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## **SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

### **1962**

Autumn term began ..... September 3rd  
Half term ..... October 22nd, 23rd, 24th  
Occasional holiday ..... November 30th  
Examinations begin ..... December 3rd  
Autumn term ends ..... December 20th

### **1963**

Spring term begins ..... January 7th  
Speech Day ..... January 24th  
Half term ..... February 18th and 19th  
Spring term ends ..... April 10th  
Summer term begins ..... April 29th  
Half term ..... June 3rd and 4th  
Term ends ..... July 19th

## EDITORIAL.

ONCE more the **Visor** catalogues the activities of the School for another term, the term that concludes seventy-four years of the Institute's life-time to date. The intention here is to stress the importance of all the varied interests available outside the classroom: not only the rugby, cricket and athletics, but also the debates, the lectures, the Chess Club, the Geographical Society, the Geological Society, the School Scouts, the Modelling Club, and all the others. These are as essential to the development of the all-round man as is the formal instruction given in the classroom, and for this reason, if for no other, each boy should take an active part in as many as time permits. And here the important word is **active**. Do not allow yourself to degenerate into one of those who expect others to do all the organising and all the donkey-work for their selfish pleasure. Such people have become all too common in an age devoted to mass amusement. Young people should not be like this; for youth is the time of vigour, romance, and adventure. Youth should have wider interests and the highest ideals. Thus, Wordsworth's hero was the man who always lived up to his boyhood's ideals:

"It is the generous spirit, who, when brought  
Among the tasks of real life, hath wrought  
Upon the plan that pleased his childish thought."

Robert Louis Stevenson, that most romantic and adventurous writer, said: "Youth is the time to go flashing from one end of the world to the other both in mind and body; to try the manners of different nations; to hear the chimes at midnight; to see sunrise in town and country; to be converted at a revival; to run a mile to see a fire."

Take, then, the opportunities the various clubs and societies offer you to develop mind as well as body, not forgetting the annual initiative and endurance test in the Easter holidays, and cherish your noblest ideals; and so you may become one of those whom the School will delight to honour.

## **SALVETE.**

5B Foley, J. A.;

3B Chilton, W.; Clark, M.; Griffiths, T.; Gunson, J. B.; Johnson, R. I.;  
Rigby, D.; Sloan, M.; Smurthwaite, W.; Taylor, B.; Wilkinson, L. G.;  
Wilson, B. J.

First Forms, Ainslie, R. J.; Beattie, J.; Brown, M. R.; Buckley, W. R.;  
Byrne, K. V.; Capstick, C. R.; Carty, M. J.; Cross, P. J.; Davies,  
R. B.; Dearden, D. J.; Drake, S. A.; Dutton, F.; Easdown,  
S. L.; Edwards, P. A.; Fallowfield, H. J.; France, A. A.; Garry, D. A.;  
Gosling, A.; Haddow, J. R.; Hall, J.; Hammond, G. R. S.;  
Hampton, I. J.; Hawkins, J.; Hitchmough, J.; Hodgson, P. R.;  
Hodgson, R. W.; Hughes, C. J.; Johnson, G. B.; Jones, C.; Jones,  
N. A.; Lee, B. M.; Lewis, A. R.; McBride, D. C.; McCulloch, C. D. R.;  
McGarvey, B. W. J.; Meagher, C. R.; Neale, A.; Nicholas, M. P.;  
O'Brien, D. J.; O'Hare, P. M.; Prescott, A. G.; Riding, J. G.;  
Rimmer, P.; Roberts, P. J.; Roberts, J. J.; Robinson, A. D.; Smith,  
G. P.; Smith, R. C.; Sterling, J. H.; Sudlow, F. J.; Swift, F.; Wales, P.;  
Welch, D. E.; Whitehead, P. J.; Williams, G. R.; Wilson, D. J.;  
Woods, P. J.; Morrison, G. J.

## **VALETE.**

3B Cheseldine, A.

5B Hamlet, J.

Adv. Davies, A.; Edwards, D. G.; Fraser, J. S.; Glyn, S. J.; Goodwin,  
D. A.; Gregory, G. O.; Gurden, J. R. M.; Hansen, C.; Harding, K. C.;  
Lanigan, M. J.; Oxtan, J. E.; Rushton, M.; Steedman, A.; Williams,  
J. A. G.; Wood, B.; Muddiman, J.

5A Archard, A. J. F.; Cowderoy, D.; Davies, N.; Dodd, R. C.; Hodgson,  
T. V.; Pulford, M. C.; Thurgill, A. R.; Willan, A. K.; Winder, M. W.

5B Anders, K.; Anderton, A.; Blythe, W. K.; Brown, G.; Davies, D. J.;  
Dixon, R. N.; Evans, E. F.; Fitch, E.; Graham, T. J.; Green, F. W.;  
Hart, J. D.; Hill, B. J.; Hughes, D.; Hughes, J. S.; Jones, M. G.;  
Jones, M. J.; Knight, A. R.; Landsberg, T. S.; Lewis, R.; Morgan, R.;  
Murray, B. J.; Quail, R. F.; Raba, A.; Randles, J. W.; Wade, W. J.

4A Morris, R. M.

5A Birchall, D. D.

## MR. R. HALL.

THIS term the School learned with great regret that Mr. R. Hall intends to retire in December, 1962.

Mr. Hall was educated at Lincoln School and King's College, London, where he continued his studies interrupted by his service in H.M. Forces during the 1914-18 War. He graduated with Honours in English in 1921 and gained his Diploma in Education in 1922.

He joined Birkenhead Institute in January 1923; so when he leaves us this December, he will have completed forty years service under five Headmasters.

In his early days Mr. Hall taught English and French, as he has been doing once again during this last term, when the School was thankful for his help in French in a period when we have been without a Senior French Master. Since 1933 Mr. Hall has been in charge of the English Department in the School, and for the last ten years he has been Deputy Headmaster.

