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Under location the letter B stands for Bursar, and D.o.S for Director of Studies.

The letters ISJC, frequently repeated, refer to the forthcoming visit by representatives of the Independent Schools Joint Committee, for whom information has been collated.

A list of items of archive interest at Grenville College, Bideford in February 1986.

A. History

Serial	l Date		Location
1	1954 to date	Minutes of the Grenville College Co. Ltd show the foundati	.on
		and early development of the College.	В
2	1954 to 1979	In The Albatross silver jubilee issue David Young summaris	ses
		the history of the school's first 25 years in 10 pages. See	
		the bound volumes in A 7.	Hm.
A 3	1966 to 1972	Extracts from the Albatross include reminiscences of Old	
		Boys and articles recalling personalities and events. 1 but	indle.
			Mr. Young
4	1963	Grenville News Letter No 20 is devoted to an interview wit	h the
		Founder, Mr. Scott, in which he discusses his own childhood	,
		schooling, early career, army experience, move to school ma	stering
		and his founding of Grenville with his ideas and his hopes.	8 pages
			Mr. Young
A 5	1961 to 1964	The Albatross (school magazine) from its first issue.	
		1 vol. bound.	Hm.
6	1966 to 1970	Albatross begins again after a break. 1 vol "	H.
7	1971 to 1982	" in two vols bound	"
8	1983 to date	" unbound	Sec.
A 9	1964 to date	Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings 1 vol	n
A 10	1984 only	" " 1 vol	"
A 11	1955 to date	Grenville Memoranda, an information sheet sent termly to	
		parents with a letter from Headmaster. 1 file	Sec.
12	1964 to date	Commemoration records include letters, programmes, service	1
		sheets, play programmes, guest lists, and (often) the text	of the
		Headmaster's speech. 3 box files	Sec

B. Administration

Se	erial	Date	Lo	cation
В	1	1963 to 1965	School Council minutes open with a meeting	
			on July 18 1963 at which it is reported that Mr.	
1			Crabbe has been invited to become Headmaster. The	
ı			following meeting (Feb. 1964) reflects the problems	
			and details of the take over by Woodard. 1 vol	В
В	2	1965 to 1972	School Council minutes include the decision to set	
			up the Special English Dept. For the original	
			Memorandum on this subject see H ii 1. 1 vol	В
В	3	1972 to date	School Council minutes 6 vols	В
В	4	1963	Memorandum to Council from the acting Head	
ı			discusses staff, appointments, general policy,	
ı			admissions, Council meetings and membership. 1 bundle	В
В	5	1955 to date	Grenville Gollege Memoranda. See A 11 1 file	Sec.
В	6	1966	Memorandum on admissions by Mr Crabbe proposes	
			11 + entry. 1 sheet.	В
В	7	1966	Local press articles on entry changes. 2 pages	В
В	8	1965 to date	Duties of staff and prefects are described in a	
۱			number of papers. 1 file	Sec.
ı	9	1963 et seq.	Versions of school rules and regulations. i file	11
В	10	1986	School rules and regulations. 8 pages	"
В	11	1965 to date	Grenville College Calendar, termly. The series is	
			all but complete.	В
В	12	c. 1976	Prospectus (Mr Crabbe)	В
В	13	c. 1979	" (Dr. Powell-Price)	В
	14	1986		ec.
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B. Administration (Cont)

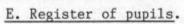
Serial	Date	Loca	ation
B 15	1986	Papers sent to parents of new boys include rules	
		and regulations, information about school organisation	
		and discipline, medical papers, notes on fees, Bursar's	
		notes, information for parents resident overseas and for	
		parents of boys whose first language is not English.	Sec.
B 16	1986	Answers to ISJC questions cover selection requirements,	
		school management, notes on pastoral care and the role of	
		the Chaplain, housemasters, masters and prefects. The	
		punishments in use are listed 1 bundle	Hm.
B 17	1986	ISJC paper gives the outline of house routine. 1 page	"
B 18	1986	A paper for ISJC from each housemaster gives strength,	
		prefects and monitors, sleeping arrangements, washing	
		facilities, kitchens, common rooms, house routine. Dowling	
		adds recreation facilities and punishments. Kipling adds	
		notes for the guidance of prefects and monitors. 1 bundle	"
B 19	1986	ISJC papers include a typical week's menu. 1 sheet	"

