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EDITORIAL

Editor: J. Cadman, U6A
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Sub-Editor: B. K. Tempest, L6A.

As the year has been embarked upon *ad novo* at Normanton, yet another "Frestonian" has come into being in this the season of rejuvenation. The new first forms have finally settled down to the traditional state of obstreperousness. Already their brand-new caps and badges are assuming a soiled appearance as they discover just what the school motto really means.

The spirit of change seems to have arrived with renewed strength this term. A new society and a table-tennis team have come into being, while growing interests in such activities as guitar playing portend something more for the future. A new set of prefabricated classrooms, after a near-disastrous encounter with the elements, has now become a familiar sight. The dreaded fifth form caps seem to have vanished into thin air! Even the school prefects, that ardent body of reaction, seem to have harboured radical ideas and have initiated a new game of their very own, namely, Knurdling. It is hoped that eventually the whole school will take an active interest in this ancient and invigorating sport.

To the older school, however, many things remain the same. The familiar effluvia—hydrogen sulphide from the chemistry lab., tobacco smoke from the history room and those appetizing vapours of stew from the kitchen—never fail to fill ancient hearts with nostalgia. The Autumn Fair and Christmas Concert, now characteristic features of the term met with the usual success as did O.F.A. end of term dance. In short, the new school year has had a promising exordium. Let us hope it *does* bring forth good fruit.

It will be noticed that the new section, O.F. News, has now become an accepted constituent of the magazine. Perhaps in time this section will be expanded as Old Boys find it a useful way of keeping in touch with lost friends.

Finally, I would like to thank the many Editors who have kindly sent us copies of their school magazines; all those who have contributed to the magazine and those members of staff who have given their support.

STAFF NOTES

Mr. R. Law has been appointed by the Governors to succeed Mr. H. Gott as Senior Master (Deputy Head) from the beginning of the Summer Term, on Mr. Gott's retirement.

VALETE

The following boys left school in the Summer Term:—

U6S

Agg, J. R.
Busby, R. H.
Conboy, T. M.
Cullimore, J. R.
Dickinson, J. H.
Fish, J. A.
Ganley, J. A.
Hoyle, A. N.
Preston, B.
Richardson, R.
Spires, R. H.

U6A

Arandle, D.
Bright, K.
Cheetham, R.
Cook, J. M.
Cudworth, J. A.
Dean, G. E.

Dodd, N. D.
Hall, P. M.
Mitchell, M.
Moore, P.
Morgan, A. H.
Norton, K.
Richardson, A. P.
Spencer, C. T.
Walker, C.
Wardle, F.

L6S

Teal, G. M.

L6A

Milnes, G. D.

L6E

Cromwell, H.
Dawson, R.

6M

Oxley, P.
Parkinson, R. M.
Pennington, T. R.
Williams, M. J.

5A1

Ambler, S.
Amery, K.
Braham, R.
College, A. W.

5A2

Rowett, L. W.
Waring, P. S.

5B

Cresswell, P.
Dyson, T.
Everett, B.

SALVETE

The following boys entered the school this term:—

1A

Allen, D.
Anders, M. R.
Barker, M. E.
Bell, J.
Bridges, J. H.
Brightmore, R.
Bullivant, P.
Chalkley, J. A.
Clarke, J.
Clayton, S. D.
Faulkner, C. J.
Feamley, C.
Ferguson, A.
Glew, C.
Gush, G. P.
Hames, P.
Harrison, K.
Hawkins, J. P.
Jones, M. J.
Morris, C. C.
Pickles, A.
Pickles, P.
Riches, P.
Roberts, J. A.
Rolbiecki, S. P.
Sidebottom, D.
Slater, J.
Stones, M.
Whiteley, N.
Williams, S.

IB

Appleyard, D.
Beresford, M.

Blewitt, D. G.
Brown, G. E.
Bruce, D. K.
Carter, H.
Coles, M. D.
Crane, H.
Crawshaw, G.
Davis, R.
Fawcett, K.
Fieldhouse, R. A.
Fretwell, D.
Frost, N. A.
Goodwin, K. A.
Handscombe, S.
Heaton, J.
Hemingway, K.
Hinchmore, B.
Hufton, D.
Longbottom, R. R.
Lowe, M.
Lumb, G.
Main, P.
Murdoch, D. J.
Oates, G. R.
Perry, A.
Smith, I. P.
Webster, T. M.
Womack, P. A.
Woodhead, M.

IC

Bamforth, R. P.
Belfield, C.
Blakeston, P. A.
Blundell, M. K.

Bragger, J.
Cheesbrough, J.
Cluley, P. E.
Copley, G.
Cranswick, T.
Cusworth, R.
Ferguson, P. R.
Field, G. A.
Fox, G.
Goldsbrough, P.
Harris, K.
Hayes, W. D.
Hopkins, P. J.
Hopton, J.
Kynaston, S.
Milnthorpe, J.
Roberts, P. J.
Rowett, R.
Smith, D. N.
Speight, P.
Sykes, D.
Thackrah, T. J.
Turver, M.
Wallis, S.
Ward, L.
Whiteley, J.
Wright, S.

2Y

Bailey, P. W.
L6E
Cogan, J. M.

6M

Baguley, T. E. P

DE OMNIBUS

The School Prefects this year are:—J. S. Harrison (Head Boy), T. Bolton (Senior Prefect and Captain of Bennett), H. M. Beckitt, J. Cadman, N. Easter (Captain of Hanson), F. English, D. W. Firth, B. A. Flynn, M. R. Grainge, P. Guillou, P. M. Haigh, W. S. Harris (Captain of Frobisher), J. R. Law (Captain of Freeston), L. Hill, M. K. Johnson, J. A. Jones, A. Miles, F. J. Powers, J. F. Short, A. Simmons, E. Stephens and L. G. Westwood.

On Tuesday, September 17, the Founders' Day Service was held in Normanton Parish Church. The preacher was the Rev. J. E. K. Law, B.D., Vicar of Royston, and the service conducted by the Vicar of Normanton, the Rev. C. A. O. Warman, M.A.

The Autumn Fair this year was held on Friday, October 25. The takings were most satisfactory.

During the summer holidays, Mr. Jones accompanied a School party to Venice. During the term, there has been the customary activity:—at half-term the Locospotters' Club visited Crewe; small parties of boys visited the Sheffield Playhouse on two occasions to see "The Good Woman of Setzuan," by Brecht, and "The Three Sisters," by Anton Chekhov. Two operas have also been seen: — "Der Freischütz," by Weber, and Mozart's "The Magic Flute." Both were performed by the Sadlers Wells Company. A school party also saw an excellent and highly amusing comedy, "The Alchemist," by Ben Jonson, presented by the staff and friends of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Small parties of sixth formers have seen various French plays performed by a French troupe. More detailed accounts of outings appear elsewhere in the magazine.

On the morning of Wednesday, November 27th, the West Riding String Quartet paid one of their enjoyable, but, alas, all too rare visits to the school.

The Christmas Concert this year was held on Wednesday, December 18, in the School Hall. One of the main items of this production was part of Handel's "Messiah," sung by the Senior Choir.

New clubs this term are the Historical Society which so far has proved a great success, and the Dramatic Society, which will perform "Ross," by Terence Rattigan, a play based on the story of Lawrence of Arabia. The production will be on January 22-25 inclusive in the School Hall. It is hoped that this ambitious project, involving a great deal of hard work, will meet with full support. Dances in aid of Oxfam have also begun this term with a successful effort

on. December 12. It is hoped that these, too, will meet with wholehearted support in the future.

This year's Speech Day will be held on Friday, February 14.

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

This term the sixth form social science students have enjoyed two lectures given by authorities from outside the school. Firstly, on 5th November, Mr. Halls, lecturer at Bradford Institute of Technology, addressed a large gathering in the Library. His subject, "Monopolies and Restrictive Practices," though not immediately appealing, gave him plenty of scope, and his talk and subsequent answers revealed a wit and degree of knowledge which were readily enjoyable and stimulating. We look forward to receiving further visits from the Social Science Department of Bradford. Mrs. Sylvester was our second visitor on 3rd December. To the Upper Sixth government students she spoke about "Local Government in Normanton," from the point of view of committee organisation and finance. To the Lower Sixth Mrs. Sylvester spoke with feeling and obvious knowledge about the House of Commons, and presented us with an institution which, although it is currently much maligned, does work admirably for those of us who are prepared to cut through the immediate tangle of procedure and protocol.

Both of these visits have been worthwhile, and we look forward to more in the coming term.

AUTUMN FAIR

On Friday, October 25, the Autumn Fair was opened once more by Mrs. A. Maurice Smith. As usual the school corridors were decked with posters and advertisements of innumerable shapes and sizes.

The school wishes to thank all those who helped us in this way, particularly the Parents' Association w^Those hard work always contributes much to the success of the Autumn Fair. We should also like to thank all who contributed gifts of money and raffle prizes.

It can be seen from the accounts below that it was a complete success.

Total Takings									
Form		£	s.	d.	Form		£	s.	d.
1A		2	8	6	4W		2	16	8
1B			6	5	5A1		10	13	0
1C		2	8	10½	5A2		3	18	3
2A		2	10	5	5B			14	10
2X			18	10	6M		1	3	7
2Y			13	10½	L6A		3	15	3
3A		1	17	7	L6Ec.			3	2
3M		1	11	9	L6G		9	6	9
3W		2	7	9	U6Ec.		6	6	9½
4A		2	16	11½	Cricket Net ...			7	9
4R		3	16	7	Photo Soc.			9	1
Total					61 12 10				
Stalls in Hall					115 18 6½				
Main Raffle					121 18 5				
Other contributions ...					16 14 6				
					£312 6 6½				

OXFAM DANCE

This term saw the tremendously successful beginning to a series of dances in aid of Oxfam. The first event (Dec. 12) was very well attended and dancing was to two local groups, the Fontonas, and Dean Phillips and the Planets. We thank both groups and all those who attended for their support in making the school's contribution a considerable one. We would also like more people to attend the next dance which will be held in the School Hall next term.

E. Brookes, U6Ec.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 18th December, 1963

PROGRAMME

- (1) The Christmas Music from "Messiah"—Handel.
- (2) The band.
 - (i) Rondo—Haydn.
 - (ii) Pavan—Holbourne.
- (3) Three Songs.
 - (i) The Solitary Reaper—Graham Westwood.
 - (ii) Music when soft voices die—Victor Hoyland.
 - (iii) Winter—Alan Simmons.
- (4) O Magnum Mysterium—Peter Maxwell Davies.
- (5) Four Rumanian Dances for violin and piano—Bartok.
Mr. P. Taylor—violin.
- (6) Piano Sonata (1st movement)—Victor Hoyland.

