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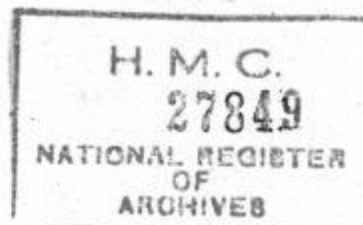
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Location of records presents problems at Abbots Bromley. Under this heading please read D for Drawing Room, Lib. for Library, B for Bursar, Hm. for Head Mistress, HS for Head Mistress's Secretary, V for Chapel vestry, and note that under some of these letters papers may be variously distributed.

A list of items of archive importance held at the School of S. Mary and S. Anne
Abbots Bromley in March 1985.

A I History (Published Material)

Serial	Date		Location
A I 1	1874 to 1924	The Story of A. Anne's by V.M. Macpherson with corrections by Old Girls. Appendices include year by year summary of events, lists of Provosts, Lady Wardens, Head Mistresses, Chaplains, School Secretaries, House Matrons, Second Mistresses, House Mistresses, Head Girls, Heads of House, and Honours academic and sporting. One vol.	D
A I 2	1882 to 1921	The Story of S.Mary's Abbots Bromley by Marcia Alice Rice. One vol.	D
A I 3		Abbots Bromley by M.A. Rice - a history of the village which refers often to the schools. One vol.	D
A I 4	1924 to 1974	The Second Fifty Years of the Schools of S.Mary and S. Anne, compiled by A.Wells and S. Meads. A year by year summary of events is included. One vol.	D
A I 5	1961	Marcia Alice Rice, the story of a great Head Mistress by M.E. Hall and V.M. Macpherson	D
A I 6	1903 to 1908	S. Mary's Magazine (bound) one vol.	Lib.
A I 7	1908 to 1919	" " " three vols.	"
A I 8	1900	S. Anne's Magazine first issue	D
A I 9	1901 to 1921	" " " (bound) Six vols	Lib
A I 10	1922 to 1931	Magazine of S. Mary and S. Anne 3 vols.	D
A I 11	1932 to 1982	" " " 5 vols	Lib.
A I 12	c. 1936	House Magazine 'Blues and their Babblings' one issue.	B

A II History (Correspondence, Reminiscences, etc.)

Serial	Date		Location
A II 1	1873 to 1930	Large Letter book marked 'Autographs, Woodard Society' contains letters, not in chronological order with notes by Father Derry. Letters from the Founder, Carpenter (architect), Sir P. Heywood, Bishop of Lichfield, Provost Lowe, Maggie Hannay (first pupil to enter S. Annes's), Miss Gamlen, Miss Coleridge, Provost Talbot, Mrs. Lowe, Bishop of Oxford, Helen Gladstone (daughter of W.E.G.) Duke of Newcastle, first Lord Halifax, Revd. Edmund Field, Revd. G.A. Dennison, Duchess of Atholl, and a report on a pupil (1887). One vol.	D
A II 2	19th and 20th cent.	Autograph albums with letters and fragments of letters. 3 vols.	D
II 3		Collection of autographs. Six envelopes	D
II 4	1874	Provost Lowe reports to subscribers to S. Anne's	D
A II 5	1876 and after	Miss Holman, one of the first teachers at Little S. Mary's writes to Miss Rice in 1926 with an account of the early years. Second letter details early pupils. This letters must be a main source for S. Mary's. Two letters.	B
A II 6	1878	Letters to Provost Lowe with reports on sanitation at S. Annes.	B
II 7	1882	Provost Lowe receives analysis of water supply	B
II 8	1872 to 1876	Letters from Carpenter (architect) to Lowe about building S. Annes. One bundle.	B
A II 9	1877 to 1885	Ditto	B
A II 10	1879	Ditto with prices for certain work on Chapel and certificate for work completed. One bundle.	B
A II 11	1873 to 1879	Letters in response to Provost Lowe's appeal for funds. One bundle.	B
II 12	1890	Letter from Lowe to Mrs Watson describes success of the Abbots Bromley project, referring mainly to S.Mary's. Mrs. Watson replies. One bundle.	B

A II History (Correspondence, Reminiscences etc.) cont.

