

A decorative graphic of a key with an ornate, scrollwork handle. The handle features a shield with a cross, the year '15' on the left, '11' on the right, and a central emblem. The shaft of the key is a simple horizontal bar.

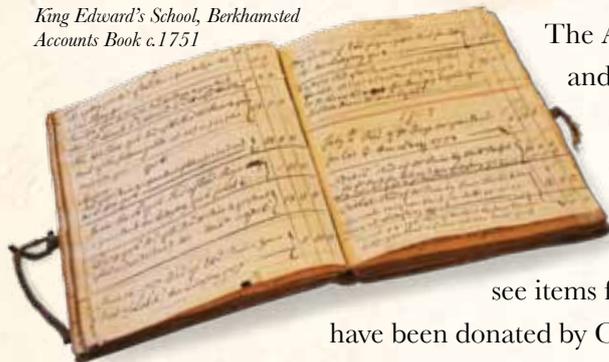
BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL
ARCHIVE



Unlocking the history of Berkhamsted School

Berkhamsted School Archive

*King Edward's School, Berkhamsted
Accounts Book c.1751*



The Archive and Historic Collection of Berkhamsted School preserve and make available for research and enquiry a permanent establishment of records, memorabilia and artefacts relating to the history of Berkhamsted School (Boys and Girls).

Throughout this brochure you will see items from the collections, some of which have been donated by Old Berkhamstedians.

Over the summer, thanks to the wonderful support and funding from the Old Berkhamstedians, we installed archive bays and racking, which will eventually hold and preserve the school collections.



Rugby cap won by D W Sillar, OB (Incents 1926)

The Archive and Historic Collections include:

- ❖ School Registers, admissions and attendance records
- ❖ Governors' and Headmasters' reports
- ❖ School magazines
- ❖ Photographs
- ❖ School uniform and sporting colours
- ❖ Cups, trophies and medals
- ❖ Film footage
- ❖ Books by or about Old Berkhamstedians
- ❖ Books on the history of the Schools
- ❖ Special Collections

A brief history



School Cadets c.1897

In 1541, John Incent, Dean of St Paul's, was granted a Licence by Henry VIII to found a school in Berkhamsted, Incent's home town. Until the end of the nineteenth century Berkhamsted School served as a grammar school for a small number of boys from the town but over the last century it has developed into a school of significance.



Tennis fans c.1950s

In 1888 the foundation was extended by the establishment of Berkhamsted School for Girls. In 1996, these two schools and Berkhamsted Preparatory School (formed from Berkhamsted Preparatory School for Boys, which was linked to Berkhamsted School and The Beeches Girls' Junior School, part of Berkhamsted School for Girls) formalised their partnership, under the name Berkhamsted Collegiate School. In December 2008, the School's name reverted to Berkhamsted School to reflect its historical roots.

The School's foundation is celebrated annually in October on Founder's Day, when a service is held in St Peter's Church, the parish church of Berkhamsted.



Presentation of OBs reading prize c.1910

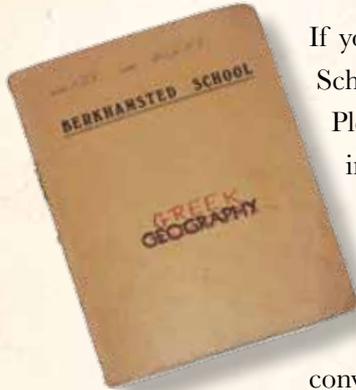
The incumbent Dean of St Paul's is invited to act as a Patron of The Berkhamsted Foundation, which aims to create sustainable long term funding to invest and build for future generations of Berkhamstedians.

Berkhamsted School's Patron is Her Majesty The Queen.



Miss C E Disney, 1st Headmistress of Berkhamsted School for Girls, (1888-1897)

Making an enquiry



Recycling! c.1948

If you have an enquiry about an Old Berkhamstedian or the Berkhamsted School Archive please contact us by email at archive@berkhamstedschool.org. Please outline your enquiry giving as much information as you can, including dates, possible name changes and the purpose of your enquiry. Please include a telephone number or email address to enable us to get in touch with you.

Our aim is to respond to your enquiry within seven days.

Our preferred method of contact is email, however, if this is not convenient please call us or leave a message. We only share enquiries where permission has been granted.

Disclaimer - please note that records referring to staff or students will be closed for 100 years and some record collections may be closed to the public domain unless special permission is obtained.