(7) The Band—Creations Hymn—Beethoven.

(8) The Choir: Ding-Dong Merrily on High—French trad.

The Christmas Concert, rather better attended than usual, proved to be the most successful of Mr. D. H. Jones' attempts at using all available musical forces in school.

The choir and orchestra (somewhat augmented for the occasion) gave a brilliant production of the Christmas music from Handel's "Messiah." The edition that was used, the Watkin Shaw, comes as near as is possible to what Handel intended; the Victorian "trimmings" were removed producing noticeably different sounds in the familiar recitatives and airs.

To contrast with the first half of the concert the music performed after the interval consisted of contemporary, controversial pieces.

The brass band, however, under the direction of Mr. Bradshaw, did not venture into new paths; they opened the second half with short pleasing pieces by Haydn and Holbourne.

John Wheeler (bass baritone) gave the first public performance of three songs written by boys in school. The style was intentionally Vaughan Williams.

Graham Westwood's "The Solitary Reaper," shows a marked development in his composition and a sound understanding of the music of Vaughan Williams.

Victor Hoyland's "Music when soft voices die," prompted J. Wheeler to remark that, here was music written by a budding Benjamin Britten, or perhaps another Tippett.

Alan Simmons' "Winter" was the most successful of the three in writing in the style of V. Williams; the consecutive fifths, plodding bass and sound accompaniment were all there; one could even detect a reflection of a passage from the famous "Songs of Travel."

Opinion was divided on Peter Maxwell Davies' "O Magnum Mysterium"; this was to be expected. Some thought it was simply a dreadful noise. Others, I'm pleased to say, considered it an interesting diversion from the usual Christmas music and were impressed by the sounds which came from the "soup kitchen."

The music of "O Magnum Mysterium" was written for the children of Cirencester Grammar School. It is a common theory that young children are more ready to accept contemporary music than their elders are. Mr. Jones has proved this theory correct!

The audience found the two pieces for chamber orchestra and percussion very strange and particular sounds (notably the F bell and maraccas) brought a good deal of laughter—I feel sure this was the composer's intention. It is music to be enjoyed by all; much of it is improvised on the spot and it was the intention of the composer that this outburst of sound should reflect the uninhibited joy of the young presenting their gifts to Christ.

Mr. Taylor, accompanied by Mr. D. H. Jones, gave a superb performance of four of the "Rumanian Dances" written for violin and piano by Bela Bartok.

Hoyland's "Piano Sonata" was the fruit of his studying the twelve-tone system of composition. The piece demands a sound technique from the pianist and Mr. Jones, tired though he was, gave a brilliant percussion performance of the first movement.

The band followed with a short, typically German, piece of music "Creations Hymn," by Beethoven. It is not one of his most successful compositions, yet the band were able to bring, new life into the music.

The concert ended with the French traditional carol, "Ding Dong Merrily on High." This was a fitting conclusion to the concert; the choir performed it so well that it was partly repeated as an encore.

Special thanks to Mrs. Joyce Partridge, Mrs. Sheila M. Butcher and Mr. J. Wheeler for their musical interpretation of the solos, also special thanks to the many visiting teachers who gave up their own time to make this performance possible.

THE COMING SCHOOL PLAY

ROSS

(A Dramatic Portrait of T. E. Lawrence of Arabia)
by Terence Rattigan

Wednesday to Saturday, 22nd to 25th January, 1964
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

"ROSS" is a play about the life of T. E. Lawrence of Arabia. It is about both the hero of the desert and the man who wished to escape behind the mask of the assumed name of Ross. It is a fine play, written by Terence Rattigan, which the critics in London received with very high praise. It ran in London for about two years with the part of Lawrence played by the great actor Sir Alec Guinness and with many other distinguished names in the cast. It is perhaps because of its demands that it has not — as far as I know — been produced since its great London success.

It demands much of actors and of stage helpers for it has sixteen scenes which range from an R.A.F. Camp in (1922) Uxbridge to the burning Arabian desert of 1916-18 and the great fight that Lawrence led there, of Arabs against Turks. Its properties range from a whole armoury of weapons to a pair of false teeth (crushed every night); its characters from the ordinary R.A.F. Aircraftman to the leaders of the Arab revolt and the Turkish commanders who opposed them.

The play then is ambitious. It depends entirely upon your support. It is the first play that the Grammar School has produced for some years and I hope it will be the first of many for we have a fine stage here. This again, depends entirely upon you. In the hope of being able to suit you all, the play is to be presented for four nights. Please make it worthwhile for the twenty or thirty boys who have given up so much time for rehearsal; the School can certainly promise you a thrilling evening of action and atmosphere. Please give that evening still more atmosphere by attending the play and seeing it for yourself.

ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS

The Venice Trip, July 26-August 4

Missing the last day of term, a party of eleven boys, led by Mr. Jones, left Wakefield bound for Venice. We travelled by rail down to Folkestone via London, where we lunched, and from there across the channel to Calais, having afternoon tea en route.

In the early evening we left Calais on a through train to Milan, passing across France and through Switzerland where we traversed the famous St. Gothard Pass. Here the alpine scenery is truly spectacular; and in the early morning, with the mist still in the valleys, the forest-clothed mountain sides looked like something out of a dream.

After arriving in Milan around mid-day, we caught another train—this time with wooden seats—to cover the comparatively short distance to Venice, a mere 150 miles! We arrived in time for tea, being met by a representative of our travel agency who showed us to our lodgings — a boarding school which took parties during the summer holidays to assist funds.

That night most of the party went to bed early. The following morning we all set off to acquaint ourselves with the town. The temperature, as a matter of interest, was already over eighty in the shade, although it was only ten o'clock!

Venice is a much larger city than I think most of us expected. It is one of the most fascinating places I have ever been to. There are no motor cars, or even bicycles, because all the bridges (and there are many) are humped-backed with steps over them. The roads, such as they are, are narrow and used only by pedestrians. Walking is the quickest way to get anywhere in Venice—even the river-buses or raporetti travel at a leisurely rate, and the gondolas are positively slow. The city itself is built on many small islands at the head of the Adriatic Sea. All the “canals” are, in fact, natural water courses between these islands and it is this which keep the city clean, or reasonably so.

On most mornings we either wandered around the city as we pleased, or went on organised sight-seeing tours. We visited St. Mark's Cathedral, the oldest building in Venice; and the Doge's Palace, until comparatively recent years the residence of the ruler of Venice, who now, of course, does not exist. We also visited two glassworks and saw the glass being blown, as well as the finished products, for which Venice is famous. We usually ended up in St. Mark's square for a drink.

Then in most afternoons we went to the Lido to bathe in the waters of the Adriatic. The one hazard was jellyfish, but these were only small and the ill-effects of the sting soon passed.

The evenings were spent in enjoyment of Venetian night life; and it is only at night that the city really becomes alive. Nobody ever actually does anything particular, but everybody appears to be very busy doing it.

Our stay was all too short. On the Saturday we had to leave. We arrived back in Wakefield early on Sunday evening.

Finally (in case anyone has not already realised!) we all enjoyed ourselves immensely and we heartily thank Mr. Jones for taking us.

B. K. Tempest, L6A.

VISITS TO THE OPERA

On two dates this term a party of boys and masters from the school have visited the opera.

The first visit, together with boys and girls from Castleford Grammar School, was to the Alhambra at Bradford to see the Sadlers Wells Opera Company in a new production of "Der Freischütz," Weber's famous opera. The conductor was Mr. Colin Davis. The plot of "The Freeshooter" (translated literally) was another example of the triumph of good over the powers of darkness (why don't the "baddies" ever win?). The opera had several touches of humour and was scattered with some very tender melodies. Everyone was delighted and we returned home thrilling the highways with our excellent (?) attempts at choruses from "Freischütz."

Our second venture was to the realms of Mozart, whose very famous comic opera, "Die Zauberflöte," or for our more uncouth readers "The Magic Flute," was being performed at the Grand Theatre, Leeds, by the same company. The popular theme of this opera was "true love always wins in the end," it was conducted, again, by Colin Davis. This fantastic opera, with its melodrama, mysticism, its force, and above all its wonderful music was a great, a very great, success with the audience.

That rude machine (the School Bus) managed not only to take us to Leeds but also to get us back home (Cheers!!!) even though Mr. Jones was driving. "Seriously, though, he did a grand job," and deserves our thanks.

For many of us these two visits were our first tastes of live productions of opera and we were all well-pleased by them. We look forward to many more of them.

C. Lawrence, LVI Arts.

GEOLOGICAL FIELD TRIPS DURING THE COURSE OF THE TERM

With the commencement of the Autumn Term a new subject was introduced into the school. The teaching of geology was to be in the capable hands of Mr. Drury and a small proportion of the lower sixth embarked on this new course of study. After a little ground work had been covered, the first of what is hoped to be many field trips was proposed.

The greatest influence on a large percentage of the local population lies in the Yorkshire Coalfield, and, not unnaturally the first trip was one in which a coal seam, together with the adjacent rocks, could be observed.

The Stanley Main Coal Seam was observed on a trip to the clay pits of Normanton Brickworks on the 7th of November. It was first seen dipping north in the railway cutting below the brickworks and later seen in the clay pit behind the brickworks. The underlying shales were observed, and part of a fossilised tree root was found lying in situ in the quarry face. Samples of fossilised fresh water mussels were found, and collected and some fine examples of clay iron-stones. The ramble which took us to three of the brickwork's clay pits ended with a talk given by Mr. Kirk, the manager of the brickworks, on the subject of the clays suitable for making bricks.

The second field trip was on the 28th of November to the "Fox" drift mine, Altofts. The rocks exposed were the Warren House Seam. A talk on the geology of the area, and the difficulties arising when sinking the pit was given by a colliery official and several beautiful examples of coal measure fossils were put on display for all to observe. The journey was then made to the mine and we were all issued with a lamp and dry battery. It being a drift mine, we were able to walk down through a tunnel which had a gradient of 1:6. The floor of the tunnel was deep in stone dust as a precaution against explosions and the tunnel itself was made safe by the installation of sheet metal. On reaching the seam, which was five feet thick and at a depth of sixty yards, we were allowed to crawl through a four foot six inch gap to the coal face. The miners then set the huge "ripper" — a tungsten tipped drum — into action and cut off a few yards of coal for us. The mine is highly mechanised and the coal is never touched by human hands until it is being loaded onto the barges on the canal.

We came away without learning a great deal of geology, but impressed by the efficiency of the mine and the conditions under which many of our fathers work.

