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# THE HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OLDHAM

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The Rt. Honourable The Lord Clitheroe, M.A.



## ANNUAL SPEECH DAY

Wednesday, 6th November, 1991 at 7.15 pm

GUEST OF HONOUR:

SIR JOHN MANDUELL, C.B.E.,

*Principal of the Royal Northern College of Music*

## PROGRAMME

**Organ Music before the proceedings**

The Occasional Overture *G.F. Handel*

A Concerto Movement *T.S. Dupuis*

Prelude and Fugue in D *J.S. Bach*

**Organ Music after the Proceedings**

Alla Marcia *J. Ireland*

# PROGRAMME

*Mr G. Hulme will play the organ before the start of the evening's proceedings, after which parents, boys and guests of the School are asked to stand for the entry of the platform party at 7.15 pm.*

*The National Anthem*

*The School Hymn*

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| 1. Veni, Creator Spiritus,<br>Mentes Tuorum visita;<br>Imple superna gratia<br>Quae Tu creasti pectora       | 2. Qui Paraclitus diceris,<br>Donum Dei Altissimi<br>Fons vivus, Ignis, Caritas,<br>Et spiritalis Unctio. |
| 3. Tu septiformis munere,<br>Dextrae Dei Tu digitus,<br>Tu rite promissum Patris,<br>Sermone ditans guttura. |   |

*Chairman's Remarks*

*Headmaster's Report*

*Presentation of Prizes and Certificates*

*Presentation of R.A.H. Mayers' Memorial Award  
in the Gift of the Old Boys' Association to*

**MR ANDREW KERSHAW**

*Address:*

**SIR JOHN MANDUELL, C.B.E.**

*Principal of the Royal Northern College of Music*

Expression of thanks by J.D.H. Porter, Captain of the School 1991-92

*At the end of the proceedings, parents, boys and guests of the School are asked to remain seated until the platform party has left the hall.*

*The School wishes to thank Makin Organs Ltd. for their very kind loan of an organ for this occasion.*

# ACADEMIC STAFF

*Headmaster:* G.F. Dunkin, B.A. (Cantab)

*Deputy Headmaster:* T.J. Turvey, B.Sc. (Wales)

*Senior Master:* B.J. Aldred, M.A. (Cantab)

- Mrs. R.W. Adams, B.Econ. (Tasmania), B.Ed., Economics  
S. Baty, G.R.S.M., A.R.M.C.M., Director of Music  
F.M. Boocock, M.A. (Cantab), Senior Geography Master  
J.C. Budding, B.Ed. (Sheffield Poly), English  
P.T. Byrne, B.Sc. (University College, London), Senior Chemistry Master  
B. Cartmell, B.A. (Birmingham), Modern Languages and Housemaster of Platt House  
Mrs M. Castleton, D.A. (Manchester), N.D.D., Ceramics  
R.J. Clegg, T.D., M.Sc., D.L.C., Careers Master  
I.T. Coulton, B.Sc. (Liverpool), Biology  
B. Counsell, B.A. (Manchester), Classics and Housemaster of Hulme House  
C.M.B. Crossley, B.A. (Oxon), Senior Religious Studies Master  
M. Davis, B.A. (Cantab), Mathematics  
M.N. Douthwaite, B.A. (Manchester), History  
P. Galloway, B.Sc. (UMIST), Physics  
M.J.C. Garnett, B.A. (East Anglia), Modern Languages and Housemaster of Assheton House  
Mrs. J. Gavaghan, L ès L (Aix-en-Provence et Lille), M.Sc. (Salford), Modern Languages  
G.P. Grime, Teacher's Certificate (Loughborough College), Senior Design Master  
D. Hallett, B.Sc. (Wales), Senior Biology Master  
M.J. Harrington, B.A., M.Sc. (Lancaster), Chemistry  
M. Harris, B.A. (Lanchester), Modern Languages  
G. Hepworth, B.Sc. (Leeds), Mathematics  
Mrs. L. Hewitt, Certificate of Education (Coventry College of Education), Mathematics  
G.S. Hodder, B.Sc. (Manchester), Physics and Chemistry  
I.G. Holt, B.Sc. (Liverpool), Senior Physics Master  
G. Hulme, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., Music  
J.H. Jones, Cert.Ed., Chemistry  
N.B. Kirby, B.Sc. (London), Senior Mathematics Master and Housemaster of Lees House  
R.J. Lapsley, M.A. (Birmingham), Senior History Master and Librarian  
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J.J. Melican, B.A. (Wales), Year Master, Fifth Forms; History  
P.M. Miles, Certificate of Education (Madeley College), Modern Languages  
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S.R. Patriarca, B.A. (Wales), Senior General Studies Master, English and Philosophy; Head of Sixth Form  
Mrs. S. Pike, B.Sc. (Manchester), Chemistry  
M.W. Reid, B.A. (Wales), Senior English Master  
J.N. Rigby, M.A. (Oxon), English  
Mrs. J. Sanders, A.T.D. Goldsmith's (London), Art  
Mrs. A. Schofield, B.Sc. (Wales), Biology  
K. Schofield, B.A. (Hull), Senior Classics Master  
R.V. Sharples, B.Sc. (Lancaster), Chemistry  
T.E. Sheer, B.A. (Lancaster), Senior Economics Master  
D.A. Smith, M.Sc. (York), Mathematics  
J.P. Spalding, B.Sc. (Manchester), Mathematics  
Mrs. C.M. Spillane, M.A. (St. Andrews), History