Readers of this School Magazine know that he has been its Editor ever since it became the official School journal in 1928. He has for many years been in charge of the Stationery and the National Savings Group. More recently he has taken charge of the Junior Reading Room and Library. Former boys will remember his services in charge of the Rifle Club, as well as the prominent part he has always played at our annual Speech Days and Athletic Sports. He was one of the first Chairmen of the Old Boys' A.F. Club, and is still one of the Vice Presidents of the Old Instonians' R.U.F.C. For his valued services to the School and its Old Boys, the Old Instonians' Association elected him a Vice-President five years ago.

Few schools have received such long service from one man and no school can ever have been better served. Many generations of schoolboys have passed through his classes and gone on to gain distinction at University and in their careers. Wherever Old Instonians congregate Mr. Hall is spoken of with affection and sincere appreciation. Most schoolmasters are appreciated by some of their pupils. Mr. Hall is one of the rare few whose efforts have been rewarded by the respect and affection of all.

When he retires, the Headmaster and Staff will miss his calm wisdom and counsel; the boys will miss his sympathetic understanding and justice. Resounding echoes may fade from the rooms and corridors of Birkenhead Institute, but his influence will remain as part of our tradition and heritage.

We are certain that all pupils and colleagues, past and present, will join with us in wishing Mr. Hall a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

## STAFF NOTES.

IN September we welcomed no fewer than three newcomers to our ranks. They were Miss E. B. Smith, B.A., who came to help with English and French for this term, until the new Senior French Master arrives; Mr. A. K. Richards, B.Sc., who has been appointed to teach Physics; and Mr. A. T. F. Woods, B.Sc., who has replaced Mr. Bolton as a teacher of Mathematics. We were also pleased to meet the new French Assistant, Monsieur J. C. Redonnet, of the University of Toulouse. We trust that these gentlemen will enjoy their stay among us. We cannot, much as we should like to do so, extend the same wish to Miss Smith, because her enjoyment is now a thing of the past, because she is now leaving us to take up a post in a Comprehensive School in Liverpool. However, we trust that she has liked being with us and we wish her success in her new post.

This term we are also to lose Mr. R. Hall and Mr. W. D. Richards. Mr. Hall's retirement is referred to elsewhere. Mr. W. D. Richards, who has been with us since 1946 as a teacher of Physics and Biology, will be greatly missed by Staff and pupils alike, as his good humour and kindness have made him deservedly popular. In leaving us to take the post of Senior Biology Master at the Bluecoat School in Liverpool, Mr. Richards takes with him the best wishes of all at B.I.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1962.

### Advanced Level

#### U.VI.

- Davies, A.: Maths, Physics.
- Edwards, D. G.: Maths, Physics.
- Fraser, J. S.: History.
- Glynn, S. J.: General Studies, English, French.
- Goodwin, D. A.: General Studies.
- Gregory, G. O.: General Studies (Distinction), Geography, French (Distinction).
- Gurden, J. R. M.: Geography.
- Hansen, C.: Maths.
- Harding, K. C.: General Studies, English, History, French.
- Lanigan, M. J.: History, French.
- Oxton, J. E.: Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
- Rushton, M.: Chemistry.
- Steedman, A.: English, History.
- Tooley, P. W.: General Studies, English, French.
- Williams, J. A. G.: English, History, Art.

O Level

5A.

- Adamson, J. S.: Lang., H, G, F, M, P, C.  
Archard, A. J. F.: Lit., H, F, M.  
Armstreng, I. G.: Lang., A, F, M, P, C.  
Birchall, D. D.: Lang., Lit., H, A, F, M.  
Blair, A.: Lang., Lit. H, F.  
Campbell-Kelly, M.: Lang., Lit., A, F, M, P, C, B, W.  
Casi, E. R.: Lang., Lit. H, F.  
Cowderoy, D. W.: H, M.  
Davies, N.: G, B, W.  
Dodd, R. C.: Lan., Lit., M, P.  
Duncan, I. M.: Lang., Lit., H, L, F, M, P, C.  
Edbrooke, P. A.: H, M, P.  
Gethin, A.: Lang., H, M, P, C.  
Gray, M. N.: G, F, M, P, C, B, W.  
Harrison-Smith, L. K.: Lang., H, A, F, M, P.  
Henderson, G. L.: Lang., Lit., H, G, F, M, P.  
Hodgson, G. W.: Lang., H, G, F, M, P, C.  
Hodgson, T. V.: H, F, M.  
Jerrard-Dunne, A. P.: Lit., H, F.  
Kellett, J. F.: Lang. Lit., H, G, F, M, P, C.  
Llewellyn, R. G.: Lang., Lit., H, G, L, F, M, P, C.  
McKitrick, L. R.: H, M, P.  
Millardship, D. H.: Lang., Lit., H, G, F, M.  
Parry, D. W.: G, M, P, B.  
Pulford, M. C.: Lang., Lit., H, L, F, M, P, C.  
Ratcliff, D. R.: Lang, Lit, H, G, L, F, M, P, C.  
Stewart, G. W.: G, F, M, P, C, W.  
Thornton, C. J.: Lang., Lit., H, G, F, M, P, C, B.  
Thurgill, A. R.: H, F.  
Walker, R. W.: G.  
Waters, J.: H, G, M, P, C.  
Willan, A. K.: Lit., H, C.  
Winder, M. W.: Lang., H, G, F, M, P, C.  
Yates, L. E.: Lang., H, G, F, M, P, C.

5B.