Serial	Date		Location
A II 13	1896 to 1897	Letter from Alice Liddiatt, pupil at S. Annes, teacher at Abbots Bromley in and after the first war, with referebces to the process known as 'characters' and to the amalgamation of the schools.	A.M.C. House
II 14	1915	Letter from a new girl in S.Mary's to her mother, long and descriptive of life in the school, with an exercise book of photos.	Hm.
A II 15	c.1903	Copies of letters from Miss Coleridge to Miss Gamlen with a list of answers to questions about Chapel furnishings.	D.
A II 16	1914 to 1918	Letter from Mrs. Kirsty Milford to Miss Harris, prompted by Mrs. M. hearing the AB choir on radio. She reminisces about life in S. Mary's during first war, a cold, hungry, excessively disciplined and conscience ridden life.	D
A II 17	1917 to 1928	Letters from Miss Rice to Provost Talbot and Div. Bursar on a number of school and woodard topics. One file.	Hm.
A II 18	1915 to 1922	Letters from and to Provost Talbot on teachers' salaries, pensions, chapel offertories, buildings, accounts etc. No order. Top drawer of small box file.	B
III 19	1914 to 1927	Ditto. Second drawer.	B
II 20	1919 to 1927	Letters between School Secretary and auditors occasionally refer to amalgamation. Third drawer of small box file.	B
A II 21	1924	Letters to Miss Rice from Old Girls in response to her request for information about the earliest days of the schools. One bundle.	B.
II 22	1947	File marked Miss Vashon-Baker holds letters from Miss Martin to Miss V-B with information about staff, routine, job descriptions, salary scales for teaching and non-teaching staff.	Hm.
A II 23	1956 to 1957	Letters from Miss Rice to miss Roch. One folder.	Hm.

A III History (Papers relating to particular individuals).

Serial	Date		Location
A III 1	1873	Book of Devotions given to Miss Coleridge in 1873 and by her to miss Gamlen in 1907.	B
A III 2	1875	Two books of Gospel stories given by the girls of S. Annes to Miss Coleridge for Christmas.	B
I 3	1882 to 1921	Miss Gamlen's notebook of Old girls for whom she prayed daily, page by page.	B
A III 4	1921	Memorial book presented to miss Gamlen on her retirement with some 400 signatures.	B
A III 5	1921	School report on Margaret Hesse aged 11 yrs. 7 mths.	B
A III 6		Miss Macpherson's copy of the book by herself and Margaret Haßl on Miss Rice with letters of appreciation and a press tribute.	B
I 7 c.	1905	Miss Rice's private notebook on the school with her observations on Houses, mistresses, girls, the working day, schemes of work at every level, schemes of work in all subjects, analysis of time given to classes and to preps. A frank and careful summary of her objectives and methods.	Hm.
A III 8	1925 to 1927	Letters to Miss Rice and Miss Macpherson about the Story of S. Anne's. Thanks and comments.	B
I 9	1932 to 1947	Appreciations of the work of miss Martin by Miss Millington and Miss Beckenhaupt. One folder.	Hm.

A IV History (Events).

Serial	Date		Location
A IV 1	1888	Invitation the joint Commemoration at both schools	D
A IV 2	1895 to 1898	Invitations to festival and prizegivings held jointly	D
A IV 3	1933	Papers relating to the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, including the text of his address. One folder.	B
A IV 4	1936	Papers relating to the celebration of the Jubilee, with the text of a pageant performed. One file.	HS
A IV 5	1938	Papers relating to the visit of Lord Sankey with letters, text of speeches, etc. One file	Hm
A IV 6	1964 to date	Programmes for speech Days	HS
A IV 7	1973	Plans for Midland Centenary celebrations. 1 file.	HS
A IV 8	1874 to 1974	Letters relating to the school centenary celebrations One file.	Hm
A IV 9	1874 to 1974	Centenary file contains plans, programmes, arrangements for the service, visit of HRH Duchess of Kent, and correspondence before and after the event.	HS.

A V History (Various items, most of which appear again under other headings).