C. Accounts and Appeals

Serial	Date	L	ocation
C 1	1954 to 1964	Grenville College Co. Register gives names of	
		members, details of purchase and transfer of shares,	
		share certificates, certificate of registration of the	
		Co. etc. 1 vol with papers.	В
	1954 to date	Minutes of the Grenville College Co. Ltd which was	
		retained in being in 1964 on tranfer to Woodard to	
		handle shops accounts. See A 1	"
C 3	1968 to 1972	Accounts and correspondence of the Grenville College	
		Co. 1 file	В
C 4	1972 to 1974	Papers relating to the Grenville College Co. 1 file	В
C_5	1974 to date	Audited annual accounts of G.C. Co.	В
	1966	Copy of the Grenville College Charitable Trust Deed	
		Trust was set up to handle the proceeds of Appeals.	В
C 7	1966 to date	Minutes of the G.C. C. Trust 1 vol	В
C 8	1966 to date	Trust papers and correspondence 3 files	В
C 9	1966 to 1972	Trust accounts audited 1 file	В
C 10	1975 to date	Ditto 1 file	В
C.11	1974 to date	Audited accounts of Woodard Schools Western Div. Ltd,	
		bound with Grenville College Co accounts at C 5 above.	В
2	1966	Appeal brochure	В
C 13	1972	" "	В
C 14	1979	Quatercentenary Appeal Brochure	В
C 15	1964 to date	Audited accounts of Grenville College for all years	В
C 16	1965 to date	Ledger 2vols	В
C-17	1978 to date	Cash Book 1 vol	В
.8	1972 to date	School clubs accounts 1 vol	В

D. Lands and Buildings

Serial	Date	Loc	ation
D 1	1964	College Development Proposals, a brochure of	
		71 pages, gives description of school organisation with	
		schedules of accommodation, plans of existing buildings,	
		notes on problems and recommendations on development.	В
2	1964	Letter from Kivell and Sons, auctioneers, discusses	
		proposal to purchase three parcels of land at Moreton fro	m
		Sir Denis Stucley.	В
D 3	1964	Proposal to move the school to Moreton. 3 pages.	В
D 4	1986	Site plans show the position and use of buildings fo	r
		the visit of ISJC.	Hm.
	1982	Plans of the school hall.	В
	1984	Plans of the dining hall.	В
	1916	Moreton house plan shows the drainage system of the	
		Moreton estate. One wall chart.	В



E 1	1954 to date	Admission registers give name, date of entry, address	s,
		date of birth, reason for leaving. 2 vols	Sec.
E 2	1954 to date	Pupils' record cards give similar information.	n
E 3	1954 to date	Files of Old Boys.	"

F. Staff.

Serial	Date	Location
F 1	1954 to date	Staff files of past and present members. Sec.
F 2	1986	Staff list gives name , date of birth, date
		Appointment, qualifications, duties in school
		for all current members of staff. 1 bundle Hm.
F 3	1986	Staff salaries. List shows the number of members
		of staff on each of the Burnham scales. Hm.

	G. Chapel		
G 1	1963 t date	Service registers. 2 vols	Chaplain
G 2	1964 to date	Confirmation register 1 vol	"
G 3	1964 to date	Register of baptisms 1 vol	, u
G 4	1963 to date	Chapel papers, service sheets, letters	s, etc.
		1 file	Sec.
G 5	1965 to 1982	Carol service sheets with details and	letters
		about the arrangements. 1 file	Sec.
6	1967 to 1978	Confirmation papers and correspondence	ce
		1 file	Sec.

H i Curriculum and timetable

Serial	Date		Location
Hil	1963	Academic organisation for O level groups and VI	
	for	rms. 1 sheet.	Sec.
1 2	1965 to 1966	Academic curriculum 1 sheet.	"
. 3	1966 to 1967	и и и	11
4	1965	Letter to parents about choice of O level subjects.	
		2 sheets.	"
H i 5	1971 to date	Copies of timetable for every year	D.o.S.
Hi6	1961	Art and craft syllabus.	Sec.
H i 7	1966	Syllabus for woodwork, technical drawing, design	
	t	echnology and woodwork technology. 1 bundle	"
8	1974	Revised syllabus for technology "	"
9		Syllabus for woodwork and creative design	n
H i 10		Art syllabus	"
H i 11	1960's and 70	's Copies of the syllabus in History with related	
		papers. 1 bundle	"
H i 12	1970's	Syllabus in biology with related subjects"	n
H i 13	1967	General Science biology syllabus to O level	"
H 14	1960's	Syllabus in metalwork, silversmithing and decorative	
The state of	i	ronwork. 1 bundle	"
H 1 15	1950's	Social studies syllabus	"
H i 16	1960	French syllabus	"
H i 17	1960's	Geography syllabus	"
H i 18	1950's	Latin syllabus	"
H i 19	1950's	Maths. syllabus	n
H 20	1957 to 1958	Music syllabus	"
21	1950's	Chemistry syllabus	"
H i 22	1950's	Physics with Chemistry syllabus	n
H i 23	1960	Electronics syllabus	"

H i Curriculum and timetable (cont.)

