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On the results of the General School Examination of the Northern Universities' Joint Board, the following awards have been made:—

State Scholarships: A. E. Backhouse (Science), B. J. Bamber (Maths.), M. M. Kelsall (English and History), I. H. Munro (Science).

Manchester City University Awards: Scholarships: A. E. Backhouse, M. M. Kelsall, A. Mathias, I. H. Munro. Exhibitions: T. R. Bateson, J. P. R. Gutteridge, P. D. Kyffin, D. L. S. Paine.

Stockport Education Committee: Major Scholarship D. Andrew. Exhibition: N. V. Barber.

The Prefects this term are: P. J. Richards (Head Prefect), D. L. S. Paine, C. E. Bryans, D. F. Borland, N. V. Barber, B. Cartwright, J. Davis, M. M. Kelsall, W. G. Scarlett, G. H. Stockdale, W. D. West, K. S. Williams, M. Williams, R. E. Williams, R. B. Woolham.

The School Christmas play this year was Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar", which was performed nightly from Wednesday, December 14th till Saturday, December 17th.

The School Choir has again been invited to sing at the series of Carol Services held at St. Ann's Church, Manchester. This year the service, when our choir will perform, will take place on Tuesday, December 20th at 1-15 p.m., the first day of the holidays and the day after our own Carol Service at School.

The Annual Prefects' Dance will take place in the New Hall in the evening of the same day.

The Annual Founders' Day Service will take place at the Cathedral on Thursday, January 26th, at 11 a.m., when the preacher will be the Dean of Manchester, the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc.

The Calendar for next term is as follows:—

The term will begin on Tuesday, January 10th, at 9-15 a.m. Mid-term holiday will be on February 17th, 18th and 20th. The term will end on Friday, March 23rd, at four o'clock. The Easter holiday will extend from Friday, March 23rd, at four, to Tuesday, April 17th, at 9-15 a.m.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Primary School Boys, will be held on February 11th and March 10th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

Attention is drawn to the following emendations to the date sheet for 1955-56 already distributed. The Midsummer term will end on Friday, July 20th, and the Michaelmas term will begin on Tuesday, September 11th, at 9-15 a.m. and not as previously announced.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following: *The Aldwinian*, *The Barrovian*, *The Birkonian*, *The Denstonian*, *The Gryphon*, *The Waconian*, *The Wallaseyan* and the magazine of the King's School, Macclesfield.

Speech Day, 1955

Speech Day took place, as usual, on the last afternoon of the Midsummer Term; but, by way of contrast with similar occasions in recent years, the weather was unusually summery.

The Headmaster began his address by saying that education was not something easily gained; but something for which a boy had to strive. If it appeared that on such occasions as Speech Days too much stress was laid on the achievements of the outstanding few, it was because their successes were based on the hard work of those around them. Thus individual successes were a fair indication and criterion of the work of the School.

In the course of the year, he said, new buildings had been completed. Further extensions were contemplated. The Sixth Form had in eight years increased in numbers from 90 to 170. Employers had come to realise the value of Sixth Form education and now there was a steady demand for boys aged 17 or 18.

In conclusion the Headmaster paid a tribute to the work for the School of the Rev. A. H. Ginever, who was retiring after 33 years' service, to Mr. G. M. Thornton who was taking up another post, to Mr. Locke, the Senior Porter, who after 21 years at the School was retiring at the age of 70, and finally to R. K. Davies, the Head Prefect, who had attended the School and its Preparatory Department for 13 years.

The Prizes were then distributed by Mr. J. Longland, M.A. (Cantab.), Director of Education for Derbyshire, an Everest mountaineer and well-known broadcaster.

In the course of his address Mr. Longland warned his audience not to allow themselves to lose their initiative. We were pushed around too much in the twentieth century. The Victorians, however much we decried them, were able to make decisions. Games were useful in the building of character; but though they fostered the team spirit individual decisions were still necessary. There was a great virtue in finding things out for oneself.