Serial	Date		Location
A V 1	1876	List of Ladies, boarders, day pupils, women servants, industrials, gardener, and S. Mary' children totals 100.	B
A V 2	1876	Wm. Thorsby's estimated price for Altar table	B
A V 3	1876	Receipt from builder John Espley & Son	B
A V 4	1878	List of subscribers to chapel fund	B
A V 5	1880	Provost Lowe's appeal for funds for Chapel with list of donors.	B
A V 6	1876 to 1879	Estimates bt John Tompson, builder, for work to be done at S. Annes.	B
A V 7	1879	Estimate for flooring	B
A V 8	1873 to 1890	Accounts and receipts for the building of S. Annes Chapel. One bundle.	B
A V 9	19th Cent	S. Mary's service book of hymns	B
A V 10	1882	S. Anne's choir book	B
A V 11	1907	Provost's rules for the use of chapel when one of the schools was suffering from infectious disease.	B
A V 12	1927	'Rules and Suggestions' for Mistresses - General Rules, Class rules, Suggestions for Class discipline, General Suggestions for Mistresses, Form Mistresses, Clothing Rules, House Rules. One bundle.	B
A V 13	1939	Leaflet headed ' House Arrangements' covers girls' dress, diet, pocket money, letter writing, visits by parents, accommodation for visiting parents in the village, etc.	B

A VI History (Press reports and articles).

Serial	Date		Location
A VI 1	1924	Uttoxeter Advertiser reports school 50 year celebrations	Hm
A VI 2	1955	Press reports prize won by upper VI in national competition for 'manifesto by an independent candidate for parliamentary election'.	B
A VI 3	1956	Press article on S.Winifred's	B
A VI 4	1957	S. Staffs Advertiser reports Commemoration Day	B
A VI 5	1957	Uttoxeter Advertiser reports opening of the swimming pool	B
A VI 6	1961	Rugeley Times reports school charity afternoon	B
A VI 7	1961	Uttoxeter Advertiser reports on Miss Roch at school	B
A VI 8	1961	Press reports school bazaar	B
A VI 9	1964	Press reports Speech Day	B
A VI 10	1967	Johannesburg Star reports on Mrs Chambers, AB centenarian	B
A VI 11	1965	Rugeley Times reports on German play at school.	B
A VI 12	1969	Press reports on the laying of the foundation stone of the new building by Mrs. Meynell.	B
A VI 13	1969	Press features buildings of special merit in school and village	B
A VI 14	1970	Press reports Speech Day	B
A VI 15	1971	Burton Observer and Chronicle article on the school	B
A VI 16	1973	Rugeley Times reports on Asian and African pupils at school	B
A VI 17	1974	Staffordshire Magazine illustrated article in visit of HRH Duchess of Kent.	B
A VI 18	1974	Press reports centenary celebrations and dance	B
A VI 19	1976	Derbyshire Life illustrated article on school	HS
A VI 20	1977	Press reports last Speech Day of Miss Roch	B
A VI 21	1977	Press reports Miss Roch at school with Ugandan refugees	B
A VI 22	1982	Derbyshire Tatler illustrated article on Susanna Wilson, cellist.	HS
A VI 23	1982	Press photo of Miss Tyler with prize winners	HS
A VI 24	1983	Press photo of Richard Baker with his hosts at school	HS
A VI 25	1984	Derbyshire Life article on Independent Schools by Miss Tyler	HS
A VI 26	1985	Burton Advertiser reports the appointment of Mrs Harbron	HS