P.J. Sutherland, B.A. (Hull), Ph.D. (Bradford) Year Master, Lower Fourth Forms; Geography  
S.A. Tootill, B.Sc. (UMIST), Physics  
S.J. Williamson, B.A. (Open University), Year Master, Third Forms; English  
P.F. Wood, Certificate of Education (St. John's College, York), Senior P.E. and Games Master  
J. Wrigley, M.A. (Oxon), Senior Modern Languages Master and Year Master, Upper Fourth Forms

*Careers Assistant:* Mrs. A. Ball

## HULME COURT PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF

W.F. Pickup, B.A. (Wales), Head of Hulme Court  
Mrs. B.J. Gibbon, Certificate of Education (Liverpool)  
Mrs. C. Kershaw, B.Ed. (Manchester)  
Mrs. R. Wilson, Certificate of Education (Sedgley Park College)  
Mrs. J. Coulton, A.R.M.C.M., Music  
J. Woodward, L.L.C.M.

## THE GOVERNING BODY

*Chairman of Governors:*

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*Vice-Chairman:*

Mrs. Rosemary Brierley, J.P., B.A.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

*Clerk to the Governors:* H.D. Moore, Esq.

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*Secretary:* Mrs. J. Gledhill *Assistant Secretary:* Miss P. Barnes

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*Medical Officer:* W.K. Willan, M.B., Ch.B.

*School Caretaker:* J. Carus Esq.

*Laboratory Assistants:* Mrs. D.M. Bradbury, Mrs M. Arch, Miss J. Barton

*Art Technician:* M. Demstader Esq.

## ADVANCED LEVEL CERTIFICATES

### ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY (AS) LEVEL CERTIFICATES

The first figure indicates the number of Advanced level grades A–E obtained. Where a second figure appears, that refers to grades obtained at Advanced Supplementary level.

† Denotes Grade 1 on JMB Special paper

\* Denotes Grade 'A' at Advanced level.

Adams, J.R. (4)	Knight, D. (3)
*** Ahmad, K.N. (3)	Knowles, M.A. (2)
* Ashraf, D. (4)	**** Lad, J. (4)
* Aslam, M. (4)	Lander, A.J. (3)
* Baker, R.P. (4)	* Leach, J.E. (4)
Barton, C.J. (4)	** Lee, J.W.S. (4)
Bottomley, S.A. (4)	* Marsden, C.
Broomhead D.C. (4)	* Mottershead, K.A. (4)
Burgess, K.J. (2)	Newton, C.H.B. (3)
Burrow, P.J. (4)	* Niaz, F.S. (4)
* Clayton, J.E. (4)	** Oram, J.C. (4)
Coop, I.J. (4)	**** Parkin, S.C. (4)
* Crabtree, M.E. (4)	* Parkinson, P.J. (4)
Crompton, N.S. (4)	* Platt, D.S. (4)
** Cummamford, S.J.O. (4)	***** Poulton, M.D. (5)
* Davies, C.M. (4)	Power, A.N.K. (1)
Davies, T. (4)	Price, R.J. (3)
Dickson, S.E. (4)	**** Pritchard, O. (5)
Elson, J.C. (4)	Procter, M.S. (4)
** Farrell, R.P. (4)	* Prudham, N.J. (4)
Garner, A.C. (3)	** Rees, D.R.A. (4)
* Gellard, N.A. (4)	Rolfe, T.E. (2)
Genty, G.E. (1)	* Sanders, G.R. (4)
Gibson, K.S. (4)	Stansfield, J.M. (4)
* Goodyear, M.J. (3)	Stott, D.P. (4)
Graham, C.N. (4)	Sykes, A.J. (4)
Hampson, J.W. (3,1)	Tanna, Y. (4)
Hanley, C. (1)	Taylor, M.C. (2)
Heald, J.D. (2)	Taylor, S.J. (3)
Hey, N.S. (2)	** Tomlinson, M.D. (4)
Higginson, M.J. (3)	Turner, C.L. (4)
Hill, R.G. (4)	* Walmsley, M.G. (4)
* Hirst, D. (4)	Webster, M. (4)
Hirst, M.T. (4)	*** West, M.D. (4)
Horsman, A.R. (1)	Whittick, M.D.J. (4)
Horton, J.C. (3)	** Williams, J.D. (5)
*** Howarth, R. (4)	***** Wilson, J.M. (5)
† Jackson, P. (4)	Wood, M.J.S. (3)
Jones, A.T. (3)	Wroe, A.J. (4)
**** Khurana, S. (4)	

## DESTINATIONS OF 6A LEAVERS, 1991

(\* entry deferred until 1992)

### OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Davies, C.M. ....	Modern History*	Oriel College
Wilson, J.M. ....	Mathematics	Keble College

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Parkin, S.C. ....	Classics*	Magdalene College
Smith, G. ....	Law	Girton College