Mountaineering had great value in developing individuality. Camping taught one to select the essentials. Often a man had to make a critical decision on which the lives of others depended

without anyone else being there for him to consult. Even University Dons, however much they knew, did not always find out for themselves what they were worth. In the somewhat cushioned twentieth century it was more necessary than ever to find an outlet for adventure and achievement. To be high-brow was nothing to be ashamed of. What we wanted today was good brains and character.

PRIZE LIST.

SPECIAL PRIZES—Watkins: R. K. Davies; Stone English Essay: J. D. S. Harrop; Powell Scripture Reading: J. D. S. Harrop; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: M. M. Kelsall; Forrest Writing: B. H. Blakeley; Anderson: G. G. Ellis.

THIRD YEAR SIXTH—Knoop English: A. H. Brazendale; Vlies Modern Languages: G. N. Leah; Dorrington Latin: J. A. G. Rimmer; Lymer Mathematics: C. Gee; Williamson Chemistry: A. E. Rose; Physics: B. M. Segal; Biology: G. G. Ellis; Sir Samuel Turner Imperial History: I. M. Stewart.

SECOND YEAR SIXTH—English: M. M. Kelsall; History: M. M. Kelsall; Hewlett Geography: W. D. West; Latin: J. D. E. Rayman; Greek: J. Hewitt; French: R. B. Woolham; German: J. H. Delany; Physics: W. D. Maughan; Chemistry: A. E. Backhouse; Biology: P. Bee; Mathematics: T. R. Bateson.

LOWER SIXTH—English: G. A. M. Wood; History: J. E. O. Screen; Geography: A. F. Pitty; Latin: A. R. Clarke; French: E. R. Birch; German: E. R. Birch; Chemistry: G. W. C. Hayes; Physics: I. A. B. Low; Biology: J. M. Temperley; Mathematics: I. R. MacCallum.

FIFTH FORMS—Parents' English: I. Sargen; History: H. Bibby; Hewlett Geography: G. B. Brundritt; Rupert Hawley Memorial French: J. M. Wilson; German: D. Brierley; Latin: G. B. Brundritt; Mathematics: H. Bibby; Science: D. M. Brierley; Art: D. S. Armstrong; Handicraft: D. G. Wright.

FOURTH FORMS—English: P. J. Blount; History: S. A. Hall; Geography: D. Hyde; French: W. A. Drapkin; German: C. R. L. Mark; Latin: C. R. L. Mark; Mathematics: A. G. Lees; Science: P. S. Leach; Art: J. M. Spence; Handicraft: K. Kingham.

THIRD FORMS—English: B. E. Thirlwell; History: W. D. Yale; Geography: J. M. Higson; French: C. G. J. Moore; Latin: M. H. F. Cocker; Mathematics: V. H. Lucas; Science: B. E. Thirlwell; Art: C. N. Titterington; Handicraft: I. H. Cottrell.

SECOND FORMS—English: P. J. R. Laybourn; History: G. N. Bromiley; Geography: N. N. Walmsley; French: G. Henshall; Latin: F. A. Palmer; Mathematics: G. N. Bromiley; Science: B. Hayes; Art: A. K. C. Rodgers; Handicraft: B. Hayes.

FIRST FORMS—English: J. S. Litherland; History: J. S. Litherland; Geography: D. C. Roberts; French: J. S. Woodhead; Mathematics: N. J. Blakeley; Art: N. D. Ratledge; Handicraft: M. R. M. Turner.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL—First: C. D. Cooke; Barber Merit: C. H. Templar; Progress: S. H. Parker.

C.C.F. Notes

Last year's activities in the C.C.F. were brought to a conclusion at camp, which was held at Castle-martin, Pembroke. There was an abundance of demonstrations, which proved interesting to some, despite the attentions of antagonistic horse flies. However the training was useful and especially interesting to the younger cadets. Special mention must once again be made of the Rev. A. H. Ginever, who, despite the fact that he had left School to take up a new post, still managed to attend camp, taking morning prayers for each contingent and arranging the Sunday service.