B. Administration .

Serial	Date		Location
B 1	1896 to 1898	Woodard Kalendar	B
B 2	1900 to 1935	" "	B
B 3	1937 to 1938	" "	B
4	1940	" "	B
5	1942 to 1971/72	" "	B
6	1944 to date	" "	HS
B 7	1930 to 1947	School Council minutes	B
B 8	1948 to 1958	" " "	B
B 9	1958 to 1977	" " "	B
B 10	1977 to date	" " "	B
11	19th cent.	Prospectus S. Anne's, Miss Latham & Miss Dugdale	D
12	"	" " Miss Coleridge & Miss Dugdale	D
13	"	" S. Mary's, Miss Latham & Miss Gamlen	D
B 14	20th cent.	" Miss Martin	HS
B 15	"	" Miss Roch	HS
B 16	"	" Miss Tyler	HS
B 17	"	" Mrs. Harbron	HS
18	1874 to 1920	Boards show Head Girls of S. Annes's	Foyer
19	1901 to 1920/21	" " " " " S. Mary's	"
20	1921 to 1922	Boards show Head Girls of S. Mary's and S. Anne's	"
B 21	1923 to date	Boards show Head Girls and Second Heads	"
B 22	1928 to 1950	Papers relating to contracts with Medical Officers and other medical matters. One file.	HS
B 23	c.1933	Headmistress's Secretary's information book in which secretary advises her successor(s) as to what should be done and when each year. 1 vol.	HS
24	1927	'Rules and Suggestions' for mistresses - General rules, class rules, suggestions for class discipline, general suggestions for mistresses, form mistresses, clothing rules, house rules. One bundle. See A V 12.	B

Serial	Date		Location
B 25	1928	Report of survey of the Midland Schools' finance, management, etc.	Hm.
B 26	1929	Circulars from Divisional Bursar and letters in which position of Bursar vis a vis Custos is discussed. Brig. Gen. Webb; new broom.	B
B 27	1929	Paper from Miss Rice to Provost on the proposal to set up School Committees with chapter papers and letters. One bundle.	B
B 28	1939	Leaflet headed 'House Arrangements' covers girls' dress, diet, pocket money, letter writing, visits by parents, accommodation for visiting parents in the village, etc. See A V 13	B
B 29	1915 to 1936	Circulars, notices to parents, etc. from Miss Rice and Miss Martin. One hard backed file.	Hm.
B 30	1947	File marked Miss Vashon-Baker contains letters from Miss Martin to Miss V2B with information about school routine, staff, job descriptions, salary scales, See A II 22	Hm
B31	1973 to date	Termly files contain lists of girls, notices, circulars, Heads' reports to Council, programmes of events.	HS
B 32	1930's	Letters between school secretary and parents relate to arrears of fees, bill queries, travel problems. Red box file marked 'Friction'.	B
B 33	1960	Wages, hours, conditions for domestic staff. One framed notice.	Miss Bailey
B 34	1977 to date	Termly calendar of events	HS
B 35	1984	Head Girl's book in which each HG advises successor	Head Girl
B 36	1974	Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Midland Division, Woodard Schools.	Hm.
B 37	1974	Woodard Statutes	Hm.

C. Accounts and Appeals.

Serial	Date			Location
C 1	1909 to 1921	S. Anne's private ledger	3 vols.	B
C 2	1918 to 1921	S. Mary's " "	1 vol	"
C 3	1921 to 1967	S. Mary & S. Anne " "	9 vols	"
C 4	1968 to date	" " "	loose leaf system	"
C 5	1915 to 1921	S. Anne's Cash Book	1 vol	"
C 6	1917 to 1921	S. Mary's " "	1 vol	"
C 7	1922 to 1926	S. Mary & S. Anne " "	1 vol	"
C 8	1932 to 1967	" " "	8 vols	"
C 9	1968 to date	" " "	loose leaf system	"
C 10	1938 to 1950	Journal for fees received	2 vols	"
C 11	1956 to 1978	" " "	5 vols	"
C 12	1979 to to date	" " "	loose leaf system	"
C 13	1922 to 1970	Girls' bill books	15 vols	"
C 14	1911 to 1927	S. Anne's Creditors' ledger	1 vol.	"
C 15	1928 to 1937	S. Mary and S. Anne creditors' ledger	1 vol.	"
C 16	1946 to 1963	Ditto	4 vols	"
C 17	1963 to date	Ditto		"
C 18	1918 to 1925	S. Anne's invoice book	1 vol.	"
C 19	1926 to 1973	S. Mary and A. Anne's invoice books	7 vols	"
C 20	1973 to date	Ditto		"
C 21	1914 to 1967	Salaries books	5 vols	"
C 22	1968 to date	Ditto in loose leaf		"
C 23	1960 to 1977	Wages books S. Anne's	11 vols.	"
C 24	1959 to 1976	" " S. Mary's	9 vols	"
C 25	1959 to 1978	" " Men	10 vols	"
C 26	1956 to 1976	" " Crofts	5 vols	"
C 27	1958 to 1976	" " San.	3 vols	"
C 28	1959 to 1976	" " Coleridge	5 vols.	"