Anders, K.: H, F, C.  
 Blythe, W. K.: F.  
 Davies, D. J.: A.  
 Dixon, R. N.: A.  
 Evans, E. F.: H, A.  
 Fitch, E.: F.  
 Green, F. W.: H.  
 Hamlet, J.: Lang.  
 Hart, J. D.: M.  
 Hollaseter, G. M.: Lang., H, F.  
 Hughes, D.: H.  
 Jacobs, M. A.: Lang., Lit., H, F, A.  
 Johnson, J. T.: Lit., H, G, M, C.  
 Jones, M. G.: A.  
 Landsberg, T. S.: B, A.  
 Lewis, R.: M, P, W, A.  
 McLaren, D. P.: Lang., M, P, C.  
 McManus, T. J.: Lang., A.  
 Maskrey, D. E.: H, F, A.  
 Murray, B. J.: Lang., W, A.  
 Quail, R. J.: A.  
 Raba, A.: A.  
 Randles, J. W.: W, A.  
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 Wilson, A. R.: H, A.

**Key**

English Language — Lang.  
 English Literature — Lit.  
 History — H.  
 Geography — G.  
 French — F.  
 Mathematics — M.  
 Physics — P.  
 Chemistry — C.  
 Biology — B.  
 Woodwork — W.  
 Latin — L.  
 Art — A.

## CORONATION CUP

Events	Atkin	Tate	Stitt	Westminster
Athletics	3rd 1 pt	2nd 2 pts	4th Nil	1st 3 pts
Chess	4th Nil	3rd 1 pt	2nd 2 pts	1st 3 pts
Cricket	2nd= 1½ pts	2nd= 1½ pts	4th Nil	1st 3 pts
Cross-Country	4th Nil	3rd 1 pt	2nd 2 pts	1st 3 pts.
Christmas Exam	1st 3 pts	4th Nil	3rd 1 pt	2nd 2 pts
Summer Exam	1st= 2½ pts	4th Nil	3rd 1 pt	1st= 2½ pts
Rugby	3rd= ½ pt	2nd 2 pts	3rd= ½ pt	1st 3 pts
Total Points	8½ pts	7½ pts	6½ pts	19½ pts
Final Position	2nd	3rd	4th	1st

1st gain 3 pts

2nd gain 2 points

3rd gain 1 point

**Champion House — Westminster**

## SPORT.

What is the glory in throwing a ball of lead,  
Or jumping a pole?  
I rather consider this an ultimate dread,  
Than an ultimate goal.

D. R. YOUNG, 4A.

## HERO IN SHINING FEATHERS.

WHEN the doorbell rang that Easter morning, our two-year-old Susie found a duckling nestled in a basket on the front step. It was just a round, yellow ball of bluff with two black, shiny beads for eyes and a curious ebony bill that constantly went poking about into everything. Susie was ecstatic when the duckling scrambled from his basket and waddled at her heels about the room.

For him, there was no one else in the world but Susie. When she walked he followed; when she ran he rolled over and over like an animated yellow tumbleweed, trying to keep up with her.

Susie named the duck "Waddles", and together that summer, in the high-fenced back garden, they found a complete world of magic. The two chased butterflies, built castles in the sandbox, and played hide-and-seek among the shrubs.

Waddles grew to be larger than most ducks, and was a strong, handsome fellow two years later when Baby Carol came. After silently studying the baby, Waddles suddenly beat his great wings against his sides, let out a trumpeting honk, and sat down purposefully beside the cot.

With that wild, foreign cry Waddles was proclaiming to the world that he was at last an adult, that on his shoulders had descended the grave responsibility of guard for a new, helpless being. I finally had to pick him up and carry him — protesting and hissing — outside.

As the weeks passed, it finally seeped through Waddles's small duck brain that the only time his guarding act was necessary was when Baby Carol was put in the back garden for her sun-bath. When that time drew near, he was always at the back door waiting. In a restrained frenzy of excitement he would settle beneath the pram, every inch of his big body at strained attention.

I had reason to give thanks for Waddles as a help in child rearing. It was impossible to teach Susie and her friends to close the back gate; but, with Waddles around, neither man nor beast could enter that gate.

Then a plague of rabies broke out among the dogs of the town. And one Saturday morning when Baby Carol was in the back garden with Waddles on guard beneath the pram, a friend telephoned, "I've just seen a dog turn into your driveway, and, if I know a mad dog, that one is!"

Prickles of fright broke out along my spine. Then I thought, "The back gate". Had one of the children left it open? On legs that threatened to buckle, I started for the garden. Before I was half-way through the house, for the second time in Waddles's life I heard that high wild honk — and I knew!

Screaming for my wife, I burst through the back door upon a scene that will remain with me the rest of my days. Not three yards from the baby was a huge dog with red, unfocused eyes and dripping mouth. Flying to meet him was Waddles, wings outspread and ebony beak snapping and crackling like a small, angry machine gun. I knew that my wife was close behind me with the broom. Then I lost sight of everything except the desire to gather my baby in my arms and race for safety.

Somehow I succeeded with my wife and her broom as flanking support. She slammed the back door behind us and ran to call the police. Weak with fear, I leaned against the closed door and listened to the uncanny battle outside. The blood-chilling growls and muttered barks of the mad dog told me that Waddles was fighting him all over the garden. Their bodies bumped and threshed against the side of the house and porch; then the slapping of Waddles's big wings, the snapping of his beak, and the duller sound of the dog's jaws would dim out. Then I heard Waddles's first squawk of pain.

There was not a gun in the house, and the police could not possibly get there in time.

I prayed that Waddles would somehow realize his danger and fly out of reach before it was too late. But all the time I knew he would not. His stout heart simply would not let him stop fighting until his enemy was driven from the garden.

The squawks and barks gradually lessened, as did the sound of the fight, until there was a muffled shot. Then all was ominous, deadly quiet.

One of the police officers came to the door. "I want you to see a sight you will never see again," he said.

