

AYMESTREY SCHOOL

CROWN EAST

WORCESTER

0905-425619

Headmaster :

D. H. GRIFFITH, M.A.

AYMESTREY is a Preparatory School of the smaller type, having between 40 and 50 boys. It was founded in 1909. It is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education and is a member of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools.

The building is a country house, old enough to be very well built and modern enough to have high ceilings and large windows; it stands on high land in about 40 acres of grounds.

Since interested parents will wish to see the place for themselves, this prospectus does not say much about the features, which are common to most schools of good standing, but aims to give information about the main characteristics and ideals of the School.

We aim that by the time he leaves here a boy shall be honest, truthful and reliable, and that he shall have learned beyond doubt that this is more important than his own immediate comfort and advantage. All boys are encouraged to think for themselves, to take some responsibility and to be of service to their community; and those who have it in them are given

the chance to take the lead, and to learn how to organise. Importance is attached to all aspects of good manners.

Morning prayers and a short evening service are held every day. On Sundays the school attends a local church or there is a service in the school conducted by the Headmaster.

The subjects taught include English, Scripture, History, Ancient History, Geography, Mathematics, French, Music, Latin and Science. Scholarship candidates may learn Greek in their last two years.

Outstanding boys are prepared for scholarship examinations, but this is not allowed to interfere with their all-round development or with the needs of the others. Classes are small and individual attention can be given when it is needed. The School's record in Common Entrance is good and we try to teach the satisfaction of hard work and how to think and understand.

Art is considered of great importance and all boys have two lessons a week.

The musical life of the school is strong and boys may learn piano, violin or any brass or wind instrument. Tuition is an extra but the school owns a wide variety of instruments.

Health and physical development receive careful attention, and boys are trained to take a sensible but not fussy attitude to their own health.

Great care is taken to see that new boys settle down happily and this is regarded as particularly important at bed time on the first few nights.

Rugby is played in the Christmas Term and Association Football in the Spring Term. In the Winter Terms all boys do gym-work. In the Summer Term the main game is Cricket, but swimming is considered of equal importance, and athletics are also taught. There is also an Assault Course and a scheme to encourage semi-athletic activities for those less gifted at ball games. Every effort is made to find at least one physical activity at which every boy can be good.

Boys are encouraged to use their free time constructively and develop hobbies. They may make

models, paint, collect stamps, play billiards, table tennis, chess and other board games. The keen musicians practise, often in groups. In the Summer and beginning of the Autumn Term as much free time as possible is outside and boys may fish in the lake.

There is a strong and active Old Boys' Association, and a large proportion of Old Boys keep in regular touch and take a keen interest in the fortunes and affairs of the School.

A full term's notice is required before a boy leaves; if notice is not received a term's fees must be charged.