C. Accounts and Appeals cont.

Serial	Date			Location
C 29	1959 to 1971	Wages Book	Office 3 vols	B
C 30	1972 to date	" "	Computer records	B
C 31	1902 to 1921	S. Mary's building fund	1 vol	"
C 32	1874 to 1916	S. Annes building fund with explanation on page 89.	1 vol	"
C 33	1905 to 1934	S. Annes building fund	1 vol	"
C 34	1914 to 1935	Building fund contributions received	i vol.	"
C 35	1900 to 1903	Auditors' reports on Midland Schools, red box file.		"
C36	1930 to 1935	Ditto		"
C 37	1906 to 1913	Auditors reports on S. Annes; red box file		"
C 38	1914 to 1920	Ditto		"
C 39	1912 to 1921	Ditto for S. Mary's		"
C 40	1922 to 1932	Ditto for S. Mary and S. Anne		"
C 41	1932 to 1935 & 1937	Ditto		"
C 42	1904 and 1905	Reports of the County Committees of Woodard Schools Northern and Midland on fund raising etc. Red box file.		"
C 43	1916	Valuations of furniture etc in S. Annes and of furniture and jewellery owbed by Miss Rice.		"
C 44	1919 to 1927	Letters between auditors and school secretary occasionally refer to problems of amalgamtion. Brown box file, third drawer.		"
C 45	1873 to 1879	Letters in response to appeal for funds by Provost Lowe.		"
C 46	1880	Provost Lowe appeals for funds for Chapel. List of donors.		"
C 47	1893	Provost Meynell appeals fro funds for the building o4 S. Mary's.		D
C 48	1919	Building appeal with plans		B
C 49	1928	Appeal for Talbot memorial building. 1 bundle		

C. Accounts and Appeals (cont.)

Serial	Date		Location
C 50	1966	Red file of papers relating to Appeal	B
C 51	1974	Centenary Appeal and related letters in one box file	B

D. Lands and buildings

Serial	Date		Location
D 1	1840	Agreement to sell land at Abbots Bromley	D
D 2	1872 to 1876	Letters from architect (Carpenter) to Provost Lowe about building S. Annes. One bundle. See A II 8.	B
D 3	1887 to 1885	Ditto Ditto See A II 9	B
D	1873 and after	Ditto letter book See A II 1	D
	1875	Formal agreement between Provost Lowe and John Espley and Son, builders, for work at S. Annes.	B
D 6	1876	Wm Thorsby estimates price for Altar Table. See A V 2	B
D 7	1876	Receipt from John Espley and son. See A V 3	B
D 8	1876 to 1879	Estimates from John Tompson. One bundle. See A V 6	B
D 9	1873 to 1879	Accounts and receipts for the building of S. Annes Chapel. One bundle. SEE A V 8	B
D 10	1878	Letters to Provost Lowe and reports on sanitation at S. Annes. One bundle. See A II 6.	B
	1882	Provost Lowe receives the analysis of Abbots Bromley water. See A II 7.	B
D 12		Letters to and from Provost Lowe about the water supply and drains. Letter book. A II 1	D
D 13	1913 to 1932	Letters about the abbots Bromley water supply. One envelope.	B
D 14	1879	Letters from Carpenter to Lowe about prices for parts of chapel. Certificate for work completed. One bundle B See A II 10.	B
D	1879	Estimate for flooring. See A V 7	B
D 16	1933 to 1934	Miss Martin makes the case for Meynell extension at S. Annes, letters from Meynell to architect (Isaac Taylor). One bundle.	B
D 17	1960 to 1974	Correspondence between Miss Roch and architect (Mr Moira) B about S. Annes new wing, swimming pool cover, Crofts bath room, etc. One folder. Building plans for all parts of the school in the map cabinet.	B
D 19	1937 to date	Register of building maintenance and repairs. 3 vols. Mr Strudwick.	

