



—AYMESTREY SCHOOL—

FOUNDED in 1909, a member of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, Aymestrey is a small, friendly Prep. School, with a family atmosphere, having approximately 50 boys aged 8–14. It is situated two miles West of Worcester, and stands in 27 acres of grounds which include playing fields, hard play area, lakes, woodlands and a swimming pool.

Work

Classes are small, averaging ten in a form. The subjects taught include English, Scripture, History, Ancient History, Geography, Mathematics, French, Music, Science, Latin, Art and Drama. The normal work programme leads to Common Entrance or other entry exams. at 13. Outstanding boys are prepared for their scholarship exams. but this is not allowed to interfere with their all-round development or with the needs of others. Prep. is kept to a minimum but a boy will have to do extra work in his free time if he is not doing his best, or if he is lagging behind and needs extra help. The School's record in Common Entrance is good and scholarships have been won recently in music and art as well as on the academic side. Dur-



ing the last few years boys have gone on to Aldenham, Bloxham, Bryanston, Harrow, The King's School, Worcester, Malvern College, Monmouth, Rendcomb College, Worcester Royal Grammar School and Wycliffe College, amongst others.

Music and Art

The musical life of the school is strong and boys may learn piano, violin, clarinet, flute or any brass instrument with our visiting musicians. Tuition is an extra but even if a boy does not have individual lessons, and

he is keen, there is a chance for him to take part in percussion, recorder and other musical groups run by one of the music masters. The choir leads in evening prayers, unaccompanied, and one of the boys conducts; every year it takes part in the Prep. Schools Music Festival at Malvern College.

Art is considered of great importance

and all boys have two lessons a week. They can continue with projects in free time.



Games

Unless he is unwell every boy plays games or takes part in some physical activity every day. Rugby is played in the Autumn Term and Association Football in the Spring and cricket in the Summer. The boys have a gym lesson once a week, and in the winter terms the assault course is a very popular part of the programme. In the summer, also, the boys swim, work on athletics and take the AAA awards if they wish. Football, rugby



and cricket matches are played against the local prep. schools and because the school is small most boys get a chance to play in a team in one sport at least. Also, being smaller than the other schools, they enjoy fighting the giants and quite often beating them. Nearly every boy finds one physical activity, at least, which he enjoys and in which he can be successful.

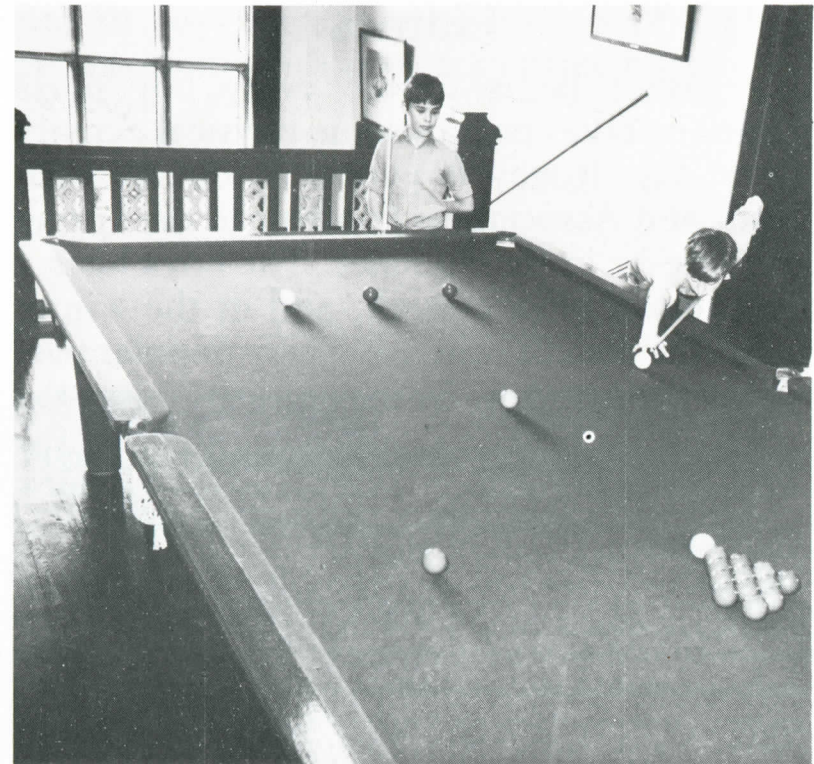
Health

The health record is good. The school doctor visits once a week and every boarder has a check up each term. The boys are encouraged to take a sensible attitude to their health and throughout the year they are outside as much as possible. The school matron

is a fully qualified and experienced nurse. A great deal of attention is paid to diet and the boys are trained in good eating habits as well as table manners. The food is nourishing, palatable and plentiful and the cooks provide family style meals with plenty of variety. Boarders have fresh fruit every day.