The back garden was a shambles. Chairs had been upset. Flowers and shrubs were beaten down. Baby Carol's pram had been overturned, and criss-crossing the sandbox, that had once held so much happiness for a small blonde girl and a little yellow duck, were dark red stains. In the open gateway, a wing tip touching the fence on either side, lay Waddles — his broken neck outstretched and his ebony beak turned scarlet. Just beyond lay the body of the dog.

"I don't think the bullet was necessary," said the officer, looking with wonder at the dog's mutilated head.

Some inborn instinct from his wild, dim past must have inspired Waddles to hold out until he drove his last enemy from the little plot of earth he held sacred.

## WAR MEMORIAL PRIZE.

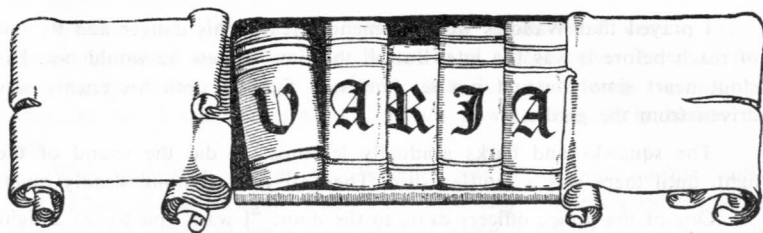
AFTER the last war an appeal was launched for funds so that a memorial tablet in memory of the Old Boys of the School who had died could be erected in the entrance hall. Subscriptions were received from parents, Old Boys, and friends of the School, and the tablet was unveiled after a memorial service on December 18th, 1949.

The balance of the fund was invested and the interest is used to provide annually an Old Boys' War Memorial Prize, which is presented at the Prize Distribution. The Prize is awarded by the Trustees, six Old Boys of the School, to the boy who has most merited the award by some noteworthy performance or achievement in athletics, or any of the School's sporting or recreational activities, during the preceding twelve months.

### The Winners of the Award

1949	A. A. Smith.	1956	H. S. Jones.
1950	A. A. Smith.	1957	T. H. Harris.
1951	J. R. Morris.	1958	P. J. Sampson.
1953	T. S. Hodgson.	1959	D. Docherty.
1954	A. S. Hodgson.	1960	C. M. Lee.
1955	I. Marrs.	1961	A. McIntosh.

The Trustees have awarded the Prize for 1962 to A. Steedman.



IT is with deep regret that we announce the death on July 17th, 1962, of Miss Margaret Cooper, who was School Secretary from 1932 to April 1942. Miss Cooper left the Institute in 1942 to take up a post with the Ministry of Food, but after two years she returned to school secretarial work at the Pendleton High School for Girls, Manchester. She occupied this post for eighteen years until her death, after a short illness towards the end of the summer term. Miss Cooper will be remembered by many Old Boys and particularly by those who were members of the School Scout Troop.

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At the end of the season, cricket colours were awarded to Steedman and J. Hamlet.

The photographic competition held in connection with the school tour of Belgium in the summer holidays was won by W. E. Ward of form 4A.

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Next year a party is to go to Karlslunde, near Copenhagen in Denmark, leaving Harwich for Esbjerg on August 18 and returning on August 29. Among other places visited will be Odense, Roskilde, the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Kronborg Castle at Elsinore and Halsingborg in Sweden.

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Wreaths were laid on the two memorials in the entrance hall by the Old Instonians' Association on Remembrance Day.

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On the last day of the summer term J. R. Crowe, Esq., an Old Instonian who plays rugby for Cheshire and captains Birkenhead Park Rugby Club, came to the School to present the Old Boys' Sports Prizes on behalf of the Old Instonians' Association. These were awarded to J. A. G. Williams of Tate and A. Steedman of Westminster.

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Mr. J. Gallagher (1929—1937), who has until now been a History don at Trinity College, Cambridge, is to take up a professorship at Balliol College, Oxford, in the New Year. We heartily congratulate Mr. Gallagher on this distinction.

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We regret the continued absence from School of Mr. T. J. Walsh and trust that he may be convalescent in the near future.

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We wish to congratulate Mr. N. S. Mumby, an Old Boy, on the award, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, of the M.B.E. Mr. Mumby is Deputy Commissioner for the Cheshire St. John Ambulance Brigade.

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As we go to press, we also learn of a further distinction for Group Captain C. A. Alldis, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., M.A. In January 1963, Group Captain Alldis, who has been Director of Administrative Plans at the Air Ministry since 1959, is to become Air Attaché in Bonn with the acting rank of Air Commodore. Visor wishes to congratulate Group Captain Alldis on this signal honour.

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## BELGIUM, 1962.

**D**URING the summer holidays, Mr. Malcolm and twenty boys visited Belgium for a period of nine days. This buffer state shows many signs of having been the battleground of larger nations and the group were conscious wherever they went of the wars between France and Germany. It is strewn with battlefields and in the little town of Dinant, where we stayed, there were reminders of the last two wars: a French cemetery and a wall against which over three hundred of Dinant's population were executed by the Germans as a reprisal for misconduct by some of the civilians.

When we arrived in Ostend after fourteen hours of rather tiring travel, the party were conducted quickly through the customs to a coach on which we travelled to Blankenberge and our first hotel, the Malécot. On the road to Blankenberge it was pointed out to us that the land which we were traversing was below sea-level and that it was kept dry by the sand dunes which run along the Belgian coast. A law imposes a heavy fine on any person who removes blades of grass from the sand.

After dinner, which was at nineteen hours, many went out to explore the town.

On Wednesday, after a day of freedom from travel, spent bathing in the sea or sun, we set out by coach for Dinant. After a brief ride through the flat coastal plain we arrived at Hekelgen, a small village outside Bruges, where a man of great talent copies the world's art masterpieces in sands of different colours. Among these "tableaux des sables" he had some portraits for which the sands had been sprinkled on glue so that they could be hung upon the wall.