These were the only field trips which we had time for this term, but as we attain more knowledge of the theory behind geology, the practical side will become more meaningful and many more field trips will be organised.

S. D. Webster, L6Ec.

TWO VISITS TO THE SHEFFIELD PLAYHOUSE

During the past term, a party of fifth and sixth form boys travelled to Sheffield in the school bus to see two plays performed at the Playhouse Theatre.

The first play, "The Good Woman of Setzuan," by the great twentieth century German dramatist, Bertolt Brecht, was a very moving and disturbing production; a very complex affair, with exaggerated caricaturing of situations. The "Good Woman," Shen Te, though a prostitute, is found by the Gods to be the only really good person on earth. Her cousin, Shin Ta, a wealthy businessman, is seen in the eyes of the poor as being completely heartless. When Shen Te disappears later in the play, Shin Ta is blamed for her murder. The great twist in the play, however, comes near the end, when it is discovered at Shin Ta's trial that Shin Ta and Shen Te are the same person, and that no one has been murdered.

The purpose of the play is thus to illustrate that it is impossible for a good person (Shen Te) to exist among squalor and poverty without resorting to hard and evil measures; as did Shen Te in the form of Shin Ta.

The second play, "The Three Sisters," by the Russian dramatist, Anton Chekhov, written at the turn of the century, discussed the sorrows of the three sisters of a Russian family, connected by the career of the father, with the Russian army, Chekhov wrote this play as a comedy, but in reality, though there were elements of comedy throughout the play, it evolved as one of tragi-comedy.

The acting of both plays was highly commendable, and I think, to those who attended, was very enjoyable and certainly worthwhile the lengthy journey to Sheffield.

I should like to thank Mr. Mason on behalf of all the boys for the painstaking work he put forth in ensuring that the school bus arrived at the theatre on time; and also Mr. Croft for obtaining the seat-tickets and organising the visits.

D. Miller, L6A.

SOCIETY JOTTINGS

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term has been a busy one in our endeavours to cater for the various tastes of our members. B. K. Tempest gave a lecture on "Train Photography," and we have had two Kodak filmstrips: "Portraiture" and "Developing and Printing." We have some less technical ones in store for next term.

Ideas from the filmstrips were put into practice at a portrait session and later the photographs taken there were developed and printed. Members were able to keep their photographs.

The exhibition at the Autumn Fair was quite successful and provided criticism at a later meeting. Plans have been made for a trip to the West Riding Police Photographic Laboratories.

A.R.

LOCOSPOTTERS' CLUB

"The best laid schemes of mice and men oft gang aglay." This seems to sum up the society's activities this term. An excursion to motive power depots and works at Crewe at half-term had to be postponed until Christmas owing to unforeseen circumstances.

However, on October 30, a party of 15 boys paid a visit to depots at Crewe accompanied by Mr. Blake. The School Bus was utilised but, unfortunately, the party set out two hours late—the bus refused to start.

I should like to thank the Headmaster for allowing the society to use the school bus and also Mr. Blake for driving it.

This term, Mr. P. Robinson is Hon. President; B. K. Tempest, Vice-President; J. Lee, Hon. Secretary; M. J. Crossland, Hon. Treasurer.

J.L.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This term has seen the formation of a Historical Society in the school, the aims of which have been to promote interests in archaeology and history.

Membership has been limited to the fifth and sixth forms but occasionally meetings have been open to the whole school. This restriction was necessitated as the society would have lost the friendly atmosphere that it now

possesses if the number had been greater. An average of around twenty-five members has been recorded at the meetings.

Mr. L. P. Wenham and Mr. K. Gardiner very kindly consented to give lectures to the society. Mr. Wenham, an archaeologist from St. John's College, York, lectured on Roman York; and Mr. Gardiner, Secretary of the Pontefract and District Archaeological Society, on Pontefract Castle. Both guests brought film slides with them and, to the delight of everyone present, Mr. Wenham brought archaeological specimens including a funeral urn and a spear-head. The society offers thanks for two very interesting lectures. On Thursday, October 17, two films, "The American Civil War" and "The Mediaeval Monastery," were shown to members.

Trips to "digs" and places of historical interest have been planned for the summer months. It is hoped that this term has been the beginning of a long and successful future for the Historical Society.

A.K.H.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS

Two meetings have been held so far this term. At the first, sixth-form members read "Knock," a comedy by Roland, whilst junior members sang some French folk-songs, "Les chansons populaires," led by Mr. Harris, who gave a talk on French food.

At the second "reunion," Mr. Machin talked to the senior members about the pastimes of the French. Junior members sang more folk-songs, and listened to French "pop" records with Mr. Murray.

At the third meeting, games will be played. New members (third forms and above) are welcome to attend.

J.L.

SCRIPTURE UNION

The sole event this term has been an illustrated talk on missionary work today in Hong Kong by Mr. Guyatt, who visited us whilst on furlough in this country. A good number of pupils were introduced in this way to the Scripture Union, and the Geography Room would no doubt have been filled if there had not been two sports practices at the same time.

However, next term we are having a special drive to bring daily Bible reading to the attention of all. Watch for our posters! There will be regular meetings, with talks, a quiz, and another prize competition. Remember: TUESDAY IS SCRIPTURE UNION NIGHT.

K.M.

“ UNDER THE WEATHER ”—

Recordings at the School Weather Station

	Holidays	September*	October	November
Max. temperature	81° F.	77° F.	67.9° F.	56.7° F.
Min. temperature	38° F.	34.5° F.	38.8° F.	29° F.
Av. temperature	59.5° F.	55.3° F.	49.7° F.	45° F.
Total Rainfall	2.824in.	1.055in.	1.098in.	3.042in.

*Fram September 12.

The highest temperature of the year was 81 degrees F., the lowest 10.5 degrees F. After the holidays the maximum temperatures continued to be quite high for the time of year, but the rainfall was moderate. October was generally the same as September without noticeable change. However, in November we had reduced temperatures and high rainfall.

On the whole this period was warmer and wetter than the corresponding period last year:—

	September	November	December
Av. temperature	53° F.	55° F.	41° F.
Total rainfall	1.371in.	.771in.	1.134in.

J. R. Ramskill, D. L. Harthill, SA2.

THE LIBRARY

It is to be regretted that some boys in the school do not use the library for its proper purpose. The library is intended to be used for quiet study, not shove-halfpenny and noisy discussions coupled with general rowdyism.

However, on the more academic side, it appears that many boys do take a genuine interest in reading the many books (on varied subjects) offered to them. Although the rate of missing books has not appeared to decline to a great extent, it is to be seriously hoped that boys will take care of, and return, the books that they borrow.

The Library has been well stocked with magazines this term. New additions to the magazine section (under the able supervision of J. Lee) are “New Society,” which replaces the “New Scientist,” and the “British Athlete.” The latter may be joining the library as a permanent addition. Magazines soon deteriorate in condition in this school’s library, and an effort should be made to take greater care of them.

New books which have been acquired for the library include:—

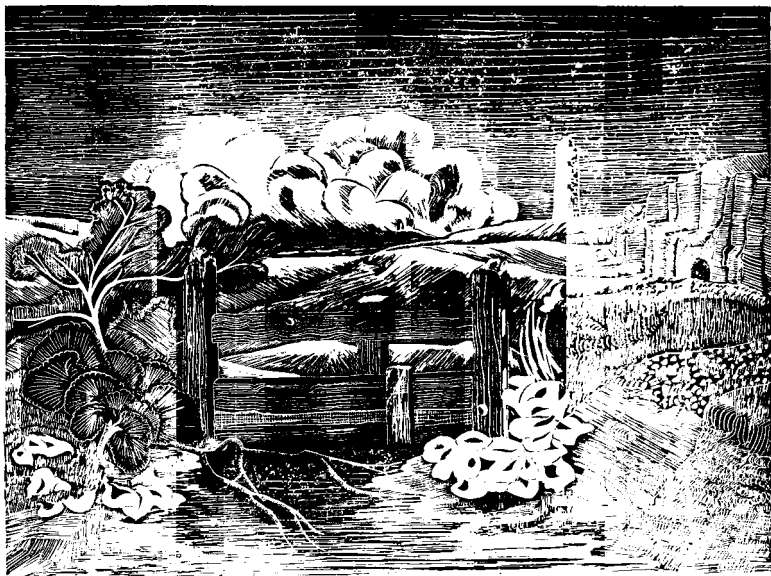
“Sculpture of this Century” (Michael Seuphor); “Chambers’ Encyclopaedia World Survey”; “Charles Dickens”—a pictorial biography (J. B. Priestley); “Men and Places” (J. H. Plumb); “Portraits of Power” (S. E. Ayling); “The Mechanics of Athletics” (Geoffrey Dyson);

“The Craftsman in Wood” (Edward H. Pinb); “Waiting for Godot” (Samuel Beckett); “Das Urteil” (Franz Kafka); “The Plague” (Albert Camus); “Complete Works of Goethe” (4 volumes).

There are many more books which have been acquired, and this list is a mere selection.

Moreover, in ending, I would once more ask the school to respect the library as it should be respected. Perhaps then, and only then, more expensive books will be placed on the library shelves.

D. W. Firth (Librarian).



I. M. Graham, UVI Ec.

LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS

THE SWORD, KNIFE AND THE SHIELD

God made the sea, the wind and the sky
And the grass, the trees and the field
But God did not make the war of man,
And the sword, knife and the shield.

God did not make the cry of man
As he dies on the battlefield
But He made the land and the winds,
Not the sword, knife and the shield.

G. Glore, 2A.

BRITISH BULL DOGGEREL

Mr. Marples' on the golf links,
Sir Alec's shooting grouse,
What about the "targets"
That they set up in the House?

They promise this, they promise that,
Their diaries must be full;
But while Sir Alec's missing birds
The country gets "the bull"!

Beeching's closed some railway lines,
Is surprised at all the fuss
—"Folk who haven't got a car
Must walk, or go by bus"!

Which brings me back to Marples,
The governor of the roads,
Even he can surely see
They can't take their present loads!

Robens' boss of coal and coke
Production mustn't lag,
Especially when the O.A.P.s
Pay eight shillings for a bag.

With these master-minds to lead us,
We cannot go astray,
But haven't we got a vote next year?
—Roll on that happy day!

Labour, Lib., or Tory,
I'd put them on the shelf,
And vote for something different,
For I'm a Red myself!

A. Willson, 4A.

UNE VAGUE DE CHALEUR

Les gouttes de sueur se forment
Sur le front du monde comme il se baigne
Dans les cadeaux naturels de soleil.
Les arbres, secs et cassés, semblent être
Agenouillés à la prière part la pluie.
Mais les nuages bouffis semblent oïres
D'eux en flottant sur un mer de bleu.
Tout le monde ne porte que des vêtements blancs
Pour réfléchir au soleil copieux ses rayons.
Tout le temps il faut souffrir comme ça.