E Chapel

Serial	Date		Location
E 1	1874	Order of Service for the opening of S. Anne's.	D
E 2	1875	Order of Service for the ceremony of stone laying for Chapel.	D
E 3	1878	List of chapel subscribers.	B
E 4	1882	S. Annes choir book	B
E 5	1893	Service of dedication for S. Mary's	D
E 6	1893	Invitation to Obit Sunday with list of names of those to be remembered.	D
E 7	19th cent.	S. Mary's hymn book	D
E 8	1906	Estimate for Chapel organ with letters from Miss Rice. One bundle.	B
E 9	1907	Provost's rules for the use of Chapel when one or other of the schools was suffering from infectious disease. See A V 11.	B
E 10	1907	Chapel notes for the use of sacristans. Note book.	B
E 11	1910	Papers relating to bequests to Chapel. One envelope.	B
E 12	1913	Service used at the stonelaying for main block S. Annes	D
E 13	1918	Services and liturgical forms for special occasions	D
E 14	1924	Commemoration service.	D
E 15	1928	Chapel inventory . One vol.	Hm.
E 16	1936	Service for the blessing of the new buildings.	D
E 17	1877 to 1896	Chapel offertory book	V
E 18	1897 to 1905	Ditto	V
E 19	1885 to date	Register of baptisms	V
E 20	1925 to date	Register of services. Five vols.	V
E 21	1904 to 1948	Chapel accounts cash book. One vol.	V
E 22	1904 to 1964	Chapel accounts ledger. One vol.	V
E 23	1969	Order of service for stonelaying at S. Mary's new building.	V

E. Chapel (cont.)

Serial	Date		Location
E 24	1881 to 1891	Centenary service for S. Annes chapel	Hm
E 25	1882 to 1982	Order of service for S. Mary's centenary	V
E 26	1985	Service for the installation of Mrs Harbron as Headmistress and the Revd. D. Bridge-Collyns as chaplain	V
E 27		S. Anne's Chapel leaflet - descriptive and historical.	B

F. Register of Girls

F 1	1876	List of Ladies, boarders, day pupils, women servants, industrials, gardener, and S.Mary's children - total 100. See A V 1.	B
F 2	1882 to 1921	S. Mary's admission register . 1 vol.	HS
F 3	1900 to 1921	S. Annes admission register 1 vol.	HS
F 4	1921 to date	Admission registers for S. Mary and S. Anne. 5 vols.	HS

G. Old Girls

Serial	Date		Location
G 1	1874 to 1900	S. Anne's guild register (with remarks) 1 vol	HS
G 2	1901 to 1914	" " " " " " " 1 vol	"
G 3	1915 to 1933	" " " " from 1922 it becomes S. Mary and S. Anne. 3 vols.	"
G 4	1884	Margaret Gamlen, sister of the Hm, writes to Miss Hall about founding guild and other matters.	B
G 5	1882 to 1921	Miss Gamlen' notebook of Old girls for whom she prayed daily, page by page.	B
G 6	1892 to 1923	S. Annes Guild annual leaflets. 3 vols.	D
G 7	1923 to 1947	S. Mary and S. Annes Guild annual leaflets. 4 vols	D
G 8	1948 to 1974	" " " " " " 2 vols	Lib.
G 9	1918	S. Annes guild address book	B
G 10	1940 to 1975	Files of old pupils	HS (cellar)
G 11	1975 to date	Ditto	HS
G 12	1969 to date	Record cards for old girls show academic and gym achievement and general reports copied from the termly report forms.	HS
G 13	1959	Correspondence with Margery Perham about her visit for speech Day. One bundle	B
G 14	1895 to 1982	Three addresses given in Oxford in memory of Margery Perham.	B
G 15	1924	Letters from Old girls to miss Rice in response to her appeal for information about the earliest days of the schools.	B

H. Staff

Serial	Date		Location
H 1	1927	Rules and suggestions for Mistresses. See A V 12	B
H 2	1937 to 1963	Register of staff who left the school with a note of their work on the staff.	Hm
H 3	1963 to date	Files of all members of staff.	HS
H 4	1978 to date	Minutes of staff meetings.	HS

I. Photographs

The school has very many photographs in houses, departments, etc. which would require their own catalogue. The few mentioned here are among the oldest seen.

