19, S. Nicholson 26, B. Cooper 23), Masters' XI 91 for 7 (G. Cooper 2 for 8, L. Dunn 2 for 12).

2nd XI Results

St. Michael's College, Leeds. 87 for 6 (B. L. Lumb 3 for 22), School 44.
 Hemsworth Grammar School 43 (K. Proctor 3 for 2, L. Dunn 3 for 8, M. Frost 3 for 14), School 37 (L. Dunn 15).

1st XI Cricket Averages, 1957

Batting

	Innings	Not Out	Completed Innings	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
D. S. Atkinson	10	3	7	149	43	21.28
W. S. Hayle	14	1	13	200	52no	16.32
L. Dunn	3	0	3	46	17	15.34
S. Nicholson	10	0	10	135	26	13.50
B. Cooper	11	4	7	84	23no	12.00

Bowling

	Overs	Extra	Balls	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. M. Bullingham	73		10	20	168	22	7.70
G. Cooper	17		1	4	49	5	9.80
B. Cooper	35		0	6	107	9	11.89
K. Barnes	72		0	11	228	17	13.42
S. Nicholson	56		5	11	150	11	13.63

JUNIOR CRICKET

Of our three Junior XI's in season 1957, only the Under - 15 side, with quite a strong fixture list, which included Rishworth, Pontefract, and Wakefield, emerged unbeaten. M. Fox, G. Sleight, N. Ellis, R. C. Gayton, and D. A. Swallow all had promising innings, and K. Wilson obtained excellent bowling figures.

The Under-14 XI played close games with King's School, Pontefract, Woodhouse Grove School, and St. Michael's College, and defeated Wakefield Tutorial Under 15 XI, but they suffered eclipse in other games, while the Under-13 XI had only two games, both of which were lost, against Wakefield.

For the new season, boys need to practice more, particularly batting, and, no doubt, the new "Bituturf" wickets will help considerably. One hopes that more boys will try to obtain their own cricket bags, pads, gloves, etc. (rather than ask for presents of less useful articles), so that they can begin to take their cricket more seriously. 450 boys all using the same cricket equipment and perhaps not valuing it very highly, because it is "publicly owned," are not as likely to improve their standard as boys who take a pride in gradually getting together their own kit and looking after it carefully and practising with it regularly.

Many boys, including A. Nicholson, R. A. Hadley, J. E. Ritson, and W. S. Harris, showed promise with bat or ball, while the fielding of D. M. Cooper and D. M. Ritson was particularly noticed during the season.

Practice, thoughtful practice, should be the watchword for 1958.

U.-15 Results

School 60 for 4 (M. Fox 29 not out, G. Sleight 28 not out), King's School, Pontefract, did not bat. (Match abandoned because of rain.)

School 115 (D. A. Swallow 18, R. C. Gayton 26, G. Sleight 26), Q.E.G.S., Wakefield. 62 for 8 (K. Wilson 6 for 19).

Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, 36 (K. Wilson 6 for 15), School 37 for 0 (D. A. Swallow 14 not out).

U.-14 Results

School 38 (R. A. Hadley 15), Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, 39 for 1. School 23, Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, 26 for 2.

School 62 (A. Nicholson 17, J. E. Ritson 15), St. Michael's College, Leeds, 65 for 5.

U.-13 Result

Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, 43 (W. S. Harris 3 for 7), School 3.

Colours

The full list of Colours awarded for season 1957 is as follows: -

1st XI

W. S. Hayle
E. Binns
J. M. Bullingham
S. Nicholson
D. S. Atkinson
G. Cooper

2nd XI

C. Rummings
M. Frost
L. Dunn
H Clarke
M. Munton
J. F. Sabey
P. Rhodes
K Barnes
B. Cooper

Junior

M. Fox
G. Sleight
A. Nicholson
W. R. Watson
J. Senior

House Matches

Senior:

Frobisher 58 for 7, Bennett 55 for 7.
Hanson 42 for 0, Freeston 38.

Junior:

Hanson 64 for 6, Frobisher 43.

ATHLETICS, 1957

This year the Inter-House Sports were held on a Saturday afternoon, and, as a result, many parents were able to attend. Frobisher was Champion House, and E. M. Ellis won the Pentathlon Cup, gaining most points during the meeting in a maximum of five events.

The School team was very successful in the Normanton Schools' Sports, held in Haw Hill Park on Saturday, 6th July, 1957, winning the Chairman's Cup of the Normanton Urban District Council. Only the boys under fifteen years of age on 31st March, 1957, were able to compete at this meeting. J. Senior, N. Ellis, J. F. Fairclough, R. Williams, P. Williams, C. S. Hampson, and P. Brighton gave notable performances.

The West Riding Grammar Schools' Sports, held in glorious sunshine at Fartown Cricket Ground, Huddersfield, on Tuesday, 16th July, 1957, proved to be a great team effort by the School. B. W. English and M. V. Miller won the Senior shot and javelin, respectively, and C. S. Hampson won the Junior long jump. M. V. Miller put up a new record for the javelin with a throw of 161 ft. 9 ins. The Senior and Intermediate relay teams (4 x 220 yards) won comfortably, the Intermediates setting up a new record time of 1 min. 42.3 sees. The remainder of the competitors had to be satisfied with fighting for team points rather than individual honours, and it was this spirit which allowed us to be first equal with Holme Valley Grammar School. The team effort prevailed very strongly in the Senior section and won them the Senior plaque.