This year's training has progressed well, especially amongst the recruits' platoons whose keenness might well be imitated by some of the senior platoons. The first parade after half-term was inspected by the Area Commander, whose report we hope will be as favourable as that of Brigadier Hoystead who inspected the contingent last July.

The Signals and R.E.M.E. platoons continue in their own specialised work under the supervision of Lt. McCulloch. The Signals section's activities have been enhanced by the introduction of a new meteorological net, through which information is sent to and received from other schools in England. The R.E.M.E. platoon, having passed their Certificate "T" last term, now seek practical experience on the proverbial "old Ford car."

One field day has been held this term, at Lyme Park, where valuable practical experience was gained. The recruits were treated to a demonstration by Cadre, which they later tried to emulate. The vigorous activities of the senior infantry platoons, who were under the supervision of Captain West, left them all healthily exhausted. Little was seen of the Signals platoon, as usual.

Mr. Kyte has supervised shooting this term, and with the better facilities available the standard should continue to improve this year.

The following promotions were made this term, with effect from 13th September:—

Sgt. P. J. Richards to be C/U/O.; Cpls. C. E. Bryans, T. Bush, A. E. Backhouse, M. Williams, R. E. Williams, J. B. Wigglesworth, to be Sgts.

L/Cpls. Aked, D. S. Armstrong, A. B. Armstrong, Barber, Beaumont, Birch, Broomhead, Booth, Cummings, Derbyshire, Howat, Maughan, Maclean, A. C. Morris, McDiarmid, Phillips, Pitty, Rayman, Stockdale, Turnbull, J. G. Taylor, Venables, Watson, B. W. Wilson, West, Hague to Cpls.

Cdts. J. B. Barnes, Birks, Broadbridge, Butterworth, Cotton, Dickinson, Grieve, Hopkinson, D. A. Price, Rodger, Bethell, Morrison, Wilde, C. C. Brown, Spence, Chadwick, Cosgrove, R. I. Wallace to L/Cpls.

The Donner Library

Despite a timely reminder on the notice board a large number of books had not been returned at the end of the Summer term and the final check showed that over 100 books were missing. As some of these books may have been missing for some time, or have been recently discarded as obsolete, a second stock-taking was thought advisable. This was done at half term and within one week over 2,600 volumes, the present stock, were catalogued. It was pleasing to find some of the books, listed as missing in July, back on the shelves. N. Elston, G. A. M. Wood, C. A. Monks, J. E. O. Screen, I. W. Green gave up time before and during the holidays for this work. From this list a completely new catalogue will be compiled and by comparison with the old catalogue a final list of missing books will be drawn up and posted in case some are still recoverable.

C. W. Maclean, 6s.u., has agreed to make an oak table for the card index cabinet, which Mr. Foulds cleaned of old grime and dark stain over a year ago. This was sufficient encouragement to start a new card index also, which will be arranged in the Dewey system of classification of subjects. This should make it easier to find what works are available on any given subject and will be an improvement on the inconsistent variety of style of entry in the old card index.

For a fortnight, beginning on October 10th, all readers of newspapers and magazines in the Donner library were asked to enter their names on labels attached to each number, so that their

usefulness could be assessed. As a result the subscription of one of the costlier magazines was discontinued because only four people had made use of it during that time. The most frequently read paper was *The Times*; of the magazines *World Sports*, *Discovery* and *The New Statesman and Nation* were the most popular.

We acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of books from J. F. Grainger (O.H.) and R. Stokes, Esq., and copies of a French Art Magazine from H. H. Vlies, Esq.

Mr. Fielding, whose son left the School at mid-summer, has kindly made a donation for the purchase of mathematical books for the Library.

The Junior Library, in Mr. Foyster's charge, also received a number of books from various donors this term for which they were very grateful. The total number of books on their shelves now is well over 600.

The Science Society

The Society has lain dormant for most of this term, but I have to report that the Meteorological Section has been invigorated.