### UNIVERSITIES

Ashraf, D. ....	Medicine	Leeds University
Aslam, M. ....	Medicine	Aberdeen University
Baker, R.P. ....	Medicine	Leeds University
Broomhead, D.C. ....	Modern Languages	Durham University
Clayton, J.E. ....	African Language & History	University College, London University
Coop, I.J. ....	Electronic Engineering	York University
Crabtree, M.E. ....	Aeronautical Engineering	Bath University
Cummaford, S.J.O. ....	Philosophy	York University
Dickson, S.E. ....	Geography	Liverpool University
Elson, J.C. ....	Biological Sciences	Leicester University
Farrell, R.P. ....	Economics & Business Studies	Newcastle University
Gellard, N.A. ....	Economics & Social History	Hull University
Gibson, K.S. ....	Aeronautical Engineering	Bath University
Hirst, D. ....	Chemical Engineering	Leeds University
Howarth, R. ....	Geology & Geography	Bristol University
Jackson, P. ....	Zoology	University College, Swansea
Khurana, S. ....	Economics with Statistics	London School of Economics
Knight, D.C. ....	Management Studies	Bradford University
Lad, J. ....	Architecture*	Sheffield University
Leach, J.E. ....	Economics	York University
Lee, J.W.S. ....	Dentistry	Leeds University
Marsden, C. ....	Politics	York University
Mottershead, K.A. ....	Marine Biology & Zoology	Newcastle University
Niaz, F.S. ....	Medicine	Charing Cross & Westminster Hospital
Oram, J.C. ....	Medicine	Leeds University
Parkinson, P.J. ....	Law	Warwick University
Platt, D.S. ....	History & Archaeology	University College of St. David, Lampeter
Poulton, M.D. ....	Mathematics	Leeds University
Rees, D.R.A. ....	Business Studies	Bradford University
Sanders, G.R. ....	Music	Royal Holloway & Bedford College, London University
Stansfield, J.M. ....	Foundation course in Engineering	UMIST

Stott, D.P. ....	Environmental Science .....	Aberdeen University
Sykes, A.J. ....	Management Studies & German .....	Lancaster University
Tanna, Y. ....	Dentistry .....	Bristol University
Taylor, S.J. ....	American Studies .....	Essex University
Tomlinson, M.D. ....	Chemical Engineering .....	Birmingham University
Turner, C.L. ....	Business Studies & German .....	Hull University
Walmsley, M.G. ....	Education .....	University College, Cardiff
West, A.N. ....	Electronic Engineering .....	UMIST
Whittick, M.D.J. ....	Electrical & Electronic .....	Bath University
	Engineering	
Williams, J.D. ....	Chemistry & Physics .....	Sheffield University
Wroe, A.J. ....	English & Drama .....	Hull University

### POLYTECHNICS AND COLLEGES

Barton, C.J. ....	Urban Land Economics .....	Sheffield Polytechnic
Bottomley, S.A. ....	Business Studies & Spanish .....	Newcastle Polytechnic
Brook, S.J. ....	.....	Oldham College
Burgess, K.J. ....	.....	Middlesex Polytechnic
Burrow, P.J. ....	History & Sport .....	Roehampton Institute
Crompton, N.S. ....	Business Studies .....	Edge Hill Institute
Davenport, L.S. ....	Business & Finance .....	Oldham College
Davies, T. ....	.....	Hopwood Hall
Garner, A.C. ....	.....	Coventry Polytechnic
Genty, G.E. ....	.....	Huddersfield Polytechnic
Graham, C.N. ....	.....	Oldham College
Heald, J.D. ....	Marine Technology .....	Southampton College
Hey, N.S. ....	Economics & Foreign .....	Coventry Polytechnic
	Business Management	
Heywood, A.J. ....	Engineering .....	Oldham College
Higginson, M.J.		
Hill, R.G. ....	Modern Languages .....	Newcastle Polytechnic
Horsman, A.R. ....	Applied Biology .....	South Bank Polytechnic
Horton, J.C. ....	Music .....	Liverpool Institute
Jones, A.T. ....	Art Foundation .....	Hopwood Hall
Knowles, M.A. ....	.....	Hopwood Hall
Lander, A.J. ....	Music .....	College of Ripon & St John, York
Newton, C.H.B. ....	History, Politics & Psychology ..	Hopwood Hall
Power, A.N.K. ....	Art Foundation .....	Rochdale College
Prudham, N.J. ....	Art Foundation .....	Manchester Polytechnic
Qazi, M.Y. ....	Building Studies & Architecture ..	Huddersfield Polytechnic
Rolfe, T.E. ....	Art Foundation .....	Oldham College
Taylor, M.C. ....	Architecture .....	Leeds Polytechnic
Webster, M. ....	French & Chinese* .....	Central London Polytechnic
Wood, M.J.S. ....	Business & Finance .....	Huddersfield Polytechnic

### EMPLOYMENT

Hampson, S.R.	
Hanley, C.	
Hirst, M.T. ....	Management Training, Barclays Bank
Price, R.J. ....	Professional Football
Pritchard, O. ....	Employment pending University Entrance



## HEADMASTER'S REPORT 1990/91

Two things dominated the year's activities. One was the death in March of Mr. Eric Denton, for so long the Chairman of the Governors of this School. For nearly thirty years he helped to steer the School through some very choppy political and economic waters and (even after eight months) it still seems strange that he is no longer with us.

The other dominant feature of the year was the start of building at both Hulme Court and Main School. In the case of Hulme Court, the building was started and finished within the year, and the result is an enormous improvement in facilities. The Main School still has some way to go to completion, but it is already clear that the end result will be an improvement in facilities that would have seemed a pipe-dream just a few years ago, well worth the inconvenience in the short term; and a fitting tribute to the long-term strategy of Mr Denton.