The Triangular Meeting with Sir Percy Jackson's, Doncaster, and King's School, Pontefract, on Thursday, 18th July, was a most exciting affair, the lead changing hands several times between Doncaster and Normanton during the course of the meeting. The final event decided the meeting in favour of Sir Percy Jackson's by eight points.

Several of last year's outstanding athletes (notably E. M. Ellis) have moved into a new age group this year, and have once again found themselves on the bottom rung of the ladder. It has been pleasing to see the way in which these boys have trained and competed against older and more experienced athletes. Next season should bring them into line again, and we will be looking forward to watching their performances.

M. V. Miller gave a creditable performance in the Yorkshire Schools' Sports last year when he won the Senior pole vault competition. Although he won with a vault of only 8 ft. 6 in., his attempt was very encouraging, considering it was only his second season in this event.

GYM COMPETITION

Recent results have been:—

October, 1957			November, 1957	
1st	IIIA	76%	IVA	77%
2nd	IVA	75%	IIA	75%
3rd	IIA	73%	IIIB	74%

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

The Annual Swimming Sports, held on Monday, 22nd July, at Normanton Baths, gave us an exhibition of good swimming and diving, with several close, exciting finishes. The Sports were a fine battle between Frobisher and Freeston, but, towards the end, Frobisher made sure of aquatic supremacy by a number of good wins. Hanson, who improved as the Sports progressed, were kept out of second place by only one point. The C. E. Brittain Memorial Cup for the Senior Champion was won by K. Moorby of Freeston House. A. P. Richardson, of Frobisher House, won the Walley Cup in the Junior section by a narrow margin.

After the sports, the Masters played the School at water polo. The result was a 1-1 draw.

TENNIS: SCHOOL v. O.F.A.

On Thursday, 18th July, the annual tennis match was played between the School and the Old Frestonians' Association. Once again the experience of the Old Boys stood them in good stead, and they finished comfortable winners.

Although the intention, at the outset of the evening, was to play nine games in each match, it later became necessary to reduce this number first to seven and then to five.

Result: O.F.A. 75 games, School 33 games.

Event	First	House	Second	House	Third	House	Time or Distance.
Open—							
4 lengths free style	K. Moorby	P.	S. Nicholson	H.	R. Ratcliffe	Fb.	81.2 S.
Novices' race	K. Jenkins	Fb.	J. E. Ritson	Fb.	C. T. Spencer	H.	
Senior—							
Plunge	J. C. Ackroyd	Fb.	P. G. Taylor	F.	K. Proctor	Fb.	49 ft. 10 in.
1 length breast stroke	A. Jenkins	Fb.	D. K. Benton	Fb.	K. Moorby	F.	18.6 S.
2 lengths free style	S. Nicholson	H.	K. Moorby	F.	R. Ratcliffe	Fb.	33.1 S.
1 length back stroke	K. Moorby	F.	D. K. Benton	Fb.	M. V. Miller	F.	18.2 S.
1 length breast stroke (best style)	C. Tucker	H.	A. Jenkins	Fb.	J. Strutt	B.	
Neat dive	A. Johnson	Fb.	R. Hopwood	F.	K. Proctor	Fb.	
3 lengths medley		Fb.		H.		B.	54.0 S.
4 lengths house squadron		Fb.		H.		F.	63.2 S.
Junior—							
Plunge	A.P. Richardson	Fb.	T. Philpott	B.	J. Sharpe	Fb.	40 ft. 8 in.
1 length breast stroke	R. A. Hadley	F.	A.P. Jackson	H.	P. Brown	F.	20.4 S.
1 length free style	A. P. Jackson	H.	R. A. Hadley	F.	J. B. Laycock	F.	16.6 S.
2 lengths free style	A. P. Jackson	H.	B. Ellis	B.	R. A. Hadley	F.	38.0 S.
1 length back stroke	P. Brown	F.	A. P. Richardson	Fb.	A. McDonald	H.	24.2 S.
1 length breast stroke (best style)	R. A. Hadley	F.	A. P. Richardson	Fb.	F. Clarke	B.	
Neat dive	A. P. Richardson	Fb.	P. Brown	F.	I. Watkins	B.	
3 lengths medley		H.		F.		B.	68.4 S.
4 lengths house squadron		H.		B		F.	81.4 S.
House Points	Frobisher	.. 42;	Freeston	.. 38;	Hanson	.. 37;	Bennett .. 15

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 Up comes the sun,
 Out goes man,
 With dog, and gun.

Hare is startled;
 Man with gun,
 Says that he,
 Will make it run.

Up pops rabbit,
 Starts to run,
 Much too fast,
 For man with gun.

Man pulls trigger,
 Dog makes din,
 Gun won't fire,
 —No cartridge in!

Man starts shooting,
 Facing sun,
 Lead shot misses,
 Man blames gun.

Day is ended,
 Down goes sun,
 In goes man
 With dog, and gun.

Partridge flies,
 In yonder field
 Nought but death,
 Must this gun yield.,

His bag is empty
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