J. K. Jarvis, U6A.

A WALK ACROSS THE MOORS

The crisp and rusty bracken cracks beneath my weary feet,
The parched old heather bows its pale mauve head;
A startled partridge flutters from its flimsy nest,
And hovering curlews sound their mournful call;
For I am lord of all that I can see.

The pale and misty hills beyond the rocky crag
Are lost in haze, and seem so distant still;
The steel-grey storm clouds gather round about their heads,
And plunge the whole surroundings into gloom.

The moaning east wind sweeps across the moor,
It howls and groans its homage from afar;
The russet grouse are huddled close below the hardy rocks
And, by a stream, some twittering crested plovers land;
Do they not know their master is at hand?

Alas, my poor and faithful creatures of the moor,
It is a hard and cruel world that I have made for you.
Your tiny bones are chilled and frozen by my bitter winds,
My rains, life-giving, soak you to the skin;
My pure white snow congeals and numbs your blood;
My damp and swirling mists envelop you and drown you,
And still you live on.

But wait! What is this dreadful sound that strikes and
shocks my ears?

A ghastly, raucous noise which is unknown to me?
It comes from over yonder brackened brow,
Behind that weather-battered boulder.

By all my saints, what is this awful sight and hateful sound,
This Hades stretching out before me now?
The morbid hum of cursed machines about their evil work,
Blotting out the tender sounds of gentle, unspoilt nature.
Humming, scraping, grinding, grating.

A mass of dirty, black-bricked, gloomy towers,
Belching sickly yellow smoke into the virgin air.
Devilish billows of filthy fumes, hovering over the gloomy
valley;

Belching, fuming. Coughing, choking
Hosts of vermin, revelling in the dirt,
Scurrying in and out of grimy hovels,
Scurrying to and fro like rats across a draughty attic-floor,
Scurrying, scratching, gnawing, clawing.
Is it I who have cast these monsters here, whose only
thought is to destroy?
Is it I who have heaped this refuse over my far earth?
—Is it I?

D. Fairer, L6A.

THE CLOUDED MIND

John was standing before the mirror, fastening his tie. He was getting ready to go to his firm's party. Just as he was going out of the door his mother called, "And be sure you're careful coming home."

"Of course," was the answer.

He opened the garage doors and drove his car out. Whilst driving along the road, he noticed patches of black ice.

When he arrived at the hotel where the party was to be held, the celebrations were in full swing. He soon found his friends who quickly persuaded him to have one drink after another. By ten o'clock, the weak-minded John neither knew nor cared whether he was coming or going. However, his friends made sure that they didn't reach that stage of intoxication.

At midnight, John's friends thought that he had had enough, so they put him in his car and asked if he would be able to get home. He said "Yes," and drove off as best he could.

John felt too ill to go to work next day, and didn't go out all day. The headlines in the local paper that morning struck him—"Motor Cyclist Killed on Main Road by a Hit and Run Driver in a Blue Saloon." John's car was a blue saloon, so he rushed out to the garage to examine it. One of the headlights was smashed, and the paintwork was scratched and had red marks on it. John looked further down the paper and saw that the cyclist's RED motor cycle had been crushed. One of John's friends was training to be a barrister, so he telephoned him, asking him to come over

as soon as possible. John told him what had happened, but only in the strictest confidence. His friend advised him to go to the police; his agonised conscience almost prevented clear thoughts coming to mind.

He went to work and had to tell his friends what had happened and that he had decided to go to the police and confess everything.

They asked him, "Why are you going to the police—you didn't even travel on that road last night."

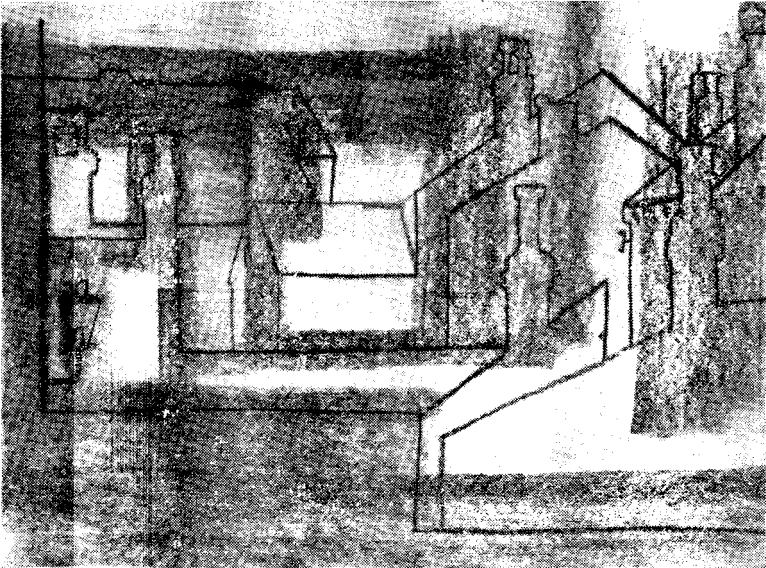
"Didn't travel on it?" asked John.

"No," said his friends, "we told you to go the other way, as it would not be so busy as the main road. We followed you just to see that you reached home safely. The red paint on your car was caused by your scraping against a post box. When that happened, Albert drove you home, and we brought him back."

John sighed with relief; if it hadn't been for his friends following him, he might have been convicted of manslaughter, for John could not have said what happened, because he couldn't remember. He still reported the post box incident, just to be on the safe side.

However, just to make sure that you are never in such a situation as this; DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

H. N. Barratt, 4A.



Back Street Chimneys

P. J. Church, LVIEc.

OLD FRESTONIANS'

ASSOCIATION

In our Summer Notes, our Association set out to present in the near future, a Register of successful Old Boys who are prepared to help and/or advise young school-leavers who may wish to consider prospects in the particular career so covered.

Here are the careers already having at least one Old Boy ready, willing and able :—

Accountancy (Industrial and Commercial).

Administration (Local Government and Civil Service).

Auctioneer and Estate Agent.

Banking.

Building.

Ceramics.

Chemist (Pharmacy and Industrial).

Insurance.

Social Services.

Medicine.

School Teaching.

Lecturing.

Law.

There are obvious gaps in the above list. We appeal, therefore, to all who can help, to do so, in order that we can put the Register in effect.

To a lighter vein, the O.F.A. are approaching the festive season with the usual mixed feelings, some expect, some only hope, as secretary I need to do a little more even at the expense of being termed an incorrigible optimist

The form for the O.F.A. Dinner-Ball each year changes as the fashions from Paris, not less daring either. So this time, with every post bringing requests for tickets, with the reasonable expectancy of a gay evening—to put it mildly—one might say, “What next?” Will the Student’s Reunion Supper be a success? Again there is every reason to suppose that it should, for this event does ensure that young men of similar years can meet again in congenial surroundings.

Membership of the O.F.A. is once more on the increase and inquiries are being dealt with from many parts of Great Britain. Old Boys who have not left the district and who would benefit more by joining the O.F.A. are invited to send a Membership Subscription of 10s. for 1964 or 5 gns. for life.

A special appeal is made to the younger qualifier since only by hearing the younger O.F. can the Association keep tabs on what is, and what is not, wanted.

Donald Pierce, Hon. Sec., O.F.A.

45, Beancroft Road,
Castleford.

P.O.s or cheques pay Old Frestonians' Association.
Receipts promptly by return post.

We would like to congratulate R. S. M. Walters on his appointment as R.S.M. of the 4th Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Sergeant Walters is an old boy of the school and I am sure that the whole school both past and present wish him well in his new and exciting office.

Another Old Frestonian, Mr. P. A. L. Routledge, now taking an English honours degree at Nottingham University, has been made Features Editor of the University's weekly newspaper, "Gongster." Mr. Routledge's success is of immediate interest to us as he was also editor of "The Frestonian" from 1961 to 1962.

We welcome Mr. Raymond Hickling as the new Librarian of Normanton Library and we congratulate him on his appointment in this, a foundation so near to his old school.

Lastly, I would like to make a plea to all who have news of Old Frestonians and to Old Frestonians themselves — please, if you have news of interest to us, send it to The Editor, "Frestonian," Normanton Grammar School. I am sure many old boys will find this section of utmost interest in the future.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Parents' Association was held on September 18 last, and although the attendance left much to be desired, the enthusiasm of those who could "spare" the time must be praised. A full programme was planned for the winter, in the hope that the interest shown at the meeting would be maintained. The financial standing of the Association can be described as healthy, a balance of £50, after £80 had been handed over during the year to school funds was reported by Mr. Wilby, Treasurer.

The Mannequin Parade, opened by the Chairman of the Council, Mrs. M. W. Mackinnon, on October 9, was very well attended and enjoyed by all, so much in fact that a "Spring Parade" is envisaged in the New Year. The customary support by the Parents' Association was readily forthcoming for what proved to be a record-breaking Autumn Fair.

Two combined Beetle Drives and Coffee Evenings, one in October and: one in November, have been held. These were pleasant, social evenings and will be worthy of support once they resume as a monthly feature after the seasonal festivities. An excellent choral concert was given by the Crigglestone Choral, Operatic and Dramatic Society, on November 2. Gilbert and Sullivan was performed at its best but alas to very small audience.

The Royston branch was visited by a contingent from the Parents' Association on two occasions, the November 9 and the Christmas party held on the 30th. I must pay the highest tribute to the organisers of these social events; they bear the hallmark of Royston's own particular brand of homely entertainment and hospitality.

A visit by the "Sportswoman of the Year," Miss Dorothy Hyman, to exhibit films highlighting her career was of great interest.

The New Year's Party Dance to be held on January 11 promises to be quite an event. I hope you all will enjoy the pleasant company of the Parents' Association in future.

SPORTS NEWS

A.F.C.

1st XI

The following statistics are rather revealing:—

Sept. 14th to Oct. 26th — Played 7, Won 6, Lost 1, Drawn 0
Nov. 9th to Dec. 7th — Played 5, Won 0, Lost 4, Drawn 1

The first set of statistics (to Oct. 26th) represent a very satisfactory phase from the point of view of results. It represents a time when we employed a 4-2-4 system which proved to be effective but not, from a spectator's viewpoint, attractive. Using Brook as a second centre half our defence was very solid in the first half of the term.

Looking back one might say that the decline in the teams fortunes coincided with the abandoning of the 4-2-4 system. It might well be; but certainly one can think of other causes—the heavier pitches, the tragic loss of form of Tomlinson. But probably the most important reason is quite a simple one—the fact that the harder opposition came in the second half of the term.