It might seem perverse of me, therefore, to begin by saying that the really important part of the year lies, as always, in the successful accomplishment of the normal business of education; yet it still remains true that despite scaffolding, occasional power cuts, distant (and not so distant) noises, the School has continued and will continue to provide the young men of this area with the finest education available; and this is done on a daily basis of routine and unexceptional activity that can be easily overlooked in a report of this nature.

Along with the routine matters, however, there have been a few changes, including some among the staff (though far fewer than last year).

In January 1991, we welcomed Mr Hugh Milling to the P.E. Department as a belated replacement for Mr Bray who left us in the summer of 1990. We also welcomed Mr Keith Schofield as Head of Classics in January, as a replacement for Mr Colin Wilson who left us for QEGS, Blackburn.

This summer no one left the staff of the Main School, (although Mrs Pike is temporarily absent), but Mrs Lockett left Hulme Court after nine years to take up a post at Bolton school and we welcomed Mrs Kershaw in her place this September. To her, and to our two new men in Main School, we wish success and happiness at Hulme.

Of all the normal activities and achievements of the School Year, it is inevitable that attention should focus upon public examination results at the end of the year. Indeed, if one were judge by recent articles in the national press, these are the only things that matter!

Results at the Advanced Level of the GCE were again very good. The overall pass rate was 88% (slightly lower than last year), an average which disguises the fact of 100% pass rates in nine separate subjects. Six boys gained at least four grade A passes, the percentage of passes at grades A and B was 44%, and the number of A level passes per candidate was 3.5. I would particularly commend the achievement of Matthew Poulton, who achieved 5 grade A passes, despite being seriously ill and absent from School for several months. His determination to succeed should be an inspiration to all those boys who have a minute fraction of his problems, yet complain of being over-worked.

The GCSE results were the best ever. Our entire Fifth form (i.e. not just a selected group) achieved a 91% pass rate at grades A-C, 38% of them at grade A, and the average number of GCSE passes per boy was 9.1, an all time record. There were many fine individual performances, listed elsewhere in this programme, but the year as a whole should feel pleased with itself.

I also commend the 31 Fourth year boys who took Maths a year early and gained 27 grade A's and 4 grade B's. Every bit as commendable is the success of the Third year boys who passed their GCSE examination in the History and Appreciation of Music. They manage this on two periods a week for one year, when GCSE is supposed to need four periods a week for two years,

and much credit is due to Mr Baty and Mr Hulme, who steer them through the course.

It is appropriate here to point out to parents the obvious, but sometimes neglected, point that the boys would not have achieved these results without the work done day after day by the teaching staff and I am very happy to put on record my appreciation of their work.

I especially want to thank publicly all those members of staff who help the boys make their choices of GCSE subjects, A level subjects and degree courses in a sensible and informed way. In many ways, this too involves the whole staff, but Form Tutors of years 3, 5 and 6 have a particular role to play here, as have the Year Masters and the Careers Master, Mr Clegg. Finally, in August, many staff contribute towards giving boys last minute advice after GCSE and (most importantly) after A levels. Despite all the preliminary work done in advising boys about degree courses, there are still those who need help in the last days of August and the early days of September and here Mrs Ball, Mr Clegg and Mr Patriarca play a major role.

I think it is also appropriate here to thank all those organisations which allow our Sixth formers to use them for 'work experience'. It is no reflection on the organisations concerned to say that such experience can be valuable in convincing a minority of young men of what they do **not** want to do in life, as well as confirming the views of the majority of the careers they **do** wish to follow.

Outside the realms of the purely academic, a great deal goes on in School on both a regular and an irregular basis.

The most irregular event this year was the taking of the School Photograph, a massive undertaking, but well worth the effort. The irregularity of this may be judged by the fact that it is the first whole-school photograph since 1969!

We have also contributed a great deal to the various charitable activities and collections held during the year. The Upper Fifth did particularly well in raising £805 for the N.S.P.C.C. (which amounts to nearly 25% of the grand total for Oldham as a whole!). The boys at Hulme Court have also raised large sums, most noticeably £1715 for the Save the Children Fund.

Among the more regular activities are the various clubs and societies, whose popularity ebbs and flows with the enthusiasm of the senior members, but particularly active this year have been the Debating Societies, the Economics and Politics Society, and the Chess Club, which has begun to win matches against other schools. The activities of the Philosophy Society culminated in a Philosophy Conference in December, attended by several distinguished academic philosophers and pupils from a large number of schools from all over the country.

The Midbank Scheme continues to provide commercial experience on both sides of the counter, while Community Action continues to help the less fortunate in society.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, in the first full year, went from strength to strength, assisted by the enthusiasm of Mr Kirby and a large team of parents who help in the expeditions. Our first Bronze awards were made in April and the first Silver awards should be made soon. In the summer a group of boys were invited to Windsor to represent the "D of E" in the North-West.

The C.C.F. remains the largest extra-curricular activity. This year saw 36 new recruits out of a possible 116; it also saw the promotion from Major to Lieutenant-Colonel of Mr Coulton, the C.O.

A large number of visits, exercises and camps took place to various parts of Britain and to R.A.F. Guttertloh in Germany. Individuals have done well in attending Army Leadership courses (Haynes, Bywater and Hamer-Richardson), solo gliding courses (Heywood and Porter) and parachuting (Procter and Hamer-Richardson). Four younger cadets (Bottomley, Bell, Whittaker and Tortoisshell) helped to organise, and then won, a Krypton Factor competition, run

by the Lancashire Fusiliers.

The high point of the year was the Biennial Inspection on May 1st, visited by Air Commodore Skelley.