Up till the beginning of this term the members of this section had nothing useful to do with all the various meteorological data they obtained day by day. Now, however, with the co-operation of the Signals Platoon the information is radioed daily to a central headquarters, where similar data is arriving from other schools throughout the country.

At the headquarters a weather map of the whole country is drawn up. This new scheme has infused new blood into the section, as they now have something useful to do with their information.

D. Gill and N. R. Watson were elected as joint leaders of this section, which is now thriving. Every morning during the week, early arrivals may observe even earlier arrivals on the Science Block roof.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on October 10th to elect various members of the committee.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Faulkner, was attended by twenty-nine members.

I. McShane was elected as an Upper Sixth member of the committee to replace P. Bee who left unexpectedly at the end of last term.

W. G. Scarlett was elected as the Lower Sixth representative.

Finally, I have to record the gift of an anemometer to the Meteorological Section by Mr. Brierley, and extend to him on behalf of the Society our heartiest thanks.

The Debating and Literary Society

(THE DONNER UNION).

The Society, as has become customary, commenced the season with its head in the clouds, by holding a balloon debate. J. M. Broadbridge, as the Piltown Gorilla loudly inveighed against the deplorable state of modern civilisation (later debates have tended to support him); J. Davis, as Sir Walter Raleigh, explained at length that his name was really "Rawley;" W. G. Scarlett, as Robin Hood, bemoaned the death of Grace Archer, while I. Sargen, speaking for Dr. Faustus, occasionally lapsed into blank verse.

In voting the house was divided between the Piltown Gorilla and Raleigh. The chairman's casting vote eventually sustained the Gorilla.

Leaving J. M. Broadbridge to blaze forth in solitary splendour in the heavens, the house proceeded to earth with a bump. We debated next that "Trade Unions have served their Purpose."

In proposing the motion E. W. Dickinson (seconded by I. M. Stewart) lectured for a time on the French Revolution. He believed Trade Unions, Communist led, were exploiting the public. In reply G. A. M. Wood also lectured the house, this time on nineteenth-century history. Both he and A. Bennett (his seconder) enumerated the benefits conferred by Trade Unions on their members.

The motion was eventually defeated by the chairman's casting vote.

Having attacked Trade Unions the house turned its attention to the Government in the next meeting, deploring its handling of the Cyprus problem. M. Booth and P. Clarke led the proposition with vehemence in attacking "blundering Tory fascism." M. Royle and P. Wilde defended in mild and cultured tones reminiscent of Sir Anthony Eden. They carried the day by 15 votes to 14.

In the latest debate our capacity for deploring has finally been taxed to the full. The motion was that "This House deplores the Present Immigration of Coloured People into this Country." J. R. Baker and B. Wilson, proposing, deplored the low standard of living for coloured people in this country and that conditions in their own country were so bad that coloured people had to leave. Opposing, R. V. Chadwick and D. Lomas repeated in even stronger terms what the proposition had said, but what they deplored most of all was our treatment of coloured people. Some members of the house even went as far as to deplore the whole debate.

The motion was finally defeated by 14 votes to 7.

Our only gleam of light relief amongst these somewhat gloomy subjects was a talk on "Trarapponcy Uneceflin" (contemporary influence) led by C. I. F. Flint and J. M. Broadbridge. The performance was vaguely reminiscent of Victorian music-hall carried on in Arthur Englishian patter.

The officers elected this year are as follows:—Deputy Chairman, C. I. F. Flint; Secretary, M. M. Kelsall; Assistant Secretary, I. M. Stewart; Committee, C. A. Monks, J. M. Broadbridge, T. W. Woodward, B. Wilson, M. Friedjung, M. L. Lockety, D. D. A. Lamb.

The Fencing Club

Last Speech Day a demonstration of fencing was given as part of the Gym display by J. Davis and J. B. Wigglesworth. We feel that this proved to be a success (despite the heat!).

This term has seen considerable progress made towards producing a team worthy of representing the School.