Three seasons ago our U.15 XI went through an entire season with only one defeat. That team would now be in the upper sixth and form the first eleven. However, a check reveals that eight of that team have left including the captain Hall and the entire forward line (Evans, Kellett, Golding, Copley and Saxton). Indeed, four of the present first eleven played very little soccer for school junior teams—Tomlinson, Graham, Chadwick and Bolton.

The zenith of the team's accomplishments came at Honley when school recovered from 3-1 down against Holme Valley to win 6-3. The two matches against Huddersfield New College are also well worth remembering. At the other end of the scale one can recall losing 5-3 to Percy Jackson G.S. after leading 3-0, and the 6-1 defeat by St. Michael's when school damaged its reputation in more than one respect.

Our standard of sportsmanship has not always been in the best tradition of the school and boys should remember that good reputations are easily destroyed whilst reputations last quite some time.

1st XI colours have been awarded to G. H. Moxon.

D.G.W.

First XI Results

School 1st XI v. Batley 1st XI (home) Saturday, 14th September

Batley kicked off down the Pingle slope against school's youngest side for several years. School were first to attack but were quickly forced back by Batley, who scored, first from a long range swerve shot which gave Walmsley no chance.

Play swung from end to end and both sides went close to scoring. Just before half-time, however, school scored three goals in five minutes.

A long ball (by Woolhouse found Graham who "screwed" the ball past the Batley goalkeeper to score a glorious goal. In the next minute, Harris cut through the Batley defence and pulled the ball across the goalmouth for Soles to square the ball to Woolhouse who tapped the ball into the net. Three minutes later Harris took advantage of the Batley goalkeeper's slip and "smashed" the ball into the net.

School kicked off in the second half and attacked continuously. But, Batley reduced School's lead through a bad defensive slip. School, however, fought back and Graham increased his goal tally after some neat work by Bridges. Alas, Batley scored once more, but Soles put paid to their hopes of drawing level by netting a well deserved goal after he had been put through by Harris.

So, school ran out 5-3 winners. The team showed fighting spirit, good football and team spirit.

School v. Ossett G.S. (away) Saturday, 21st September

The game started with school kicking down a very slight slope. After a scrappy start, Harris opened the scoring for school after he intercepted a back pass to the goalkeeper. From this point school took command, but, five minutes later school's confidence was shattered when Ossett equalised through a snap shot from their left winger.

It was, however, left to Harris to restore school's lead. He jabbed the ball into the net after a goalmouth scramble. Harris completed his hat-trick just before half-time when he headed the ball into the top corner of the net from a pass by Woolhouse.

The second half was very scrappy and what little football was produced, it came from school. Soles increased school's lead after he had been left with an open goal by the Ossett defence.

Towards the end, Ossett reduced the arrears: when they were awarded a penalty; which seemed a very harsh decision.

So, school ran out winners by four goals to two. Harris, was outstanding in attack while Smart was strong at half-back. Harrison, making his debut, for the firsts at full back, had a sound game.

1st XI v. Leeds C.H.S. (away) 28th September, 1963

School took on a young Leeds side and on a very small pitch soon found themselves one goal down. However, Lappage (making his 1st XI debut) took a through ball from Woolhouse and equalised just before half-time.

In the second half, school completely dominated play, but just could not get the ball into the net.

It was thanks to their goalkeeper, the woodwork and some wayward shooting that C.H.S. were lucky to escape being "swamped." As often happens, several minutes before the end Leeds scored two breakaway goals. Soles quickly replied for school, but unfortunately this was not enough to stave off defeat.

1st XI v. Pudsey G.S. (away) 5th. October, 1963

On a cold wet morning, school began in whirlwind, fashion. And after 30 minutes were 3 goals up. Soles (2) and Bridges toeing the scorers. Smart was prominent in midfield, dominating play and prompting his attack consistently.

Yet in the second half school began to tire and Pudsey quickly pulled 2 goals back. Harrison added a fourth for school and then a goalkeeping slip let in Pudsey's inside-right to score their third goal. This seemed to put more fight into the school players, and when the whistle went were ferociously attacking their opponents' goal.

1st XI v. Holme Valley (away) 12th October, 1963

On a soft ground school kicked off with the sun at their backs. After about five minutes play they found themselves in arrears when the home side's left winger was allowed to cut inside and score from an angled shot. From the kick-off, school went into constant attack and after Harris beat three men and squared back from the dead-ball line, Soles was there to score. Unfortunately school found themselves 3-1 down after Holme Valley scored with a ob and also with a penalty.

In the second half school played some really excellent football and pulled one back by Bridges. Then Soles levelled the scores and shortly afterwards Harris put school into the lead. This was followed by heavy pressure from the school with Holme Valley occasionally breaking away, but being checked before causing any trouble. Then just before the final whistle Soles and Harris scored further goals, to give school victory, after a fight back in which every player really fought hard.

1st XI v. Almondbury G.S..... Saturday, 19th October

School were opposed toy the poorest Almondbury side that has turned out for several years, and quickly showed their supremacy. By half-time they were three goals up; Soles, Smart and Bridges being the scorers.

In the second half the game deteriorated as the 1st XI were dragged down to the level of their opponents, and Almondbury actually had several shots at Walmsley, from one of these they scored—via a post. Two further goals were added by Harrison and Harris to leave school victors by five goals to one.

1st XI v. Salt G.S. (home) 26th October, 1963

School lost the toss and found themselves playing down the Pingle slope. Play swung from end to end with neither team dominating the game. Nevertheless it wasn't, long before school found themselves one goal down. The game was. re-started and school went straight on to the attack. Inside a few minutes Harris had finished off a good move to put school on level terms. Salt took the lead again with a well-taken goal. Bridges equalised with a high lob which left the Salt goalkeeper no chance of reaching. At the interval the score was 2-2.

Salt kicked-off for the second half with school playing up the slope but with a slight, wind to help them. A mistake toy the Salt goalkeeper put school in the lead and gave Harris his second goal. School were now completely on top and it wasn't long before Harris had scored again to make the score 4-2. Salt fought back and a shot from the left-wing gave the goalkeeper no chance. The final score was 4-3 and giving the 1st XI their sixth win of the season.

1st XI v. St. Michael's (home) Saturday, 9th November

As usual the Leeds, side were very strong and fit. At first they seemed too good for the first eleven. Inside twenty minutes they were two goals up. Harrison, however, pulled one back with a well placed shot just before half-time.

School then took command, of the game, and shot into a 3-2 lead, with goals from Harris and Soles. Then two late goals from the St. Michael's centre forward gave them victory in an exciting finish.

1st XI v. Huddersfield New College (home) 16th November, 1963

School took the field to play an undefeated H.N.C. team in near ideal conditions. They "clicked" from the start and were two up within ten minutes, Harris scoring both. For the rest of the half things evened up, both sides playing good football but neither able to finish off their good approach work.

With a two-goal lead school were reasonably confident in the second half, but a quick H.N.C. goal quickly shattered this. School replied, however, when Smart scored from the penalty, awarded for obvious hands. H.N.C. came back though, and scored twice from breakaways in the last ten minutes. School had had territorial advantage and should have won comfortably.

1st XI v. Huddersfield N.C. (away) Saturday, 23rd November

School lost the toss and kicked: off into driving wind and rain. School pressed for the first few minutes, then from a long clearance, Huddersfield N.C. went ahead with a goal from the centre forward. This didn't affect school, and after two magnificent saves by the home goalkeeper and a disallowed goal, the game developed into a midfield maul. Then just before half-time Huddersfield N.C. went further ahead with another goal from the centre forward. School still pressed, and pulled a goal back when Mason headed in a magnificent goal from a corner.

After half-time school with the wind at their backs pressed all the time and equalised with another headed goal from Smart this time. Then Huddersfield scored a fluke goal to win the match. Huddersfield's goalkeeper must certainly be congratulated, but for him school's tally must certainly have reached double figures.

1st XI v. Percy Jackson G:S. (home) 30th November, 1963

With one half of Pingle completely covered with several inches of mud, good football was out of the question. School kicked off playing with the slope and attacking on the clear half of the pitch. This half followed the pattern of previous matches with school playing the football and doing most of the attacking. However, several chances were missed and school could only manage a 2-0 interval lead.

In the second half the thick mud thwarted all attempts by school to continue as they left off in the first half and thus although the lead was increased to 3, Percy Jackson's were allowed to come back into the game. Helped by bad defensive work, the opposition hit five goals to give them victory despite the better football ability of school.

Scorers for school were Chadwick, playing his first game for the 1st XI, Bolton and Harris.

1st XI v. St. Michael's (away) Saturday, December 7th

School kicked off up the small slope. They were soon in arrears after a defensive lapse let in the St. Michael's centre forward. School came back strongly and Bridges equalised after good work by Harris. However, straight from the resulting kick-off, St. Michael's went ahead again. Two more St. Michael's goals were added before half-time, making the score 4-1.

School had much more of the play in the second half, but could not find the target. St. Michael's broke away to score two late goals making the score 6-1 in their favour. When the final whistle blew, St Michael's left the field with a well-earned victory.

2nd XI

This has been a moderately successful term for the 2nd XI and on only two occasions have the games been wildly one-sided—one heavy defeat and one convincing win. It was significant in both these games that the will to continue playing sound, constructive football remained, even though the final issue was perfectly clear within twenty minutes of the kick-off. This is as it should be—football remains football whatever the position of the game. It was interesting, too, that the best football was played against the strongest opponents.

The team has played and trained with enthusiasm but illness and transfer to higher leagues have meant a deal of reshuffling which has given a weekly Friday headache to the captain, Horner. We were unlucky to lose Craddock early in the season but Hollis moved up well. The first half of this term has been spent trying to win convincingly while the second half has been spent learning how to lose graciously. Both lessons are important.

B.D.

2nd XI Results

14th September v. Batley (away)	Lost 1-3
Scorer: Smith.	
28th September v. Leeds C.H.S. (home)	Won 4-2
Scorers: Graham 2, Bolton, Raybould.	
12th October v. Holme Valley G.S. (home)	Won 4-1
Scorers: Warren, Midgeley, Moore, Raybould.	
19th October v. Almondbury G.S. (away)	Won 9-0
Scorers: Graham 4, Moore 3, Midgeley 2.	
26th October v. Salt G.S. (away)	Draw 3-3
Scorers: Midgeley 2, Graham.	
9th November v. St. Michael's (away)	Lost 0-7
16th November v. Huddersfield N.C. (home)	Won 7-4
Scorers: Taylor 3, Lappage 2, Smith, Midgeley.	
23rd November v. Huddersfield N.C. (away)	Lost 1-3
Scorer: Horner.	
7th December v. Knaresborough G.S. 1st XI (home)	Lost 0-2

Under 15 XI

Although the team has had a successful first half to the season it is still very obvious that they are dependant, to a large extent on the individual “stars” of last season. They can only produce good displays of football of a higher standard if they learn to play together as a team. With weaker opposition this is not of such importance but it is brought to the fore against good teams. Holme Valley gave a fine display of team work and skill and our lack of understanding was soon evident. We must congratulate them on being such a well drilled side and inflicting on us our biggest defeat.