We left in the coach which took us along the system of autobahns to Brussels where we had lunch, saw the residence of the Belgian monarchy, and visited the new catholic cathedral and the Atomium. Then through the Forêt des Soignes and Namur and we eventually arrived at le Grand Hotel des Postes, Dinant, where we were to stay for the next three days. While travelling from Blankenberge to Dinant we were shown how the dwellings were built of the materials available. In the west they were built of brick and had tile rooves but in the Ardennes region they were built of stone and had slate rooves.

The next morning we went on the Télésiège, a chair lift, to the tower of Montfort and from there we walked to the Citadelle for a conducted tour. This picturesque castle high on the cliffs above the river was a reminder of the wars which are the history of Dinant. We were shown reproductions of battle scenes and staggered through a reconstruction of a first world war trench. Down again from the heights, a motor launch took us along the Meuse to Anseremme, a neighbouring village.

After lunch we travelled by coach to the "Jardins Français d'Annevoie". These gardens were not in France as their name might suggest but were very like the gardens of Versailles with their gurgling fountains, statues, high hedges and long artificial lakes.

When we returned to the hotel we dined and then went out to find the local places of entertainment, some boating on the river which flowed past the hotel, some playing crazy golf.

Next morning, after a continental breakfast of rolls and coffee, we left the hotel for the day. The coach took us into the Ardennes and at one point we crossed the Franco-Belgian border and visited the café 'Ici La France'. After several hours of travelling through dense woods, around sharp corners and up and down steep hills, we arrived at the top of a hill which gave a fine view of a meander of the Semois. In the valley was the town of Frahan to which we walked down the steep, densely wooded slopes. The coach, having arrived at Frahan by road, was waiting for us and took us to dine at l' Hotel de la Gare in Bouillon and then to Rochefort where we toured the grottoes.

These caves, to everyone's surprise, were not very damp and the effects of the electric lighting among the stalagmites and stalactites were quite amazing. We were led by natural tunnels from, one could only call, room to room. To give an idea of the dimensions of one of the caves the guide sent up a montgolfier balloon, the light from which could barely be seen when it reached the highest point. The guide told us that in order to hide from the Germans a group of people had stayed over a month in complete darkness in these caves. The exit was originally by hundreds of steps but we went out by means of a two year old tunnel, on the roof and sides of which could be seen thin deposits of limestone.

Although it had been raining for most of the day, we travelled back to Dinant under an ever brightening sky and arrived at the hotel with the sun shining brilliantly above.

The next morning we again breakfasted early and set out by coach for the village of Han-sur-Lesse from where we travelled on a well-used tram to the mouth of the grottoes of Han. These caves were on a larger scale than those at Rochefort and we were shown natural formations in limestone and a natural column which, it had been estimated, had taken several hundreds of thousands of years to form from water drips and slow deposition.

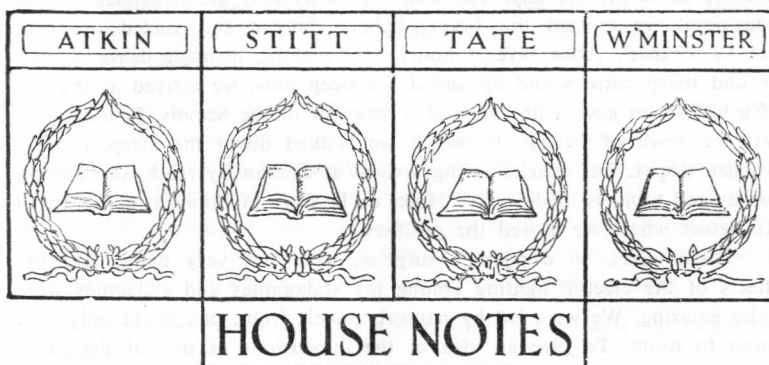
In a huge, gloomy cavern, five hundred feet below ground, the group had coffee and then were rowed out of the cave on the river which had formed it. A pistol shot, fired at the exit, reverberated throughout the cave system.

From Han we travelled to Wellin where we lunched at l'Hotel de la Regence. The route which we took in the afternoon led through Halma and Tellin to Rocher du Hérou from where we walked through a forest to l'Echo, a place, as its name suggests, at which, if one shouted, there was an echo of one's voice.

The next day, Sunday, we left Dinant and crossed Belgium to return to l'Hotel Malécot, Blankenberge.

The last day was spent shopping, swimming, golfing, packing, and then, after a most enjoyable holiday, we left for Ostend where we caught the channel ferry for Dover and home.

M. N. GRAY.



#### ATKIN

AT the beginning of this term Mr. Malcolm resigned as House Master after many years of leading the House through its ups and downs. On behalf of the past and present members of Atkin I wish to thank him for the devoted service which he has given to the House and wish him well in his new post as Deputy Headmaster. Mr. Evans was appointed the new House Master with Mr. Langley and Mr. Walsh assisting.

I am happy to say that, after spending the last few years in and around the bottom position in the Coronation Cup Competition, the long awaited Atkin revival is now with us. In last year's competition we were finally placed second, largely owing to winning both the Christmas and the Summer examinations. Although we were some way behind the winners, Westminster, this is a great encouragement to the House, and I sincerely hope that this year Atkin will continue to improve and regain its former high standard.

So far this term only two rugby matches have been played, both against Stitt, and both resulting in good wins for the House. The Junior team played well and fully deserved their victory by 8 points to nil. Particularly outstanding were the half backs, McKay and Birss, and the back row of Wilson, Abbot, and Ashworth. In the Seniors Atkin won a hard-fought, fast, and exciting game by 12 points to 6. Most of the team played well, but the tackling left much to be desired.