Recreation

Boys are encouraged to use their free time constructively and do things for themselves. Chess is played by all age groups and matches are played with other schools as well as on a national basis. Snooker is an extremely popular game and the school possesses a full size and a $\frac{1}{4}$ size billiard table. Many boys play table tennis, make models, play various board games and make up their



own games. In the summer as much free time as possible is spent out of doors and boys may fish in the lake, climb trees, garden, etc. In the winter terms keen boys can learn to chop and saw wood for the open fires, which they light, feed and tend, and for which they are responsible. Vth Formers may do computing or printing but these are taught seriously and if a boy chooses one of them he is expected to work at it.

Boarders

Dormitories are small, anything from four to seven in each, with a senior boy in charge. The boys change dormitories every term and care is taken to ensure a happy mix. Particular care is taken to see that new boys settle down happily.

On Sundays the boarders go to church or have a service here, in the morning, write letters home and then have free time. In the afternoon the Vth Formers learn skills to enable them to go to camp at the end of the summer term, and the others have some informal but organized games. After tea in the winter there are competitions, or a film, or some other entertainment organized by the boys.

The Headmaster and his wife do not have a separate flat, or house, but their own rooms are scattered around the school so that they are about, and in charge, at all times.

Day Boys

Day boys may arrive any time after 8 a.m. but must be here by 8.45 a.m. They stay until 6.30 p.m. on weekdays and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. They do not take work home

unless they wish to do so. It is considered important that they should have free time at school so that they integrate fully with the boarders.



Discipline

Discipline is maintained without the use of corporal punishment and every care is taken to prevent bullying. Brief reports on work and discipline are sent home every week and full reports are sent at the end of each term.

Exeats

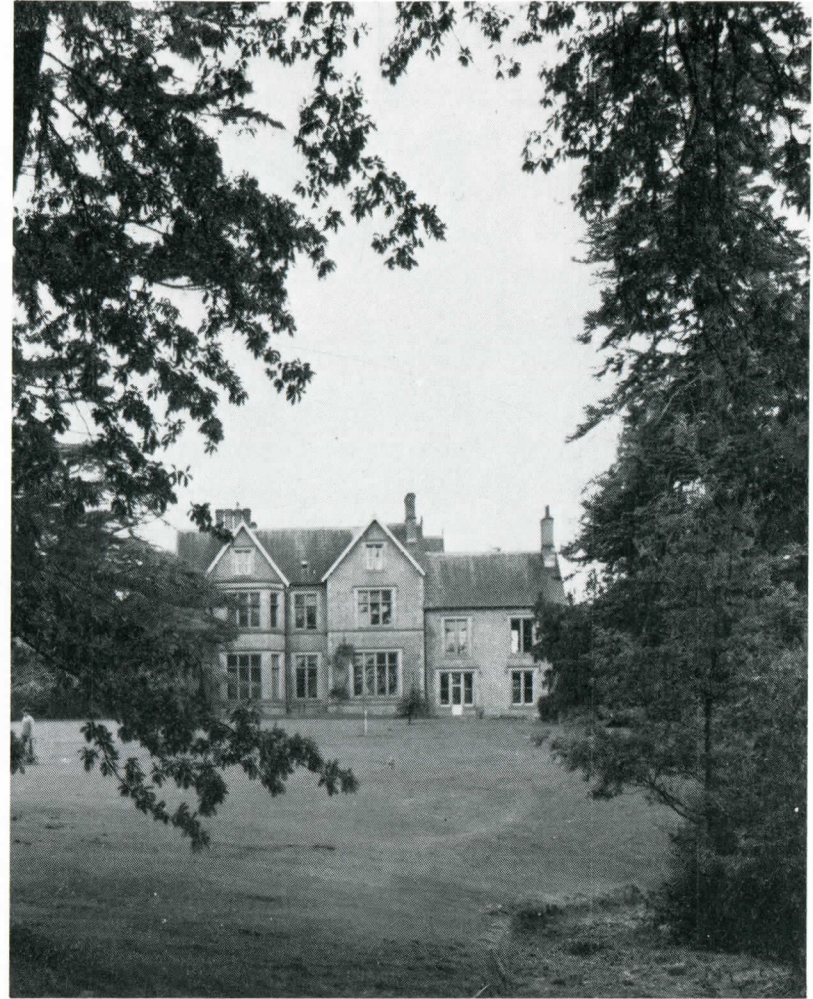
Each term there is a half term when the boys go home for four nights, and two separate Sundays when they may go out for the day.