Serial	Date		Location
H i 24	1950's	Syllabus for Rural Science and Agriculture	Sec.
H i 25		Practical Science syllabus for boys not academic	cally
	п	minded.	"
i 26	1980 to 1985	Bar graphs show relative numbers taking O level	
		optional subjects with similar information give	en
		in percentages 1 bundle	D.o.S.
H i 27	1985 to 1986	Distribution of pupils between subjects at A le	evel "
H i 28	1986	'Subjects and sets' paper gives the number of each subject, the teacher for each set and the	
		of the setting. 1 bundle	D. o. S.
29	1986	Curriculum sheets for RS, PE, Music, Current	Aff.
		Games, clubs and activities give the number of	teaching
		groups and the lessons allocated at each level.	1 bundle"
H i 30	1986	Proforma for school organisation gives the	number
		of periodsper week per subject in every form.	1 bundle"
H i 31	1986	Careers guidance paper gives aims, methods, e	tc.
		ISJC papers. 2 pages	Hm.
H i 32	1983 to 1985	Senior Library described in detail. 1 sheet	n n
H 33	1985	Design dept. Library described 1 sheet	"
34	1985 to 1986	Staff timetables 1 bundl	е "
H i 35	1985 to 1986	Staff list with teaching subjects	"
H i 36	1985	Subject selection forms for issue to boys in	
		forms VI G and L VI	D.o.S.
H i37		Subject selection forms for issue to L V	m .
Н і 38	1985	Letter to parents of boys entering U IV give	s
		optional subjects available to them.	"
39	1974 to 1984	Analysis for timetable distribution of option	al
		subjects for U IV forms. 2 sheets	"
H i 40	1986	A full account of the work and the objects o	f the
		Music Dept. in and out of school hours. 1 bu	ndle Dir. of Mus

H ii Special English.

Serial	Date		Location
H ii 1	1968 to date	Special English file contains correspondence and	
		papers relating to the founding and the development	
		of the department. Hm.'s memorandum to Council in	
		1969 recommends that, since Grenville has from the	
		first accepted boys who needed help, the College	
		shouldtrain and recruit staff to teach those with	
		special reading difficulties. Memo B to Council	
		records the beginning of the work. The first repor	t
		from the Head of Dept. in 1970 uses the comments of	
		the pupils (as they wrote them) to describe their	
-07		response. 1 file	Sec.
i 2	1969 to date	Files on all Special English pupils with specimens	
		of work, reports, etc.	Pen Pont
H ii 3	1971 to 1972	Papers relating to the Wolfson grant which	
		enables the college to extend the dept. 1 file	Pen Pont
H ii 4	1971 to 1978	'The Red File' or 'The Wolfson Report', Special	
		English Dept. magazine written by the pupils. 7 is	ssues
			Pen Pont
n . 5	1970's	A paper on daily reading aloud syllabically for	
		certain types of dyslexia.	Sec.
H ii 6		Special English syllabus and teaching method.	Pen Pont

H iii Examination results, assessments, inspection reports.

Serial	Date		Location
H iii 1	1962 to date	GCE O level results, Oxford and AEB	Sec
H iii 2	1966 to date	GCE A level " " "	"
H iii 3	1966 to date	CSE results on SW Board	
H iii 4	1985	School assessments; range of scores for the	
		assessment of ability.	D.o.S
H iii 5	1985	School assessments; effort marks	
H iii 6	1985	Sixth form assessment instructions.	
H iii 7	1985	School assessment points scheme for overall	
		assessment.	
H iii 8	1983 to 1985	Leavers' profiles give age, exam. results, d	estination
		ISJC papers	Hm.
H iii 9	1961	Copy of the HMI report upon which the	
		College was Recognised as Efficient.	Sec.

I. Games, clubs and activities.

The main source of information for these will be The Albatross which reports fully on all school activities.

I 1	1986	Week's outline programme of clubs and activities
		with enrolment rules and procedure for changing from
		one club to another. ISJC papers. Hm.
I 2	1986	Brief description by the organiser of each of
		32 clubs or activities gives the aim, membership,
		equipment, etc. ISJC papers Hm.
I 3	1986	A full account of the work and the objects of
		the Music Dept. in and out of school hours. 1 bundle Dir. of Mus

J. Old Boys

Serial	Date	Location
J 1	1961 to 1964	19 copies of the Grenville News letter Sec.
J 2	1964 to date	14 copies " " " B
J 3	1969 to date	Minutes of the AGM of the Grenville Association
		1 vol Mr. Morris
J 4		Grenville Association register of members 1 file Sec

K. Photographs

The College has many photographs which may in time be catalogued to form a record of their own.

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NOTES ON THE GRENVILLE COLLEGE ARCHIVE

The College was founded in 1954 by W.F. Scott to provide an education for late developers, and the Founder made it clear in his News Letter interview in 1964 (A 4) that he meant to supply for his boys the opportunities which his own conventional education in a public school had failed to give him. It was the first Woodard Headmaster, Mr. Crabbe, who recognised that a school which already accepted many boys with reading difficulties should equip itself to meet their needs professionally, and in 1969 we see (H ii 1) the inauguration of the special English Department. As more than half the boys at Grenville in 1986 entered as dyslexic the vision of the Founder and the bold decision of his successor have been justified.

With its original purpose in mind. Grenville had to go for breadth, and from the first it did so. The curriculum of the 1950's and 60's (Hi) gave to craft and design an important place, and they are still prominent to-day. The breadth of school activities is also graphically shown in I 2 where no less than thirty - two clubs, societies and activities are described.

Grenville is unusual, but it is not a special school. It educates those who have difficulties and also those who do not, and its experience is essential to the Woodard story. Although the early years are thinly covered in this archive, the essential papers, as in A 1, the minutes of the Grenville College Co., are there. It will be possible now to collect further papers and the reminiscences of those who knew the school from its beginnings to give Grenville the kind of archive that it deserves.

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