Next term is the crucial one for the competition, in which rugby, chess, athletics, and cross-country will take place. It is to be hoped that the House fulfils the promise so far shown in a very encouraging start to the year.

A. K. JONES.

### STITT

**I**n the first of the Junior House matches Stitt's juniors played really hard against their opponents Atkin. The backs at times looked potentially better than the opposition's, but suffered through the absence of a tried scrum-half and consequent lack of the ball.

The forwards played well throughout the game and won possession from the tight, the loose scrums, and from the line-out. We are hoping to find a scrum-half for our next game, thereby releasing Whitehead, who should further strengthen our back division. The result was Stitt nil and Atkin eight points.

In a most exciting, entertaining, and extremely hard fought game Stitt were eventual losers against Atkin in the first of the Senior House matches. Atkin soon found that the lively Stitt pack was a force that they had not reckoned upon and which decidedly robbed them of the expected superiority in set scrums and line-outs.

At half-time Stitt were deservedly leading despite an Atkin penalty beneath their posts. However, the boot of the opposing stand-off half, Parry, was the ultimate deciding factor, and Atkin matched a late victory by their touch-line tactics. Finally Stitt lost by six points to twelve.

E.T.W.

### TATE

**T**his term the House has lost the services of Mr. Thompson, whose enthusiastic and faithful service as House Master will long be remembered. His position has been filled by Mr. Taylor, a worthy successor.

The details of the activities so far this year are not very encouraging. In the two rugby House matches played to date, both the Junior and the Senior sides lost narrowly to Westminster, the scores being 3-9 and 3-12 respectively. However, with a little more effort, and increased support and encouragement from the House, they should fare better in the future.

It is hoped that Tate, after the completion of the Chess competition and examinations this term, will be in a strong position to challenge for the Coronation Cup.

### WESTMINSTER

**O**NCE again Westminster has proved successful in the Coronation Cup, having retained the title of Champion House last year by more than 10 points.

The House has also successfully started this year's competition. having defeated Tate in the opening Junior Rugby game by 9 points to 3. The half-backs Laing and James, the latter getting two tries, showed promise, but the forwards must show more effort and play as a combined pack.

In the Senior Rugby Westminster, having the advantage of a more experienced pack, outplayed a Tate team which included most the first team backs. The game was played mostly in the forwards, but the House eventually gave the ball to the backs and victory followed. The result was 12-3, Ritchie, Dunne, and Kevan getting the points.

In the Senior Chess the House did well to beat Tate 5-2. This was a particularly good victory because most of the team lacked practice.

This year the House is not as strong as it has been in previous years, and I must urge everybody to produce a big effort in order to ensure success in the coming year.

P. KEVAN.

## *RUGBY*

### *FIRST XV.*

IT would be harsh to criticise, condemn, or praise the School fifteen's performance so far this season, as apart from the first two games it has been without many of its star players owing to numerous injuries.

Without a doubt, though, the present set of backs are amongst the best handlers of the ball that we have had for many a long year. And it is hoped that with the pack at full strength the side will provide plenty of good, open rugby.

Both the School centres have been invited to play for the town team and to Kevan, our outstanding forward, goes the honour of captaining that side. Providing that they are both fit, Lindop and Pritchard will also play.

### *SECOND XV.*

A RECORD of one game won, one drawn, and four lost, does not appear to point to a very satisfactory season for the 2nd XV. However, the statistics do not indicate the trials and tribulations which are the inevitable lot of this fifteen. The first team has had to make regular demands upon the services of second team members, and the situation has been further aggravated by many players being injured. In view of these circumstances, the effort, enthusiasm, and spirit, of the team have been both outstanding and gratifying. Reserves called in to replace absentees have played willingly and well, while some of the regulars have improved their play beyond recognition this season. Forshaw, as captain, has taken care over, and shown interest in, the organisation of the team. The play of Parry and Tunley in the backs has been an outstanding feature, as has the wholehearted effort of G. Williams in the pack.

Scorers:

Tries: Forshaw (2), Oldham (2), Foulkes, Tunley, Chamney, Thornton.

Conversions: Oldham (2), Parry.

## COLTS XV.

THIS term the Colts have played six games of which three have been lost, two drawn, and one won. These results are disappointing in so much that this team is potentially sound. The players' knowledge of the game is beyond their years, but they lack that little extra zip and thrust, particularly in the backs, that leads to tries being scored and games won.

With a little determination and a little confidence in their own ability, a more successful season would be ensured.

## CHESS.

THE School team this year, with only one member from the Sixth form, is rather younger than usual. Its members, however, are not without match experience and have little excuse for the indifferent performances which have sometimes been given.

Three rounds have so far been played in the Wright Shield Competition which have all been lost. In no case has the opposition been outstandingly strong, and our failure to achieve a more creditable result has too often been due to a relaxation of concentration leading to a fatal error sometimes even after a position of commanding superiority has been achieved. This was particularly the case in the first match which could easily have been won 5-2 except for two such lapses. A further disconcerting feature in the team's play has been a casual treatment of pawns early in the game without any definite positional advantage being gained: this has frequently led to disaster in the middle and end games. However, the team certainly has talent, and, it is hoped, enough intelligence to profit by these early mistakes, and we look forward to an improved performance in our remaining matches.

Results so far are:

B.I. 3 — Maghull G.S. 4.

B.I. 1½ — St. Edward's College 5½.

B.I. 1½ — Rock Ferry H.S. 5½.

One round of the Senior House Matches has so far been played with the following result:

Atkin 3 — Stitt 4

Tate 2 — Westminster 5.

Play in the dinner-hour has continued throughout the term, and these sessions have been especially well patronized by the junior forms. A tournament has also been initiated for the First Forms, and it is hoped that all those who have entered will do their best to make it a success by completing all their matches as soon as possible.