Contact with Parents

Parents are encouraged to keep in close touch. Day boy parents may come in any evening when they collect their sons and talk to the Headmaster or his wife and boarders' parents are welcome to ring any evening after 9 p.m.

Old Boys Association

This is an active association and a number of Old Boys keep in regular touch, take a keen interest and come back to the



annual Old Boys' Day. Many, in due course, send their sons to the school.

The ethos of the school is difficult to put on paper but we are trying to bring up the boys to be healthy, tough and self reliant; to



be kind, considerate, honest and unselfish; to enjoy and take pride in any work or job they do, and to take responsibility and be of service to their community.

We are fighting against the modern dependence on material things and because we deliberately stay small there is a chance to do something about it. We hope to preserve

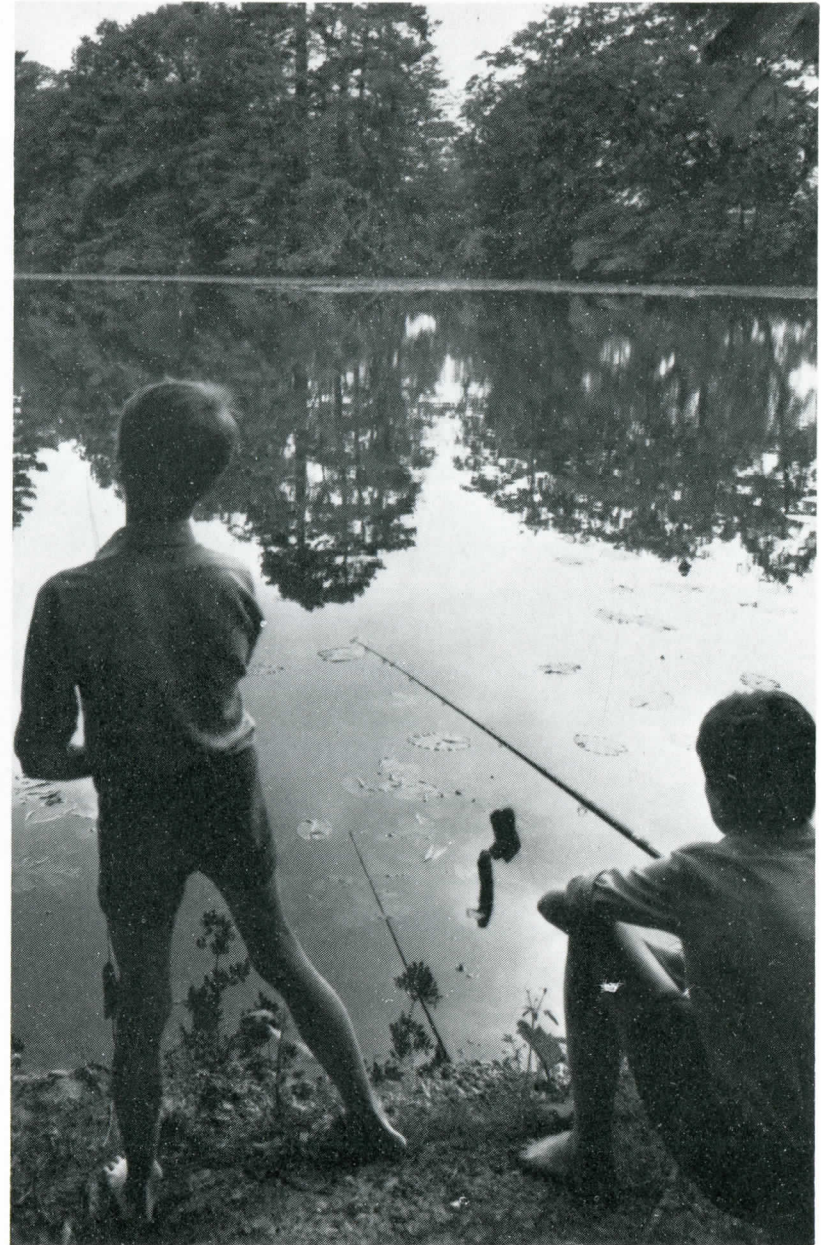
the best of the old fashioned values while taking advantage of 20th century progress.

How to find us

The School is situated on the left-hand side of the A44, approximately 3 miles West of Worcester city centre.

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BOARDERS.....£1500 per term.

DAY BOYS£1130 per term.

Optional Extras

Music Lessons (individual)..... £55 per term.

The above fees are inclusive except for expenses which are incurred personally, such as haircutting, shoe repairs, dry cleaning etc., and a charge of £8.50 per term for boarders for medical services, over and above those provided under the National Health Scheme.