The strongest department in the team is the half-back line of Yates, Greenfield and Thompson, and a useful link is provided by Trott and Oldroyd in the inside-forward positions. Lappage continues to use his more than average talents at centre-forward to increase his tally of goals. Replacements for Lappage and Greenfield have alas, not

been found, when they have been called upon to play for the District side, and much frustration and lack of cohesion has resulted.

In most of the positions the potential is good but next "half" we hope to see a better blending together of the team. This can be gained with more playing together, more individual effort and general thinking in the game. If a player has to be introduced into the side or change of position made, then they should overcome this without much difficulty.

This term's achievements can be summed up by saying that, although the team have had some good results, they are not yet mature enough footballers to produce the same standard of football whatever the conditions, i.e. State of the grounds, standard of other teams, weakness on the day, in a key position, state of the ball! They must learn this ability to adapt their game to these variants.

C.W..W.

Boys who have played Autumn Term, 1963:—

Timmington, Dale, Young, Needle, Hudson, Greenfield, Madeley, Murdoch, Thompson, Yates, Kendrew, Allanach, Trott, Lappage, Oldroyd, Craddock, Varley, Glaze, Clare and Hodgeson.

Results

v. Batley Grammar School (away)	Won 7-2
v. Ossett Grammar School (away)	Won 8-4
v. Pudsey Grammar School (home)	Won 6-0
v. Holme Valley Grammar School (away)	Lost 2-7
v. Almondbury Grammar School (home)	Won 5-1
v. Salts Grammar School (away)	Drawn 2-2
v. Percy Jackson's Grammar School (home)	Lost 1-3
v. Knaresborough Grammar School (home)	Won 5-2

Played 8; Won 5; Lost 2; Drawn 1; Goals for 36; against 21.

Under 14 XI

After an erratic start the team has settled down and should be congratulated for endeavouring to play intelligent football at all times. With the exception of the game against Holme Valley, where the team were much slower than the opposition, all the matches which were lost had been very close throughout.

The defence has improved, mainly through the introduction of Glaze at centre half, and should continue to do well.

The attack shows a certain unwillingness to shoot on sight, which when remedied might lead to increased success in this department.

For the team, as a whole, it is sufficient to record that they have, at no time, disgraced either themselves or the school.

Results

v. Ossett G.S.....	Won 8-2
v. Leeds C.H.S.....	Lost 5-4
v Holme Valley	Lost 5-2
v. Almondbury	Won 3-1
v. Salts. G.S.....	Lost 4-3
v. St. Michael's	Won 3-1
v. Huddersfield N.C.....	Lost 3-2
v. Percy Jackson G.S.....	Won 5-1

Played 8; Won 4; Lost 4; Goals for 30; against 22.

M.S.

Under 13 XI

The team has enjoyed a fairly successful Autumn Term. Four games have been won, three of them easily at the beginning of the season, and two games lost. It seems that lack of inches and weight are proving a bigger handicap, now that the grounds have become heavy.

The defence, on the whole, has been sound. Walman has improved considerably. He is fast and makes several good recoveries after being beaten by opposing forwards. Crewe, Earnshaw and Ellerton have played competently but the defence could improve their understanding to employ an "off-side trap."

Of several players tried at wing half, Cotton and Booth seem to be the best, although Fretwell has shown much promise. Booth is particularly worthy of mention for his quiet behaviour and good sportsmanship.

Our attack has been very much a two-man affair — Greenfield and Milner. Greenfield is a fine ball player who can make and score goals, Milner, a fast and bustling centre forward with a good shot. He would, however, score more goals if he would use his left foot more often.

The team has shown more spirit lately. In the match against Huddersfield N.C., School were three goals down after fifteen minutes, but after a determined fight were unlucky to lose 3-4. If this enthusiasm is maintained and captain Milner can regain his early season form the Under 13 XI will continue to win the majority of its matches.

Appearances (goals in brackets):—

Crewe 5; Harris 1; Earnshaw 5; Walman 5; Hinchmore 2; Clare 1; Elleker 6 (2); Cotton 5 (1); Sherwood 3; Booth

4; Fretwell 2; Parry 5 (1); Greenfield 6 (5); Milner 6 (10); Armstrong 6 (4), Hanscombe 2.

D.L.

Results

14th September, v. Batley (home)	Won 7-2
5th October, v. Pudsey (away)	Won 5-1
12th October, v. Holme Valley (home)	Won 5-1
19th October, v. Almondbury (home)	Lost 1-4
2nd November, v. Sunny Bank (Altofts) (away)	Won 3-0
16th November, v. Huddersfield (home)	Lost 3-4

Under 12 XI

The following team played in three games:—

Goal, Harris; Full Backs, Pickles, Brown; Half-Backs, Hayes, Fretwell, Carter; Forwards, Thackrah, Whiteley, J., Speight, Handscombe, Hinchmore. Blundell played in one game.

The fact that only twelve boys have been called upon to play in four games reflects the fact that the boys have played very well both individually and as a team.

Four matches have been played — two have been won and two lost.

The first game was a home fixture against Pudsey G.S. Arriving at Dalefield I discovered that Normanton had 13 men on the field — such was the keenness of the boys the two reserves had also changed into their kit. School won 5-3.

The second game was an away fixture against Holme Valley G.S. School led 4-0 at half-time and finally won 4-1.

The third game was against a combined 1st and 2nd year team from Lee Brigg. The game was played in an icy downpour and our small team was soon 3-0 down to a far heavier team. However, some of the team managed to “thaw out” in the second half and we scored two goals — thus losing 3-2.

The final fixture of the term was an away fixture against St. Michael's College. School led 1-0 at one time but lost finally 3-1 having to withstand constant pressure from St. Michael's in the second half.

Looking to the future, the present team should develop into a more than useful team. Outstanding in potential are Harris, Fretwell, Pickles and Heyes.

D.G.W.

R.U.F.C.

There is little doubt that the first half of the 1963-4 season has seen the best we have had. Seven sides have been fielded, six of them regularly, and out of a total of 11 games, only 2 have been lost. The U15, U14 and U12 XVs are so far undefeated.

The 1st XV was able to call on more than half of last year's side and it was not difficult to fill the remaining places. Apart from replacing injured players there have been very few changes during the term; the players have consequently played together as a team. The competition for places in the pack has been much greater than that for the backs, and the fact that in practice games the 2nd XV has given little away forward both makes selection difficult and players keener. The most marked improvement in the forwards is in individual play — the ability and willingness to pick up the loose ball and do something constructive with it. This is due, no doubt, to the fact that players are now coming into the 1st XV with several years' experience behind them. The chief weakness is probably in tight scrummaging. In this context it may be as well to point out that boots with short, rubber studs are virtually useless for shoving in the scrum.

Back play has been good. There has been no really wet day for any match and no dropped passes have been noticed. Positively, the half-backs and three-quarters have worked well together and can produce a number of "moves."

Hopes are high for next term and a tour in London to conclude the season is a probability.

W.F.M.

1st XV Results

14th September (home) School 11 pts. v. Castleford 5 pts.

Team: — Crabtree, Eades, Brooks, Westwood, Lees, Mynett, Parrish, Easter, Guillou (capt.), Freeman, Dolan, Flynn, English, Tinkler, Copeland.

On a fine day school kicked off and, as expected a hard game ensued. For the first ten minutes Oastleford kept play in school's half but through good line-out work and backing up School forced their way to the Castleford line where Eades went over for a fine try, which was unconverted. School maintained the pressure and after some good handling Westwood obtained another unconverted try.

During the second half School appeared to relax somewhat and the forceful Castleford pack to score a try which was easily converted. School then played with more vigour and Brooks broke through the Castleford defence to give Crabtree an easily convertible try giving School a worthy 11-5 win.

25th September (home) School 18 pts. v. Whitcliffe Mount G.S. 8 pts.

School took the field with wing-forward Freeman, owing to absence, replaced by Davis. The School's forwards settled down well to the game giving the backs a liberal supply of the ball from both loose and tight scrums. From this supply centres Brooks and Westwood and out-half Mynett were able to run in tries all of which were converted by Crabtree.

The superiority of the School's forwards in backing up was proven when, after a good forward rush, Easter picked up after a tackle and bounded over the line which although not converted gave the School a satisfactory win.

28th September (home) School 21pts. v. Barnsley G.S. 3pts.

For this game Lees was replaced by Freeman on the wing and Davis maintained his position as blind-side wing-forward. School kicked off against a very heavy Barnsley side who, however, could not stand the pace of the School's play. This was obvious after hooker Tinkler took the ball from a line-out and raced over to score. Crabtree converted. The lightness of the School's pack as compared to Barnsley's was obvious by their possession of the ball. During the second half, however, School's forwards took the ball from the Barnsley pack giving the wingers Freeman and Eades tries in the corners. After a tight scrum on the half-way line Mynett took the ball and went to score near the posts which Crabtree converted. Brooks scored after a good movement amongst the backs from a tight scrum and Crabtree converted once more.

12th October (home) School 17 pts v. Crossley and Porter 8 pts.

With the same team as against Barnsley, School took the field conscious of a feeling of revenge for the high score incurred against them the previous season. Straight from the kick-off it was obvious that the forwards, at any rate, were determined to keep the unbeaten record, supplying the backs sufficiently with the ball to enable both, wingmen, Eades and Freeman to score two tries each only one of which was converted by Crabtree. Tackling by both sets of threequarters was very keen and it was only by having to resort to deep, penetrating kicks that the School's defence was pierced. After a scrum infringement School was awarded a penalty which Crabtree kicked enabling the team to have some feeling of satisfaction at defeating a considerably strong Halifax side.

19th October (home) School 22 pts. v. T.G.S. Doncaster nil.

The side was somewhat weakened by the absence of Tinkler due to an unfortunate accident in which he broke his arm but was successfully deputised for by the 2nd XV hooker, Bullock.