## **THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**

**T**HIS term, under Mr. Taylor's expert tuition, the Society has studied the various groups of rocks and their formation; igneous rocks and metamorphic rocks. Since last term the society has been greatly enlarged, but any newcomers will be welcome in this fascinating study of rocks, minerals, and fossils. Mr. Taylor always shows the rocks as well as talking about them, and so his points have a double meaning.

G.N.

## **THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.**

**F**OR the Society's first meeting twenty five people were present to hear a talk on Corsica given by Mr. Taylor. For twenty minutes, prior to the main talk, members were entertained by a series of Corsican folk music records kindly lent to the Society by Monsieur Redonnet, the French Assistant, who had spent some time in the country.

Having visited the island three times Mr. Taylor was certainly well qualified to outline the history, traditions, and relief of Corsica, and, with the aid of many excellent colour slide photographs, he enlightened us all on a small but interesting island that we had previously known little about.

J. F. KELLETT.

## **THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.**

**I**N addition to Messrs. Langley and Walsh, this term the Society has been graced with the presence of yet another eloquent speaker, namely Miss Smith, whom we were pleased to listen to.

There has been a reasonable expansion in First Form attendance, and it is hoped that this will be maintained.

A Society of this type must, of course, expect a certain amount of heckling, but unfortunately there is often more heckling than debating. It is hoped that this will diminish.

Finally, I should like to thank Miss Smith, Mr. Langley, and Mr. Walsh, for their aid, co-operation, and excellent humour, in organising the many interesting debates which have taken place behind the closed door of 3B form room.

## **THE MODEL MAKING CLUB.**

**T**HE Model Making Club held its first meeting on October 5th, when a committee was elected to govern the business activities of the Club.

After a wait of a number of weeks for the materials to arrive, construction of a number of models began. Most people are engaged in the construction of model aircraft, which they hope to be able to fly when the lighter evenings come, but some members are building model boats.

We hope that when these initial models are finished, members will progress to more advanced construction on models of their own.

W. BARKER

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## **THE REUNION DINNER**

**T**HE Annual Reunion Dinner of the Association was held this year on Saturday, 6th October, at the Masonic Temple in Clifton Road. There were 110 present. Old Boys began arriving at 7 p.m. and spent an enjoyable half-hour before dinner renewing old friendships and chatting of old times.

Because the support for the Reunion was so good, no room could be found in the dining room itself for the official photograph of the guests and the officers of the Association. The dignitaries were therefore escorted by the Committee, with every respect and consideration, to the cellars. Although they were entertained with light chatter, it became rather obvious that some of the more politically-minded guests were considering whether or not they were to be the first victims of a local 'putsch'. Instead of being confronted in the cellar by a pitted white-washed wall,

their eyes met rows of chairs. "Ah! To be photographed — not shot." Later when some saw the resulting photographs they considered they would prefer to have been given the option.

By this time everyone was in the right state of mind to enjoy the evening. We sat down to an excellent dinner and were not only entertained but enthralled by the speeches. The Chairman opened the batting with the Loyal Toast and then proceeded officially to welcome the guests. The toast — "Birkenhead Institute" — was proposed by the Reverend H. R. Chalkley, who quickly closed the gap between the mental image of a clergyman addressing an Old Boys' Dinner and reality; we felt he had reverted. He sat down to a great ovation, and the response to the toast by the Headmaster, Mr. Webb, was enjoyed and appreciated.

There was then a short interval to allow the diners to circulate and meet many of their old friends — many had not met for years. It is still an amazing sight to see a dignified figure of mature years, obviously high in his profession, with all the poise of his position, suddenly beaming with pleasure and coyly answering to "Conky" or some other boyish nickname.

After the interval, the toast — "The Old Instonians' Association" — was proposed by Mr. H. A. Wilmot. In the course of his speech, a little racy and off beat, he took our minds back by telling several anecdotes of the pre-war Association.

The reply by Mr. J. Edelsten admirably rounded off the evening. I must admit that I am constantly surprised by my friends with their activities and performances in various fields, but I am sure that any one who heard the closing speaker will agree that he has now moved into the First Division of the "After Dinner Speakers' League". Perhaps I could become his manager and hire him out!

A thoroughly enjoyable evening which left everyone looking forward to the next occasion.

D. RIGBY.

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WITH the season still very young it is not very easy to take stock of things. The season has got off to a rather indifferent start, the first team losing their opening games, but since then they appear to have found last season's form and have won all subsequent league games to date. The second team, after finishing in second place last year, have failed to win a match — this being partly due to not having been able to field the same team for two weeks running, but in the last couple of games they seem to be finding their touch once more. The third team are faring rather better than the second, having won two league games by identical scores, namely 8-2.

We welcomed E. Evans, Anderton, T. Graham and F. Green from the School for this season. All have settled down, Evans having made his way into the first team for a couple of games and given a good account of himself with his fantastic speed, and once he gains a little more experience I feel he will become an asset to the club. Anderton, Green, and Graham are all showing promise in the third team, and I am sure that once the teams settle down they will be challenging very strongly for a second team place. Between seasons, players come and go, and so it is all the more gratifying to see these new faces from the School although two old faces, I should say older, even though they have been with us for quite a few years, have found their way back to the first team: Alan Jones, who, in two games at centre-forward, scored ten goals, and Charles Thompson, who appears to have made the centre-half position his own. Roy Sykes has returned to the club to work his way back again into the first team and seemingly better than ever.

The club have acquired a new ground at Coronation Park, Greasby, eventually to replace Woodslee, and it is hoped to be able to play on it very shortly. We hope to run a fourth team, possibly next season, since we have all the facilities — two grounds, equipment, kit, and of course the club room in Argyle Street. We should like to give the odd friendly game this season if possible, and if any lads, though they may still be at School, would like the chance of playing for the club, they should contact either me or Mr. Walsh who is the third team's captain.