In addition to all of these established activities, there was the usual range of School visits, outings, field trips and conferences during the year, varying from the purely recreational to the strictly curricular, as required by the GCSE or A level Examination Boards. Visits longer than a day have been made as part of the "exchange" programme to France and Germany, as well as the Ski-trip to France in the Spring and the visit to Austria in the Summer. Hulme Court boys have visited Bath, Hadrian's Wall, the Granada Studios and have been on walking expeditions in the Peaks.

There can hardly be a single member of the teaching staff who has not at some time assumed responsibility for a party of boys outside School; not a responsibility to be taken lightly and especially in those cases where they have to be "in loco parentis" for several days at a time, twenty-four hours a day. Parents have reason to be very grateful for the work put in by staff above and beyond what is strictly necessary: and I am very happy to add my thanks to those of parents and boys.

Music-making in School continues to flourish. Despite the recession, a very large number of boys continue to receive tuition by peripatetic teachers and fifty boys took Associated Board exams at various grades this year, up to grade 8, many of them with Distinction.

The main musical production of the year was the joint production of "The Mikado" in March, which played to a full house for four nights. Credit is due not only to the large numbers of boys and girls who took part, but also to the nine or ten members of staff who helped Mr Boocock with the production. Large audiences also enjoyed the solo concert given by Duncan Glenday in February, the Musical Evening produced by eight of the best Sixth Form musicians in April, and the Festival Concert in July. The Music Festival itself showed the depth of musical talent which exists in the School and the musical talent revealed in Hulme Court bodes well for the future.

In addition to these "in house" performances, it is pleasing to see that our musicians also perform outside School in churches and schools.

The innovation of the year was the foundation by Mr Turvey of a Dance Band which has already made its mark in concerts and as the "cabaret" at some Parents' Association functions. It has also brought out of hiding some musical talent that was reluctant to contribute to more traditional concerts. If we include the boys who sing in the various choirs, there are now almost as many boys making music for the School as there are playing football for School teams (often, of course, the same boys). The visiting music tutors have much to do with this success, of course, but Mr Baty, Mr Hulme and now Mr Turvey also deserve much of the credit.

Sport as a whole, of course, occupies the largest number of boys both in and out of lessons. It also occupies a larger number of staff than any other activity: at least a dozen men in addition to the "official" games staff without whom games on the Hulme scale would simply not be possible.

In football, it was not a vintage year. No local trophies were won and the national six-a-side competition was cancelled, so we had no chance to repeat our successes of recent years. Nevertheless, we ran eight teams in the season, six of them playing regularly, so about 100 boys had some chance of playing football for the School (allowing for reserves).

Individual boys continued to do well, playing for Northern Independent Schools (Farrell, Hirst and Hague), England Independent Schools (Burrow, Hill and Tobin) or the England Schools XI (Price).

The short cricket season produced mixed results, but two teams, the under-12 and under-13s reached the finals of the Oldham Schools Cup, in one case having to share the trophy and in the other winning by default. In both cases, the season simply ran out of time. As with football, individuals have done well, playing for Lancashire Schools XIs (Hague, Smethurst, Wanless, Crawshaw and Henderson) the Lancashire "Club and Ground" XI (Crawshaw) Lancashire County 2nd XI (Henderson) and England under-17 XI (Henderson).

On the whole, it was the turn of our swimmers to be the most successful. We won the Bolton Pentangular event (again), and made a clean sweep of all the titles in the Oldham Schools Championships and defeated all other independent schools by wide margins except once, when our entire Fourth year swimming team was on a Duke of Edinburgh's expedition.

At the end of the year, our junior relay teams reached the national finals in the fastest qualifying time in the country and succeeded in coming fifth in the end.

Our own Gala on March 14th was, as usual, a great success, revealing the great strength in depth at all age groups.

At table-tennis, our under-16 team won the Greater Manchester cup for the fifth year running, and the under-13 came second in their age group. On an individual level, Deo, of Hulme Court, won the Greater Manchester Championship for the under-11 age group.

The Squash team reached the National final again, just to show that last year was no fluke, and finished in fourth place after a close defeat by Millfield.

Two Sports Days were held in the summer term: a senior event on May 8th and a junior on July 3rd and for once, it did not rain either time. Many good results were achieved, and the Victores Ludorum were, respectively, Ryan Hill and Andrew Holgate.

One way in which Athletics has developed this year is in the number of events and meetings in which our boys have competed both in summer and winter, thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr Smith. This extension of the season has unearthed a considerable amount of athletic talent among the younger boys, although Richard Scholes continues to be the most consistently successful athlete in his senior age-group.

Hockey, Basketball, Badminton and Golf are also played regularly and enthusiastically. The Badminton team in particular is beginning to emerge as a team to watch. They came second in the Greater Manchester League, and reached the last eight of the G.M. Cup and may yet emulate the success of the Squash team.

At Hulme Court, as well as Deo's individual success in table-tennis, a successful runner emerged in the person of Armitage, who won the Oldham Cross-country contest (out of 160 runners), came second in the Northern Schools 1500 metres and was selected for the County squad.

Hulme Court teams have also done well in Cross-country running, table tennis and swimming.

All these successes are highly commendable and no Headmaster is going to disparage them, but taken as a whole, our sporting programme also gives every boy in the School a chance to take part and keep fit and such chances do not easily come again in later life. I hope all boys appreciate this: I am sure that their parents do.

