

AYMESTREY SCHOOL

CROWN EAST

Near WORCESTER

Headmaster:

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AYMESTREY is a Preparatory School of the smaller type, with about 55 boys, all boarders. It is recognised 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.

Our task is conceived to be the development of a boy's entire personality, and the training of character is taken to be the first consideration of all. By the time he leaves us, we hope that a boy will have a sincere religion, suited to his age and directly related to his life; and he is encouraged to think for himself and so allow his ideas to develop as he matures. We aim that



he shall be absolutely 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 take some responsibility and to be of some 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 and how to obtain willing obedience and following. At the same time, those who are readiest to accept responsibility are given opportunity to relax and be young, and are not allowed to become conceited, pompous or over-anxious. Great importance is attached to all aspects of good manners.

Really 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 average or of the slightly backward. The School's record in the Common Entrance Examination is good, and we try to teach both the satisfaction of hard work and how to think and understand.

Art, music, handwork and hobbies are encouraged, and the musical life of the School is particularly strong.

Health and physical development receive careful

attention, and boys are trained to take a sensible but not fussy attitude to their own health.

Matches are played against other schools at Rugby and Association Football and Cricket, in which there is strong emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship. Coaching is also given in swimming, athletics, boxing, gym-work, and rifle shooting; and there is a scheme for encouraging long walks and other semi-athletic activities, especially for those who are less gifted in ball games. Every effort is made to find at least one physical activity for every boy to be good at.

There is a Scout Troop and all the older boys are expected to attend the annual Camp, which is treated as part of the Summer Term.

There is a strong and active Old Boys' Association, and it is a matter of great pride to us that a very large proportion of the Old Boys of the School keep in regular touch, right on into their adult life, and take a keen interest in the fortunes and affairs of the School. Many of them send their sons to follow them; and we believe that these unusually strong ties are good evidence of what Aymestrey has meant to them.



The inclusive fee is £95 a term. The only necessary extras are those items of clothing, etc., which have to be bought at school, sweets, and a charge of 15/- a term for medical services over and above what is provided under the National Health scheme, to which boys must belong.

The charge for instruction in piano or stringed instruments is 4 guineas a term.

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

£1 1s. 0d. is charged for the entry of a boy's name on the books.