

AYMESTREY SCHOOL

CROWN EAST

Near WORCESTER

Headmaster :

D. A. N. ASTERLEY, ~~B.A.~~ M.A.

Status.

AYMESTREY is recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education and is a member of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools. There are 45-50 boys, all boarders.

**House and
Grounds.**

The School is in the country on high ground about a mile and a half from the outskirts of Worcester, and faces south, looking across the Teme valley to the Malvern Hills six miles away. The building is about 100 years old, exceptionally well constructed, with large windows, lofty rooms and perfect modern sanitation. There is no separate private part of the house; the best rooms are used by the boys and care is taken to avoid any institutional atmosphere and appearance.

The grounds cover about forty acres and include playing fields, swimming pool, tennis court, a large kitchen garden, orchards, lawns, ornamental water and woods.

The aim of the School is to prepare boys between the ages of seven and fourteen not only for Public Schools but for life as a whole. There is an Old Boys' Association and the great majority of its members keep in touch with the School by visits and letters from all parts of the world, not only for a year or two, but always.

Aim.

Discipline is firm but friendly and the co-operation of the boys is sought and obtained. Manners are considered of great importance and are treated from the point of view of consideration for others and respect for property and for good tradition. Hobbies are encouraged and efforts are made to help boys to learn to enjoy their leisure and not to need to be entertained. It is considered important that they should grow up both practical and independent themselves and willing and able to be helpful to others.

Religion.

The ideal aimed at is to make every boy's religion real to him and something which permeates his daily life, and he is encouraged to think for himself and to ask questions. Every morning the Headmaster conducts a short, rather informal service for the boys alone, and in the evening there is another short service of a more formal nature for boys and staff together. There are scripture lessons twice a week, and on Sunday the School attends the morning service in the village church. The rest of Sunday is made as different as possible from other days, but happy and interesting and not boring.

Work.

Clever boys are prepared for Scholarship examinations, provided that no form of 'cramming' is necessary; but the scheme of work aims chiefly at giving ordinary boys a sound, broad foundation on which their later education can be built. Stress is laid on the spirit in which work is done and boys are encouraged to find the satisfaction of feeling that they are trying hard whatever their ability.

Cricket and Rugby and Association Football are the main games and matches are played against other schools. There is P.T. all the year round, Swimming and Athletics in the summer and boxing and gym work in the winter. The older boys do air-rifle shooting. Though the standard of the School teams is high, the main aim again is to ensure that the great majority of boys shall learn to play games well enough to enjoy them and that all shall acquire the ideals of sportsmanship. The stress is always on team-work rather than individual prowess.

Games.

The School has a Scout Troop and Cub Pack and these play an essential part in the life of the community. About twenty of the older scouts have a week's camp in the summer.

Scouting.

Every boy has the opportunity to learn to appreciate good music; he learns elementary form and theory, there are appreciation classes, and a gramophone with a large record library. Those who wish may sit

Music.

Music.—continued up to listen to broadcast concerts several times a term. There are singing classes and the School provides the choir for the village Church on Sunday mornings.

As extras boys may learn the piano, violin, 'cello, etc. and there is an orchestra which meets twice a week.

Health. Health and Physical Development are treated as of prime importance. There is a highly qualified matron and an under-matron. The school doctor calls once a week and can always be summoned at once in an emergency. He makes a routine examination of every boy at least once a term, and careful liaison is maintained between the matrons' department and those in charge of games. Efforts are made to teach boys to look after their own health sensibly and to become neither fussy and nervous nor careless and foolhardy.

Fees. The inclusive fee is ^{7^c} guineas a term. The only necessary extras are those which appear on the matron's account—clothes,

special medicines, etc.,—sweets, which are bought at school, 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.

Fees.—continued

The charge for instruction in violin or piano is 3 guineas a term, and for other instruments a little more.

There is also an optional Insurance Scheme against absence through illness, for which the premium is £2 16s. 6d. a term. No remission of fees in case of illness can be made for boys who are not insured.

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

No fee is charged for the entry of a boy's name on the books, but there is a fee of 3 guineas, payable when he comes, to cover the cost of such books, equipment, linen, etc., as are required new for him.

Registration fee £1.1.0