School kicked off, attacking immediately and were rewarded by a try in the corner by Eades, who quickly followed this up with another try both of which were unconverted. School made the most of the advantages given and Mynett, scored after picking up a dropped pass on the Doncaster line and Westwood scoring a wonderful try after a well-judged interception, this try being converted by Crabtree. This gave the School an added incentive, Mynett terminating the first half's scoring by going over in the corner.

During the second half School appeared to lose all their fire. Coupled with Doncaster's fighting comeback the dropped passes by the three-quarters, did not help matters and no further scoring was made.

2nd November (away) School 6 pts. v. Nunthorpe G.S. 14 pts.

The three-quarter line was slightly weakened by the absence of vice-captain Westwood, Crabtree coming into the centre and Lockett deputising for him at full-back. After the long drive to Nunthorpe the School's forwards were sluggish and after an attempted drop-goal the ball was caught by the Nunthorpe wingers who had only to ground the ball. They went further ahead when they kicked a penalty after a scrummage infringement. Crabtree failed with several not unreasonable shots at goal but at the end of the first half School still trailed by six points.

School amended matters after a forward rush when play had resumed and both Copeland and Easter made the simultaneous touchdown for School's only try. Nunthorpe soon went further into the lead, however, when they scored after a kick-through. Crabtree reduced the arrears with a penalty but again Nunthorpe scored in the corner. This was possibly the most disappointing effort by the whole team so far this season.

9th November (home) School 24 pts. v. Thorne G.S. nil.

After the previous week's disappointing game the 1st and 2nd XV second rows were changed over, Rickhuss and Jarvis coming into the side, giving the forwards more weight. This, together with the return of Tinkler gave School a full side. Thorne kicked off and it was soon apparent that School's forwards were going to give ample supply of the ball. After a scrummage near the Thorne line Brooks dummied and went in for the first try. Crabtree converted. This was soon followed by a good try by Tinkler from a loose scrum.

During the second half more tries were forthcoming from Westwood and Brooks one being converted by Crabtree. Ten minutes from time Westwood made a dazzling break from the three-quarter line running half the length of the field before passing to Freeman who scored an easily convertible try for Crabtree to kick. Easter also scored after a breakaway from a line.

16th November (home) School 5 pts. v. K.S. Pontefract 12 pts.

Harrison came into the side at open side wing forward, Easter going blind-side. Numerous forward changes were made for this game, Copeland coming back into the side at prop-forward and Flynn going into the second row with Rickhuss. Pontefract kicked off and a hard forward tussle ensued, School, if anything coming out on top giving the backs a considerable amount of possession. However, Pontefract took an early lead with a penalty. Half-way through the first half Mynett took the ball from a loose scrum and dashed fifty yards to score a fine solo try under the posts which was easily converted by Crabtree.

During the second half School fought well to try and hold a strong Pontefract pack. However, a scrum infringement by Tinkler under the posts lost School its two points lead. The Pontefract backs now pierced School's defence several times scoring a further two unconverted tries during the latter part of the second half. School were not however, disgraced in losing to a so far undefeated Pontefract side.

23rd Novmeber (home) School 12 pts. v. Leeds Modern 3 pts.

School kept the same side as the previous week's match against Pontefract, the conditions being ideal for good open play. The game was entered into in a confident manner by School and a lethargic style of play was adopted. Many passes were dropped and forward backing up was very slow. This enabled Leeds to score an unconverted try which bucked up the School into playing much harder. As a result Eades went over in the corner to equalise the scoring at half-time.

After resumption of play Brooks scored a quick try which was again unconverted. Then after a scrum infringement School were awarded a penalty from which they obtained a further three points. More forward dash was then inspired and, after a scrummage near the Leeds line from which the ball went to the Leeds full back who was well tackled by Harrison and the ball was picked up by Guillou who went over to score, the final try of the match.

30th November (away)..... School 30 pts. v. Castleford nil.

For this game, captain, Guillou who was unavailable owing to illness was deputised for by Jones at lock-forward. School played hard from the very kick-off and were soon rewarded with a penalty for obstruction which Crabtree easily kicked. By half-time School were leading by 8pts. to nil owing to a converted try by Freeman.

Castleford's play became very scrappy during the second half, Westwood going over to score quickly followed by Jones from a line-out. Jones scored once more from a scrum and this was converted by Crabtree. More tries were run in by Harrison and Eades and finally Westwood dived over in the corner, Crabtree converting to complete a very good morning's play by the side.

7th December (away) School 30 pts. v. Don Valley 3 pts.

Captain, Guillou, now came back into the side, with Jones keeping his place at wing-forward. School went immediately into the attack and, after a good movement by the backs Eades scored the first try of the match. Freeman also touched down from a kick-through and School were otherwise well held during the first half. However, during the second half School's superior fitness began to tell and Jones scored after a loose scrum. A fine forward rush was made after an interception by Easter and after a pick-up by Guillou who passed to Crabtree who went over to score.

Don Valley were awarded a penalty precisely in front of the posts and had no difficulty in kicking it. More tries were scored by Brooks, Mynett, Parish and Eades, the latter two being converted by Crabtree.

Possibly with a little harder play in the first half the score could have been higher.

2nd XV Autumn Term 1963

Played 14; Won 11; Lost 3; Drawn 0.

At the start of the season the position looked very promising. Of the previous season, eleven players remained and unoccupied positions were capably filled, but the team failed to settle down as expected.

Several of the games proved to be very close tussles and particular mention must be made of narrow victories over Colne Valley 1st XV and Don Valley, where late scoring rewarded the team for hard play. In defeat, all-out effort nearly gained justice against King's School and St. Gregory's School.

The forwards, led by Miles, the captain, have been the main attacking force and particular dominance has been shown by Bullock's swift-hooking and Dolan's sound line-out work, whilst as a unit the pack has inter-passed well and been very prominent. The back row of Jones, Miles and Halls have always broken fast and, in consequence,

have been on hand to gain from opponents' mistakes and score regularly.

The centres have made good scoring chances, at times, but generally lack the craft to make a break, and thus ample possession from the forwards has not materialised. However, with room to work, they have proved strong runners and have been well-supported by hard backing up.

Scrumming and line-out work could be much improved if the second-row heeled faster in the scrums and the props wedged tight in line-out work. Unfortunately, there is a tendency to give away penalties owing to unnecessary infringements (off-side, premature striking, forward passing) but these are largely due to keenness, and not ignorance. Such faults are easily remedied by better concentration and experience and if the team would train together more, a strong combination would inevitably result.

Accurate passing, low tackling and strong, straight running would do much to make the team a hard force to beat, for many tries have been lost because the final pass went astray.

After a successful Autumn term the team should now continue improving and with reasonable weather conditions there will be ample chance to use experience and the team's all-round speed in the return fixtures.

2nd XV Results

September 14. v. Castleford (away)	Lost 3-6
(Try: Jarvis.)	
September 25. v. Whitcliffe Mount (home)	Won 6-3
(Try: Davies (2).)	
September 28. v. Barnsley (away)	Won 22-0
(Try: Jones (2), Nunn, Bullock, Halls, Holden; Con. Halls, Fitzpatrick.)	
October 5. v. St. Gregory's 1st XV (home)	Lost 3-8
(Try: Miles.)	
October 12. v. Crossley and Porter, Halifax (home)	Won 14-9
(Tries: Miles, Lees, Rickhuss, Jarvis; Con.: Halls.)	
October 17. v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (home)	Won 29-0
(Tries: Jones (2), Nunn, Halls, Baguley, Miles; Con.: Halls (4); Pen.: Halls.)	
October 19. v. Doncaster T.G.S. (home)	Won 48-0
(Tries: Holden (3), Foster (3), Miles (2), Nunn (2), Short, Harrison, D. M. Baguley, Halls; Con.: Halls (3).)	
October 26. v. Colne Valley 1st XV	Won 6-3
(Try: Jackson, P; Pen.: Davies.)	
November 2. v. Leeds Modern (home)	Won 28-0
(Tries: Lightfoot (2), Carey, Halls, Holden, Harrison, D. M., Davies; Con.: Davies (2); Pen.: Davies.)	
November 9. v. Thorne G.S. (home)	Won 21-3
(Tries: Halls (2), Davies, Dolan, Lees; Con.: Davies (3).)	
November 16. v. King's School, Pontefract	Lost 6-11
(Tries: Foster, Jones.)	

November 23. v. Leeds Modern (home)	Won 14-0
(Tries: Jones (2), Halls, Hill; Con.: Davies.)	
November 30. v. Castleford G.S. (home).....	Won 11-3
(Tries: Halls, Powers, Davies; Con.: Hill.)	
December 7. v. Don Valley (away)	Won 5-0
(Try: Foster; Con.: Hill.)	
December 14. v. Huddersfield N.C. (away)	

Colts XV

Undoubtedly this has been the most successful Colts Rugby team the school has yet produced.

All threequarters have shown they can make a break and also fully exploit one made by another player. The forwards have combined into a formidable force being particularly strong in the loose and in backing up.

Unfortunately the opposition has not always been strong enough to really extend the team. Despite this, individuals have very rarely been selfish and the points have always been scored from good handling moves.

The majority of players have turned up regularly for training.

We look ahead in anticipation of being able to complete the season undefeated.

Players: — Booth, Pickering, Westmoreland, Hale, Morgan, Goldie, Bassinder, Mason, Carter, Hodgkiss, Stevens, J., Stevens, W., Stephenson, Bell, Walker, Robinson, Hill, Agar, Harrison, Taylor, Conway.

Colts Results

September 14. v. Castleford (home)	Won 16-0
September 28. v. Barnsley (home)	Won 26-3
October 3. v. Pontefract (away)	Won 22-11
October 5. v. St. Gregory's (away)	Won 47-3
October 12. v. Doncaster (away)	Won 61-0
October 19. v. Spurley Hey (home)	Won 38-0
October 26. v. Colne Valley (home)	Won 53-0
November 8. v. Thorne (away)	Won 29-0
November 23. v. Castleford (home)	Won 8-0
November 30. v. Don Valley (away)	Won 80-0

Under 14 XV

Carrying on the tradition of their previous two seasons the U.14 XV won every game, indeed they were only held to a somewhat low score by two teams: Castleford and Thorne. The record to date is:—

Played 9; Won 9; Lost 0; Drawn 0; Pts. for 429; against 18.

The team began the season with three new members, who quickly fell into the pattern previously set; in particular G. Williams on the right wing. Williams' asset is his speed which has already brought him 16 tries this season. The backs have shown some excellent play and passing movements; in particular S. Trigg, who with his speed and quick thinking has been the backbone of many of the wins.

The other spear-head of attack is T. Crossland on the left-wing whose belief in hard play has driven the opposition back time after time.