In previous years, I have commented upon this or that piece of redecoration or refurbishment, but all previous changes are as nothing compared with what is going on even at this moment. Anyone who visited the School last July would have seen sights reminiscent of the Blitz, in the midst of which normal life had to continue. We also went for a new central heating system on the grounds that a little more chaos would not be noticed at the time. The amount of building already completed, however, indicates that the new rooms (and the old ones restored)

will look cleaner and smarter and should be warmer, than classrooms have been for many a year. We need only to grit our teeth for the final stages.

I would like to express my thanks to the Parents' Association for their help on numerous public occasions during the year and for their fund-raising activities which will, I hope, be of great importance when the building work is completed and numerous "extras" could well be needed. On the other hand, the Parents' Association does not exist just for the benefit of the School: its principal function is to provide a focus for all parents to have a sense of identity with each other and to be a "club" in the social sense as well. For this reason, I am always surprised that the Association has considerably less than 100% membership and I commend it to all parents who have resisted membership so far.

The Old Boys' Association had two functions in the year. The usual Annual Dinner on April 12th was well supported, with Jack Tinker, Daily Mail Theatre Critic, as Guest of Honour; and in September there was a Reunion Dinner for the new entrants of 1950 (exactly Forty Years On, as it happened) which was a very great success and deserves to be repeated. In other respects, the Association just keeps going, but it is in great need of some new active members: Old Boys who live locally, please note!

I should also like to express my appreciation for the work of the Governing Body. They are in the unenviable position of having ultimate responsibility when things go right or wrong, without being in regular contact with School activities. This year their task has been compounded by the tragic death of Mr Denton and the consequent re-shuffle of responsibilities that has thrust new governors suddenly into prominence. I also want to thank those individual governors who take the trouble to attend School functions and functions organised by the Parents' Association. Staff, parents and pupils on these occasions are always very appreciative of such support.

Finally, what of the future? We face uncertain times at the moment, with a General Election due before next Speech Day. Some of the wilder threats of the Labour Party would result in our total extinction, but even some of their more sober ideas are hostile enough to parental choice to do us harm and force us to become in reality what we are sometimes wrongly accused of being at the moment: a school only for the wealthy and privileged. Our parents of today know that this is not the case yet: it would be ironical if a political party claiming to be against privileged minorities should end up by creating a whole lot of new ones.

## PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS, 1990-91

### THIRD FORMS

<i>Form</i>	<i>Academic Prize</i>	<i>Progress Prize</i>	<i>Progress Prize</i>
3C	R. Hadfield	R. Eling	L.J. Akerstrom-Tully
3D	A. Whittaker	D.M. Toole	D.R. Weston
3T	C.M. Hickey	P.M. Higson	D.G. Munro

### LOWER FOURTH FORMS

L4G	J.N. Cook	N.C. Bowker	H. Ma
L4H	K. Saha	A.P. Hilldrup	S. Unwin
L4M	B.S. Davis	B.M. Aldred	
L4R	P. Singh	J-Y Chan	R. Maxwell

### UPPER FOURTH FORMS

U4A	A.D. Phillips	D. Hall	
U4H	W. Davies	C.B. MacCafferty	A.P. Swift
U4L	M.P. Rigby	J.R. Simpson	A.D.J. Holgate
U4P	D.E. Fielding	I.S. Wolstenholme	S.C. Kelly

### ADDITIONAL LOWER SCHOOL PRIZES

Junior Chess	: B.S. Davies
Junior Music Performance	: C. Demetriou
Junior Creative Writing	: W. Davies
Junior Physical Education Prize	: R. Townley; D.E.A. Wanless

### LOWER FIFTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES

Art & Craft (Brian Booth Prize)	: A.P. Collinson, R.P. Howard
Biology	: C.M. Kelly
Business Studies	: M.J. Smalley, P.A. Willis
Chemistry	: J-S Chan
Classical Civilisation	: D.B. Hughes
Design	: C.M. Kelly
English	: A.F. Paul
French	: R.J. Dimery, A.M. Whittaker
Geography	: C.A. Dean
German	: D.C. Hope
History	: M.E. Amberry, D.C. Hope
Latin	: R.J. Dimery
Mathematics (Percy Jones Prize)	: S.J. Barlow
Music	: I.A. Gray, J.M. Rodgers
Physical Science	: P.J. Wild
Physics	: C.A. Dean
Religious Education	: D.C. Hope
Spanish	: D.R. McGivern

## ADDITIONAL FIFTH FORM PRIZE

Creative Writing : R.J. Dimery

## H.B. SHAW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO BOYS ENTERING THE SIXTH

These awards are made to boys entering the Sixth Form with grade A in the General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination in a minimum of nine subjects.

### Major Scholarship

M. Blumenthal	A.J. McCoye
I.F. Cunningham	C.J. O'Malley
D.M. Glenday	J.H.L. Rees
N.J. Hulme	N. Saha
R.S. Jeeves	

### Minor Scholarship

R.J. Ashworth	M.R. Newton
N. Crowther	A.R. Steele
S. Ghazawy	

GCSE Certificates will be awarded at this stage to boys from the Upper Fifth 1990-91. The details appear on pages 17-18 of the programme.

## SIXTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES

Art & Craft (L.J. Males Prize)	: H.R. Haynes
Biology	: A.R.G. Worrall
Chemistry (L.F. Potter Prize)	: S. Patel
Economics	: J. Lord
English (J.T. Middleton)	: S. Berkovitch
French	: R. Gooding
Geography	: J.D.H. Porter
German	: P.K. Buckley
Government & Politics	: J.D.H. Porter
History	: P.H. Rouse, J.D.H. Porter
Latin	: O.W. Dunkin
Mathematics (A.G. Pickford Prize)	: M.J. Dimery
Music	: G. Walsh
Philosophy	: C. Hamer-Richardson, C.J. Ashley
Physics (Chadderton Prize)	: M.J. Dimery

## ADDITIONAL SIXTH FORM PRIZES

Parents' Association Progress Prizes	: W. Haq, P.A. Mitton, R.J. Lees
Canon Rountree Memorial Prize for Public Service	: R. Gooding
Oldham Junior Chamber of Commerce Prize for Community Action	: M.J. Dimery, A.A. Beattie
Senior Music Performance	: G.R.V. Stansfield
Senior Chess	: M.D.J. Whittick
Senior Drama	: R. Gooding
Senior Physical Education	: R.V.J. Stead
Senior Public Speaking Prize	: M. Blumenthal

## WORK EXPERIENCE COMMENDATIONS

Awarded to those boys for whom we have received outstanding reports on their placements.

S.J.A. Arch	: Lynx Transport
A. Gooding	: Visitors' Centre, Hollingworth Hall
C. Hamer-Richardson	: Visitors' Centre, Hollingworth Hall
A. Low	: National Computing Centre
C. O'Nions	: Manchester Museum
A.N. Poyner	: I.C.I.
J.D. Wood	: Manchester University

## COMBINED CADET FORCE

Ferguson C.C.F. Award	: S.J.O. Cummaford
Military Efficiency Award	: S.A. Bottomley
Ross C.C.F. Shield	: Krypton Factor Assault Course Winners: G.F. Bottomley, J.A. Bell, A.M. Whittaker, D. Tortoisshell

## GOVERNORS' LEAVING EXHIBITIONS

S. Khurana	M.D. Poulton
J. Lad	O. Pritchard
C. Parkin	J.M. Wilson

## TROPHIES 1990-91

### ATHLETICS

House Shield	: Platt House
Relay Trophy	: Platt House
Junior Victor Ludorum	: A.D.J. Holgate
Senior Victor Ludorum	: R.G. Hill
Dugdale 100m Trophy	: R.G. Hill
Open Mile (Senior)	: R.P. Scholes
Open Mile (Junior)	: A.D.J. Holgate

### CRICKET

Edwards Batting Trophy	: J.A.L. Henderson
Mabel Davis Bowling Trophy	: J. Crawshaw
Joseph Davis Fielding Trophy	: I.J. Hague
David A. Fleming Cricketing All Rounder Trophy	: A. Ernest

### SWIMMING

R.H. Morgan Inter-House Trophy	: Platt House
Relay Trophy	: Platt House
Senior Victor Ludorum	: D.R.A. Rees
Junior Victor Ludorum	: M.D. Cox

### CROSS COUNTRY

Col. Gartside Inter-House Trophy	: Platt House
P. Wright Junior Cross Country Cup	: A.D.J. Holgate

### FOOTBALL

Higham Soccer Knockout Trophy	: Platt House
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### HOCKEY

Inter-House Trophy	: Hulme House
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### GOLF

Inter-House Trophy	: Hulme House
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# GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

## CERTIFICATES OBTAINED BY BOYS IN THE UPPER FIFTH, 1991

The figure in brackets indicates the number of GCSE grades A-C obtained by each boy  
(\* denotes grade A in four or more subjects).

Ahmad, T.J. (8)	Halsall, A.M. (4)
* Ardern, B.M.C. (10)	Hamer, D.G. (10)
* Ashworth, I.M. (9)	Hardman, A.M. (10)
* Ashworth, R.J. (10)	* Healey, R.C. (10)
Atherton, D. (2)	Heginbotham, I. (10)
Barker, J.R. (8)	Henderson, J.A.L. (9)
Barr, T.R. (10)	* Hinchliffe, N.J. (11)
Birmingham, N. (9)	* Hoath, M.A.A. (11)
* Blumenthal, M. (11)	* Hogg, J. (11)
Calbrade, N.A. (6)	Holden, N.J. (9)
Carson, M.T. (9)	* Holmes, J.E. (10)
Cawley, S.P. (10)	* Holt, S.M. (10)
* Chadwick, J.S. (10)	Horton, M.A. (4)
Clarke, D.H. (8)	* Hulme, N.J. (11)
Clegg, J.D. (8)	Jackson, J.A. (10)
* Coonan, N.E. (10)	* Jackson, R.A. (11)
* Cropper, P.M. (10)	* Jeeves, R.S. (11)
* Crowther, N. (9)	Kaye, R.L. (8)
* Cunningham, I.F. (10)	* Keighery, S.M. (10)
Daniels, H.N. (10)	Kelly, R.J. (9)
* Day, K.F. (10)	* Kerry, S.A. (10)
Drabble, N.A. (10)	Knowles, S.J. (4)
Dyson, S. (9)	* Lander, C.P. (11)
Edwards, P.J. (9)	Lawton, J. (7)
Evans, A.L. (8)	* Lees, W.R. (9)
* Gamage, L.B. (10)	Lengden, M.R. (10)
Garner, M.R. (8)	* Lightfoot, P. (11)
* Ghazawy, S. (11)	Marshall, C.D. (7)
* Ghosh, A. (10)	McAlpine, S. (11)
* Glenday, D.M. (10)	McCormick, J.S.L. (9)
Glynn, J.F. (11)	* McCoye, A.J. (11)
Greenwood, D.W. (1)	Morris, A.C. (11)
* Greenwood, M.J. (10)	* Muncaster, R.D. (10)
Hague, I.J. (8)	Needham, M.P. (3)
Halford, A.J. (11)	* Newton, M.R. (10)