I 1	1882	Photo of S. Annes and a school group	Hm
I 2	1903 to 1932	Albums of photos of groups, staff, pupils, plays, events, buildings, etc. 3 vols.	D

J. Examination results and honours.

J 1	1906 to date	Boards show university honours and Oxford and Cambridge entrants.	Foyer
J 2	1924 to 1935	School Certificate results with Higher Cert from 1929. 1 vol.	HS
J 3	1936 to 1944	School Cert. and Higher Cert. results. 1 vol.	HS
J 4	1959 to date	GCE results.	HS
J 5	1981 to date	Gold Award winners in Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Names on a small board.	Main stair.

K. Timetable and curriculum .

Serial	Date		Location
K 1	1899	Timetable for girls of fifteen in form IV from 7 a.m to 7 p.m. shows distribution of lessons in the week: English 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs., Music and Singing 9 hrs. Maths 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Mod. Langs. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs, and so on.	Hm.
K 2	1953 to 1967	Schemes of work in English for seven years	HS
K 3	1953 to 1967	" " " Maths " two "	"
K 4	1953 to 1972	" " " Sciences " three "	"
K 5	1953 to 1954	" " " needle work " one " and cookery	"
K 6	1963 to 1971	" " " needlework " three "	"
K 7	1963 to 1972	" " " Domestic Sc. " three "	"
K 8	1953 to 1959	" " " Art & Craft " two "	"
K 9	1953 to 1963	" " " Latin " two "	"
K 10	1971	" " " Classics " one "	"
K 11	1953 to 1971	" " " Greek " three "	"
K 12	1953 to 1967	" " " Phys. Ed. " two "	"
K 13	1952 to 1962	" " " Divinity " three "	"
K 14	1953 to 1966	" " " Music " four "	"
K 15	1963 to 1972	" " " German " two "	"
K 16	1966 to 1972	" " " Spanish " one "	"
K 17	1953 to 1967	" " " French " three "	"
K 18	1951 to 1971	" " " Geography " four "	"
K 19	1965	Proposed syllabus for a course in Department Lessons for lower sixth includes: posture, formal writing, menus, wines, table setting, interior decoration, flower arrangement, health education, make-up, theatre and preparing for interview.	HS

M. House records

Serial	Date		Location
		All houses have boards which show the names of Housemistresses and Head Girls.	House rooms
M 1	1921 to 1950	Low House book lists members, officials, some events, successes.	Low
2	1941 to 1974	House scrap book gives signatures, photos, accounts of events, press cuttings, programmes for plays, etc.	"
M 3	1954 to 1959	House diary gives a term by term account of House life.	"
M 4	1959 to 1971	House notes gives lists of members with notes on the duties of prefects and other officials.	"
5	1928 to 1931	House diary (Meynell)	Meynell
M 6	1939 to 1971	Intermittent house diary	"
M 7	1930 to 1948	House book has termly reports on the members, copies of the House Mistress's report. 2 vols.	"
M 8	c 1917 to c 1925	Heywood House book of poems and pictures	Heywood
M 9	1932 to 1965	House diary. 8 vols	"
10	1934 to 1950	Members listed by form, with names of those charged with particular house duties. 1 vol.	"
11	1951 to 1966	Members listed by form and dormitory. 2 vols	"
M 12	1972 to 1977	Head of house book gives officials, games captains, honours, duties, new girls, leavers, etc.	"
M 13	1951	Letter from Miss Rice to Miss Hammond about Marcia Alice Rice House	B
M 14	1917 to 1977	Talbot House diary gives members, officials, events, and account of life in the house in some 30 vols with accompanying unbound sheets. It is uneven in quality, sometimes appears to be written in duplicate with overlapping volumes, but it does supply a continuous account by girls of life in Abbots Bromley over sixty years.	Talbot

M House records (Cont.)