I should think that our U.14 XV pack is the fastest pack that the opposition teams have ever met. Here the attack is led quite soundly by J. Davies. Davies is well supported in the pack by several strong players — R. Jennings, D. Peaty, R. Westerman, C. Hollis, Bostock.

The main fault of the side still lies in the tackling, and few of the players are willing to tackle by the legs. The teams look forward to a further run of success in the New Year.

The following have played for the Under 14 XV:—

P. Davies, T. Crossland, S. Madeley, S. Trigg (capt.), K. Holland, P. Morgan, G. Williams, J. Davies, S. Banks, R. Jennings, D. Peaty, P. Bostock, R. Westerman, C. Hollis, L. Colbourne, R. Webster, P. Atkins, A. Atha, T. Bailey.

M.J.C.

Under 14 XV Results

v. Barnsley G.S. (away)	Won	81-0
v. K.S. Pontefract (away)	Won	31-0
v. St. Gregory's School (home)	Won	48-0
v. Hemsworth G.S. (away)	Won	41-3
v. Spurley Hey S.M. (home)	Won	34-3
v. Colne Valley C.S. (away)	Won	48-3
v. Nunthorpe G.S. (away)	Won	102-0
v. Thorne G.S. (away)	Won	24-3
v. Castleford G.S. (home)	Won	20-6

Under 13 XV

Having had only a mediocre record as Under 12's last season, this side set out to prove it could do better. They started very well indeed, winning the first eight matches and scoring 54 tries. However, the last two games against Don Valley and Huddersfield New College, brought about their downfall, and they suffered two narrow defeats.

The record to date is:—

Played 10; Won 8; Lost 2; Drawn 0; Pts for 201; against 28.

St. Gregory's gave us a very hard game in wet conditions but some very strong forward play and two individual tries by Bailey-Lee won the day. The side played its best football against King's School, scoring seven excellent tries, six of which were converted by Anthony. Nunthorpe was a hard battle, they scored three tries against us, more than anyone else, and showed a weakness in the tackling.

The forwards have done quite well, and given a good share of the ball to the backs from scrums and line-outs. The backs have used this to advantage in scoring 39 tries.

However, the lack of scoring power in the last two games, does emphasise how important it is to get the ball in the loose. This means being quicker into the tackle and picking up or heeling after the tackle.

The following boys have played this term:—

Moore, Frankland, Cording, Bailey-Lee, Longley, Wormald, Parker, Bailey, Beaumont, Pine, Anthony, Atha, Patchett, Baker, J. R., Harrison, Baker, C., Jones, Hammond, Ashworth, Booth.

Results

V. Barnsley G.S. (away)	Won 38-0
(Tries: Atha (3), Frankland, Cording, Bailey-Lee, Parker, Bailey, Beaumont, Patchett; Con.: Anthony (2), Patchett (2).)	
v. St. Gregory's (away)	Won 11-3
(Tries: Bailey-Lee (2), Patchett; Con.: Anthony.)	
v. Hemsworth G.S. (away)	Won 19-0
(Tries: Bailey-Lee (3), Frankland, Longley; Con.: Anthony (2).)	
v. Spurley Hey (away)	Won 19-3
(Tries: Frankland (2), Bailey, Beaumont, Atha; Con.: Anthony (2).)	
v. King's School, Pontefract (away)	Won 33-0
(Tries: Bailey-Lee, Longley, Parker, Bailey, Beaumont, Patchett, Harrison; Con.: Anthony (6).)	
v. Colne Valley (home)	Won 32-0
(Tries: Frankland (2), Bailey-Lee (2), Atha (2), Moore, Cording, Longley, Wormald; Con.: Patchett.)	
v. Nunthorpe (home)	Won 23-9
(Tries: Longley (2), Atha (2), Cording, Parker, Anthony; Con.: Patchett.)	
v. Bruntcliffe (home)	Won 23-0
(Tries: Cording, Bailey-Lee, Longley, Bailey, Atha, Patchett, Hammond; Con.: Patchett.)	
v. Don Valley (home)	Lost 8-3
(Try: Ashworth.)	
v. Huddersfield New College (home)	Lost 5-0

Under 12 XV

The record to date is as follows:—

Played 6; Won 6; Lost 0; Drawn 0; Pts. for 160; against 15.

This team has settled down very quickly into a forceful combination. In winning all their games convincingly they have averaged over 26 points per game. There is strength both in the forwards and in the backs. The pack, one of the biggest we have produced at U.12, scrummage and line-out quite well, but is not as mobile about the field as one would wish.

The half-backs have combined well together and the threes have run cleverly and strongly. 51 tries have been scored, but only two have been converted!

The following boys have played this term:—

Heaton, Crawshaw, Summers, Cusworth, Rolbieki, Roberts, Slater, Hufton, Bridges, Webster, Clayton, Anders, Barker, Bell, Bullivant, Berresford, Davies, Bailey-Lee, Lowe, Goldsborough.

Results

y. Spurley Hey (away)	Won 24-0
(Tries: Cusworth (4), Summers, Roberts, Slater, Clayton.)	
v. Nunthorpe (home)	Won 30-3
(Tries: Bailey-Lee (3), Clayton (2), Summers, Cusworth, Roberts, Webster, Berresford.)	
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (away)	Won 32-6
(Tries: Slater (2), Bailey-Lee (2), Crawshaw, Cusworth, Rolbieki, Hufton, Anders; Con.: Cusworth; Pen.: Cusworth.)	
v. Don Valley (home)	Won 27-0
(Tries: Slater (3), Cusworth (2), Bridges (2), Summers, Barker.)	
v. Huddersfield New College (home)	Won 26-0
(Tries: Bridges (2), Roberts, Anders, Cusworth, Barker, Slater, Berresford; Con.: Bridges.)	

Under 12 "B" XV

Result

v. Hemsworth (away)	Lost 3-12
(Try: Lowe.)	

For some of the boys playing this was their first game of Rugby, and the game was very scrappy. With some more knowledge of the rules and some practice matches with the "A" team we hope to make a better showing in the return fixture.

The following boys played:—

Goldsborough, Lowe, Carter, Fretwell, Allan, Heaton, Bragger, Smith, Bellfield, Cluley, Rowett, Fawcett, Bruce, Davis, Clark.

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Christmas Term, 1963

As the results show only too well the senior team has had a very uninspired and unsuccessful term, having won only two out of a total of eight matches. Unfortunately, it must be admitted that several of the defeats have been caused by team members either failing to turn out for the matches, or being unable to attend owing to out-of-school activities. Moreover, it has been evident that none of the numerous defeats was a case of our team being formidably outclassed, but that they were simply owing to the fact that the majority of our team members simply are not fit enough and, therefore, cannot give their best performances. They will not make any effort to practice regularly and this, there is no doubt, is the primary cause of our poor record this term.

Whilst these remarks are applicable to the greater part of the team, we should not overlook the consistently good efforts of Heptinstall, who has never attained less than second place this term, and of Cook who has been the only reliable support for the team captain in the matches, and whom we congratulate on being awarded his

colours. In particular both these runners put up a very good performance against the fourth and fifth teams of Leeds University, Heptinstall being placed first and Cook attaining fourth place.

Next term we hope to see an improvement in the results, which, however, will only be attained through sustained training by all team members.

G.T.H.

Senior Cross Country Results

25th September v. Whitcliffe Mount (home)	Won 33-47
9th October, v. Leeds Modern (home)	Lost 46-32
6th November, v. Leeds University (away)	Lost 51-37
13th November, v. Temple Moor (away)	Lost 41-37
16th November, v. Almondbury (home)	Won 38-40
23rd November, v. Huddersfield New College (away)	Lost 52-32
27th November, v. Silcoates School (away)	Lost 56-28
7th December, v. Knaresborough (home)	Lost 19-17

Under 15 Cross Country

Results

v. Almondbury	Won 22-64
1st Pickering; 2nd Trott; 3rd Williams; 4th Greenfield; 5th Myers.	
v. Huddersfield New College	Lost 33-23
1st Williams; 6th Myers; 7th Dixon; 8th Allenach.	
v. Pontefract S.M.	Lost 69-67
1st Williams; 2nd Pickering; 6th Trott; 7th Greenfield.	
v. Knaresborough G.S.	Won 16-23
1st Williams; 4th Dixon; 5th Myers; 6th Carter; 7th Hall; 9th Edwards.	

Under 14 Cross Country

Result

v. Almondbury	Lost 43-36
3rd Trigg; 4th Edwards; 5th Hollis; 7th Hall.	

Under 13 Cross Country

It is a pity these results do not reflect more of the keenness of this team. Sykes (capt.), Blackburn and Beaumont have turned in quite good performances in all four races and with more effort from the others in the team to get up with these three, results could be very different.

In training everyone has worked well this term but the "fighting" spirit has not been forthcoming in competition. The first race of the season produced a promising result, had the team remembered everything about packing? were they training enough? It seemed so — Blackburn was first, the next two were from Huddersfield and then Nornanton had the next four positions — a good win. The

team looked forward to the next fixture with great enthusiasm. Unfortunately they met a very strong team from Pontefract, who should be congratulated on their fine running in very poor conditions. Sykes was first home for us but only in fifth position.

Against Almondbury Sykes ran very well but was not backed up by his team mates. They packed together but only took seventh to tenth positions.

The following have run for the team:—

Sykes, Blackburn, Beaumont, Harrison, Preston, Pollard, Seater, Atha, Vaux, Siddall, Stenson and Webster.

Results

v. Huddersfield. N.C. (away)		Won	16-21
v. Pontefract S.M. (home)		Lost	97-41
v. Almondbury G.S. (home)		Lost	48-30
v. Knaresborough G.S. (home)		Draw	18-18

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

This term the school has taken the table tennis club, formed last year a step further, and despite a lack of facilities, under the guidance of Mr. Taylor a school team has emerged and several fixtures have been arranged.

The club which met originally in the gym on Monday evenings, has now unfortunately been exiled into the annexe by the 1st XV. Nevertheless, a strong school team has been formed from the talent of the Sixth Form. Four games have been played this term, three against schools, the other against Dodsworth Youth Club. All have been won. Five players have represented the school, Law, Short, Lees, Beckitt and Stephens, The main difficulty has been the selection of a doubles pair, and so far no really satisfactory combination has been found.

The team gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the school fund, without which our matches would not have been possible. Also we thank Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wenham and Mr. Harris for their support and scoring at school games, and Miss Sumner for providing the refreshment after home fixtures.

E.S.

Results

23rd, October, v. Dodsworth Youth Club (home)		Won	4-1
22nd November, v. Thornes House (home)		Won	5-0
29th November, v. Leeds Modern (away)		Won	5-0
5th December, v. Castleford (home)		Won	3-2

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