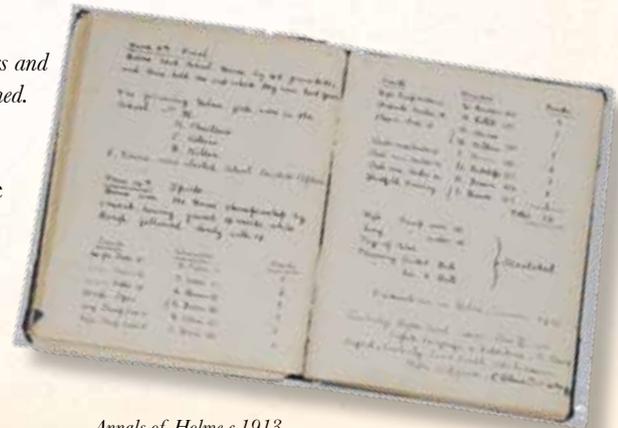
Each enquiry area can open up a diverse and wonderful unveiling. Please take a look at our website where you can read some of the more unusual findings.

Access to the Archive

At this early stage of development we are currently unable to offer open access/visits to the archives. Please check our website for updates.



Girls' School badge with motto 'Festina Lente' (Make haste slowly). Features Katherine Incent (mother of Dean Incent)



Annals of Holme c.1913

Donating to the Archive and Historic Collection

We welcome donations from our community and would love to hear from you if you have in particular; diaries, correspondence, photographs, uniform items and other artefacts. Such items will add greater interest and depth to the archive. If you have *anything* which you feel would be a valuable addition to the school collections we would like to hear from you.

Please contact us to discuss your donations. Included in this brochure is a copy of the donation form. Should you wish to donate to the archives, ownership shall pass to Berkhamsted School and a written statement /contract form to that effect is signed by the donor.



*Prize for Latin & Divinity c.1884
donated to the School by Mrs. J V Gilroy*



Girls' school hat c.1920s



Medicine ball c.1930s

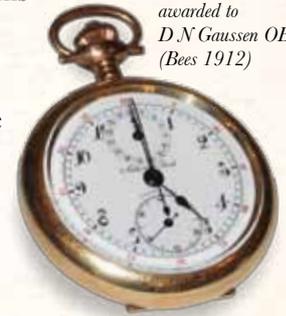
Exhibition Room/Museum

As part of the strategy for preserving the wonderful collections of the school we are looking to develop in the first place an Exhibition Room which we hope will become a Museum (after the accreditation process). This is a project which has been ongoing for the last 5 years and which we can now officially share. Although this may be the first time we have spoken on a proposed Museum it seems that the School had the same thoughts in 1926. We came across this article whilst working on a separate archive enquiry, fortuitous timing! As the writers and Committee before us wrote so eloquently, it seems fitting to enlighten you and open with their introductory paragraph:



Commemorative enamel box, Berkhamsted School for Girls (100 years 1888-1988)

1926. *“As progress is now being made with the School Museum, the moment seems opportune for the publication in these pages of some account of what has been achieved already, and what plans have been made for the future. It is hoped that this will be of interest not only to the School, but to O.Bs, parents and other friends of the School, who may read these lines, for without widespread interest a museum will almost inevitably become a valley of dry bones .”* 1926. Berkhamstedian, p125.



O.U.A.C. prize awarded to D.N. Gausson O.B. (Bees 1912)

2012-2014

The first phase will be to establish a temporary set up in what was Dr Fry’s study using and sourcing second hand museum standard cabinets and developing a suitable layout. This will feature unusual artefacts and collections of interest, enabling the school/outside community and OBs to while away a happy half hour reminiscing and reflecting on our wonderful history and heritage. The second phase will be to apply for Heritage Lottery Funding and set in motion plans to become an accredited Museum. Regular updates will feature on our website.

The Future

We are currently in the process of cataloguing our collections and hope to have a comprehensive catalogue by September 2013.

We wish our collections to be a living archive and to reflect the changes in time, society and education.

The development of an Exhibition Room will enable us to do just that benefitting our community.

Watch out for ...

... the 125 blog which will be launched as part of the 125 years anniversary (Girls' School). The aim will be to publish regular entries which will feature an item/artefact/photo/extract from the school archives until we reach the Big 125.

A link to follow the development will be available from the archive website.



"Torture Chamber" c.1905

Donate an Artefact

I have some objects/photographs/documents that the Archive might be interested in. *Please delete as appropriate*

Brief description. *Please use capitals*

Please contact me to discuss this.

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Address _____

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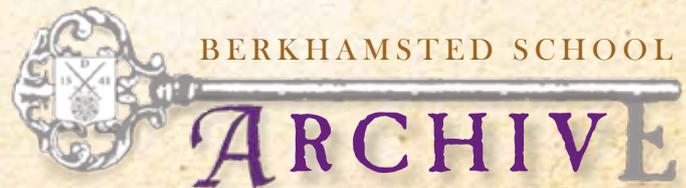
Please return this form to: Berkhamsted School Archive, Berkhamsted School, Castle Campus, Castle Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 2BB

Get in touch and share your memories

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