Nugent, N.J. (7)	Smith, M.C.H. (7)
* O'Donnell, C.M. (10)	Spencer, P.G. (10)
* O' Malley, C.J. (11)	* Steele, A.R. (11)
O'Neill, S.J. (7)	Stone, C.M. (6)
* Oram, M.L. (7)	* Stonier, N.A. (11)
Orriss, G.D. (8)	Stott, I.L. (8)
* Platt, N. (11)	Sunderland, N.P. (8)
Poulton, N.J. (9)	* Swift, M.E. (10)
Prestwich, D.J. (8)	* Tasker, N.W. (9)
* Rees, J.H.L. (11)	* Taylor, J.U. (10)
Rice, P.S. (9)	Taylor, R. (10)
Rooney, M.C. (10)	Thewlis, M.W. (10)
* Rostron, D.J. (11)	Thompson, G.L. (10)
Sadiq, S. (10)	* Tobin, D.J. (10)
* Saha, N. (11)	Vincent, S. (7)
* Sanders, R.E. (10)	* Welsh, M.D. (9)
Schofield, B.T. (5)	* Whitehead, C.A. (9)
Scholes, R.P. (8)	* Whitehead, J.M. (11)
* Scott, N.D. (10)	Wild, R.F. (7)
* Scott, S.L. (10)	* Willis, P.A. (8)
* Senior, M.J. (10)	* Wolstencroft, P.S. (9)
* Smalley, M.J. (10)	

#### ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS

The following boys from the U5th gained grades A-C in Additional Mathematics. An asterisk indicates a grade A.

Ardern, B.M.C	McAlpine, S.
Ashworth, I.N.	McCoye, A.J.
* Blumenthal, M.	Muncaster, R.D.
Cropper, P.M.	O'Malley, C.J.
* Crowther, N.	* Newton, M.R.
* Cunningham, I.F.	Poulton, N.J.
Day, K.F.	Prestwich, D.J.
Ghosh, A.	* Rees, J.H.L.
Glenday, D.M.	Sadiq, S.
Greenwood, M.J.	* Saha, N.
Hoath, M.A.A.	Scholes, R.P.
Holden, N.J.	Smalley, M.J.
Holmes, J.E.	Swift, M.E.
Jeeves, R.S.	Tobin, D.J.
Keighery, S.M.	Welsh, M.D.
Kerry, S.A.	Whitehead, C.A.
Lander, C.P.	Whitehead, J.M.
Lees, W.R.	

The following boys from the L5th gained grades A-C in GCSE Mathematics. An asterisk indicates a grade A.

* Barlow, S.J.	* Kelly, C.M.
* Batters, M.R.	Law, D.A.
* Beeley, S.W.	* Marra, R.E.
* Bowden, R.	* McGivern, D.R.
* Chan, J.	* Mistry, R.H.
* Chapman, A.J.	* Naylor, D.J.
* Cooke, C.W.	* Paul, A.
* Douglas, R.P.	* Pendlebury, S.D.
Edwards, M.A.	* Speed, M.
* Egerton, L.D.	* Thomas, J.D.
* Gledhill, J.	Tsang, A.
* Gore, E.J.	Ward, A.N.
* Gould, C.S.	* Warham, B.J.
* Hewitt, N.J.	* Whittaker, A.M.
* Hope, D.C.	* Woodward, R.
* Jackson, G.P.	

The following boys from the L5th gained grades A-C in GCSE History and Appreciation of Music. An asterisk indicates a grade A.

Gould, C.S.  
Mistry, R.H.

The following boy from the L5th gained grade A in GCSE Music.

Gray, I.A.

The following boys from the U4th gained grades A-C in History and Appreciation of Music. An asterisk indicates a grade A.

Al-Hamdani, S.	Heywood, M.T.
Bennett, P.	Holt, M.A.
* Blumenthal, T.	Holt, M.J.
Brown, G.J.	Holton, E.
Buckley, M.	Hunt, G.A.
* Casson, R.J.	Jones, N.M.
Chapman, A.J.	Kelly, S.C.
Clarke, N.J.	Kinsey, A.J.
Coop, D.H.	Leitheiser, F.J.
* Davies, W.	MacCafferty, C.B.
Dewsnap, N.S.	Midani, N.A.
Ernest, A.	Mistry, D.M.
Fielding, D.E.	* Morgan, R.B.
* Goddard, I.J.	Morgan, S.
Greenwood, R.S.	Pass, A.T.
Halford, C.D.	Procter, D.P.
Hall, A.J.	Richardson, P.
Hanson, S.R.	Rigby, M.P.
Harrop, B.W.	Rudd, P.J.
Hawksworth, C.P.	Sackey, D.W.

Saha, A.  
Shah, C.  
Simpson, J.R.  
Swift, A.P.  
Taylor, K.D.  
Taylor, L.M.  
Tunstall, R.J.

Whitehead, D.A.  
Whitaker, P.  
Williams, A.J.  
Wood, D.M.  
Wolstenholme, I.S.  
Yeomans, L.J.