Serial	Date		Location
M 14	1981 to date	Talbot House diary	Talbot
M 15	1925 to 1978	Coleridge House Book gives termly report by Housemistress on members. 8 vols.	Coleridge
M 16	1930 to 1935	Coleridge House diary. 1 vol.	"
M 17	1954 to 1958	" " " "	"
M 18	1934 to 1966	House Honours books. 2 vols	"
M 19	1978 to date	House book gives members, events, officials, honours.	"
M 20		Alice Mary Coleridge House cuttings book with photos, letters, brief life of Miss Coleridge.	AMC
M 21	1896 to 1897	Letter from Alice Liddiatt who was a pupil and later a teacher at Abbots Bromley. See also A II 15.	"
M 22	1940 to date	House honours book records officials and honours.	"
M 23	1956 to date	House diary. 2 vols.	"
M 24	1970 to date	House department book.	"
M 25	1981 to date	Head of house book in which each Head girl passes on advice and comment to her successor.	"
M 26	1931 to 1960	Selwyn House diary	Selwyn
M 27	1981 to date	" * "	"
M 28	1968 to date	House department book. 3 vols.	"
M 29	1953 to date	House honours book.	"
M 30	1914 to 1918	Copy of a letter from Kirsty Milford about wartime conditions in S. Mary's. See A II 16	K.S.B.
M 31	1930 to 1950	House report book	"
M 32	1980 to date	House diary	"
M 33	1935 to 1940	Reminiscences of Mrs Holdsworth	"

N. Reports

Serial	Date		Location
N 1	1911	Oxford and Cambridge Examination Board report on S. Annes.	Hm.
2	1920	Inspection year file of letters, information, etc. , but no copy of the report.	"
3	1925	Ditto	"
N 4	1928	Report of survey of Midland Schools' finance, management, etc.	"
N 5	1935	HMI Report with inspection yr. letters, etc. 1 file.	"
N 6	1953	Inspection year letters, etc., but no report	"
7	1966	Association of Headmistresses' answer to the questionnaire issued by public schools' commission.	"
N 8	1966	First evidence of Woodard Schools to public schools commission.	"
N 9	1967	Annan , Impey and Morish (accountants) report on Midland Schools.	"
N 10	1967	Ditto review of the accounting arrangements of Midland Schools.	"
11	1968	Papers from the public relations office of the Assoc. of Governing Bodies of girls Public Schools; Press digest from April to June and press reaction to report of public school commission.	"
N 12	1970	Report of the working Party on Educational Polcy for Woodard Schools.	"

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NOTES ON THE ABBOTS BROMLEY ARCHIVE

The Abbots Bromley schools are fortunate in the published works which cover their early years, but less happy in the amount of early source material to hand. The accounts given in the books by Miss Macpherson and Miss Rice have authority, and yet the few letters which survive from girls and teachers (A II 5, A III 3 A III 4, A II 16, etc) suggest that there is more to add to make the rounded picture. Perhaps Old Girls and their descendants may yet supply this need.

As in all the older Woodard schools there is a good collection of letters from the main figures of the society, with the Founder, Provost Lowe and others well represented. The architect, Richard Carpenter, whose work is prominent at the school, is seen in regular correspondence with the Provost, and the early struggles to raise money, to secure clean water supplies and good drains and to build and build are well in line with the Woodard story.

The main importance of the Abbots Bromley archive lies in the light it sheds upon the development of the education of women and the part played in that advance by some outstanding individuals. The documents point to many significant figures, not least Miss Coleridge, Miss Gamlen, Miss Rice and Miss Roch. The private notebook of Miss Rice (A III 7) survives, probably from the earliest years of this century, and in it she makes clear her objectives and her methods at S. Annes. From just before her time we have the timetable for a form of fifteen Year old girls in 1899 (K 1), which is of great interest and serves to set the scene into which Miss Rice came. These are vital papers, but there are many more to fill out the picture of an important girls' school in the making and in full growth. B 24, B 29, B 30 and B 31 show the organisation at work under five Head Mistresses, whilst through M 14, the uneven but continuous diary of Talbot house, we can see house life as the girls knew it over sixty years.

There is much here of value to the school and the Corporation as well as to all those interested in the advance of women's education. The preservation of these records must be a matter of concern.



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