The soccer club would like to extend their congratulations and best wishes to the Rugby club on the completion of the new premises in Prenton.

The club would also like to extend their best wishes to Mr. R. Hall on his retirement this Christmas. Mr. Hall has for many years now edited the **Visor**, and it is a tribute to him that the standard has continued to be of a very high order, whilst the price has remained unchanged, and we wish the best of luck to his successor.

Below are the club fixtures for 1962/63 season and results to date.

A.C.

# DIVISION I.

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
September	8 Collegiate .....	A	2-4
	15 Quarry Bank .....	H	2-1
	29 Old Xaverian .....	H	2-0
October	6 Essemmay O.B. ....	A	5-2
	13 Old Holt .....	H	8-1
	20 Old Wallaseyans .....	A	4-2
	27 1st R.S. Trophy Liobian .....	A	1-4
November	3 Old Wallaseyan .....	H	
	10 Liobian .....	H	
	17 Old Bootleian .....	A	
	24 Liverpool University .....	H	
December	8 Prescot G.S. O.B. ....	H	
	22 Collegiate O.B. ....	H	
	29 Quarry Bank O.B. ....	A	
January	5 Alsop H.S. O.B. ....	H	
	12 Old Xaverians .....	A	
	19 Essemmay O.B. ....	H	
	26 Old Holt .....	A	
February	16 Liobians .....	A	
	23 Old Bootleians .....	H	
March	2 Liverpool University .....	A	
	16 Alsop H.S. O.B. ....	A	
	23 Prescot G.S. O.B. ....	A	

# DIVISION II

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
September	1—St. Mary's C.O.B. ....	A	1-3
	15 Old Swan T.C. ....	A	3-12
	22 Alsop H.S. O.B. ....	H	0-2
	29 Waterloo .....	A	2-3
October	6 Old Xaverian .....	H	2-2
	13 Essemmay .....	A	0-2
	20 Bluecoat O.B. ....	H	2-2
	27 Waterloo .....	H	1-5
November	3 Old Wallaseyan .....	A	
	17 Liobian .....	H	
	24 Liverpool University .....	A	

December	15	Liobian .....	A
	22	Collegiate O.B. ....	A
	29	Old Swan T.C. ....	H
January	5	Alsop H.S. O.B. ....	A
	19	Old Xaverians .....	A
	26	Essemmay O.B. ....	H
February	2	Bluecoat O.B. ....	A
	9	Old Wallaseyans .....	H
	16	St. Mary's .....	H
March	2	Liverpool University .....	H
	30	Collegiate .....	H

#### DIVISION IV.

Date		Opponents	Venue	Result
September	8	De La Salle .....	H	2-7
	22	Riversdale T.C. ....	A	0-7
	29	St. Mary's .....	H	1-7
October	6	Collegiate .....	H	3-2
	13	Riversdale T.C. ....	H	1-8
	20	Old Xaverian .....	H	0-2
November	8	Bluecoat .....	A	8-2
	10	N.P.R.C. ....	H	
	17	Walton T.C. ....	A	
	24	Alsop H.S. O.B. ....	H	
December	1	Old Wallaseyan .....	A	
	8	Old Swan T.C. ....	H	
	15	Old Swan T.C. ....	A	
	22	De La Salle .....	A	
January	5	Old Corinthians .....	H	
	12	St. Mary's .....	A	
	19	Collegiate .....	A	
February	2	Old Xaverians .....	A	
	9	Bluecoat O.B. ....	H	
	16	N.P.R.C. ....	A	
	23	Walton T.C. ....	H	
March	2	Alsop H.S. O.B. ....	A	
	9	Old Wallaseyan .....	H	

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**P**RISED, if not screaming, at least rumbling ominously, from our perhaps uncomfortable but nevertheless valuable plot at Greasby last July, somewhat before we wished, we faced an exceedingly difficult season. There could not be as yet a playing pitch, and the new pavilion at Woodchurch was incomplete. Despite miracles of organisation by the captain, aided by his confrères of the other sides, the pre-season and early season training programme was but a shadow of previous years. All seemed catch-as-catch-can. Then followed two early disastrous set-backs in Lancashire in which we accommodated our opponents to the tune of 90 points and were most graciously allowed to score 12 points. That boy on the burning deck, we thought, had not all the experience. But on the basis of the 12 points, of course, there was life in the old dog yet, and so it proved. Things have not toppled but settled, and given the normal modicum of good fortune with no further plethora of injuries we should now face quite a good season. Taking out the afore-mentioned Lancashire games narrows our other eight games against good opposition as diverse as Eccles and Bangor University, all being hard fought contests. We have won but 2 and drawn one, but the points for and against are almost equal.

One must record here our thanks to the Headmaster and the Education authorities for their kind co-operation with playing pitches, to those stalwarts of the third team who have not yet played at home so to speak, and to the unfailing support of boys still at School.

On the financial side we, as is usual these days, overspent on the new field, and this coupled with an unusual lethargy in raising funds threw up a serious if not disastrous set of books. In the Western societies it is said that the colour of red betokens love, but the Treasurer puts a rather different complexion on the matter. Moves have now been made, however, which should make even that gentleman incline to the thesis that as at 30/4/63 the prevailing shade should tend more towards the calmer violet than the deeper red.

The pavilion should be fully operational long before and over Christmas and New Year and the season 63/4. For a long twenty years at least we shall see a pavilion and pitches comparable with the rest to which any Rugby minded boy at the School can graduate with confidence and pleasure. If any older Old Boys read these notes, they too are invited to come and have a look at us.

Each will be welcome for his own sake and all for the sakes of the School so cherished and this Rugby club renowned over the years from Keswick to Bangor, not to mention the Isle of Man and one or two places in Yorkshire who remember us yet.

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