The election of Officers for the year was as follows:—President, The Headmaster; Vice-President, Dr. Jecny; Chairman, Mr. Peat; Captain, J. Davis; Vice-Captain, J. B. Wigglesworth; Secretary, J. Davis; Junior Representative, J. R. Vose.

It has been found necessary to hold two practices each week for the more senior members, one of these being for the purposes of coaching and the other for actual fencing. It is hoped by this means to give experience of fencing under competition conditions and rules. Several members have now decided to begin to learn something of either the épée or the sabre.

We were pleased to welcome several new members this term, all of whom have made a sound start in the sport. What they lack, as yet, in skill has been more than made up for by their determination and enthusiasm.

It remains only to thank Mr. Peat for giving up so much of his time and taking such pains to instruct us. It is to him that the Club owes all its achievement.

The Table Tennis Club

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 10th October. Mr. Renny and Mr. Kirkham presided over the meeting. Owing to the fact that the meeting coincided with a Big Side practice those present were mainly from the lower sixth. The following officers were elected:—Deputy Chairman, T. R. Bateson; Hon. Secretary, W. G. Scarlett; Hon. Treasurer, E. R. Birch.

Membership has been restricted to twenty for the present, but more members may be admitted at a future date.

The club plays on Mondays from 4-0 p.m. until 5-15 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1-0 p.m. to 2-45 p.m. No non-members can be admitted at present.

In the future it is hoped to hold both an American tournament and a Knock-out competition to single out our best players. Up to the time of writing it would be difficult to say who was the best player as keenness is noticeable everywhere.

The Leonardo da Vinci Society

Two meetings of the Society have been held so far this term. The first was held on Friday, 7th October, at the Headmaster's house, when R. V. Chadwick read a paper on "The Brontës—their Life and Work." After a vivid, and sometimes moving, account of the tragic life of the Brontë sisters, Mr. Chadwick went on to give a short, critical appreciation of their several works.

A lively literary discussion followed, centring mainly on the relative merits and defects of modern art.

J. G. Taylor read the second paper of the term on Friday, 11th November, at Dr. Jecny's house. He spoke of his experiences with the 1955 expedition to Newfoundland organised by the British Schools Exploring Society—illustrating his lecture from a film-strip made by himself. The strip brought home forcefully to us the difficult nature of the terrain and the privations of the expedition.

Our thanks are once again due to Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Jecny for the provision of light refreshments during the meetings.

The Christian Fellowship

"For we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." ACTS 4. v. 20.

At the end of last term, the School said farewell to the Rev. A. H. Ginever and nowhere in the School has his absence been more noticeable than in the Christian Fellowship. It has now become apparent how much work he put into the Fellowship without making it obvious. We have been glad to be able to rely upon the support of Mr. Watts and Mr. Rix.

The term's meetings began with a visit, on September 22nd, from the students of the Hartley Victoria College, who told us why they were training for the ministry and answered our questions. The following Thursday, the Rev. J. Seamer of St. Edmund's Church, expounded the doctrines of Justification and Salvation.

1954 was the third Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society and on October 6th, Dr. Ethell, the Society's area chairman, showed the film-strip "Why not for the Whole World?" and copies of the Scriptures as distributed throughout the world were displayed.

"Christian Conduct" was the title of a talk given, on October 13th, by Mr. Rix, a newcomer to the School staff. A week later, F. P. Haslam and M. A. Royle led a discussion on "The Victorious Life" and then, just before half-term, two other members of the Fellowship testified to their faith.

On November 3rd Branse Burbridge, of the Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship, showed the Fact and Faith film "Hidden Treasure" to a large audience in the New Hall.

Since the Music Room was occupied by the choir, we found ourselves in new surroundings—the Library—for the next meeting. A team from the Manchester Grammar School Christian Union had been invited and, after testimonies from two other members of the team, G. P. Fox gave a talk, based on Acts, chapter 17, which challenged us all.

An innovation this term has been a "School of Evangelism" with discussion on a series of recorded talks. The Thursday prayer meetings have been a source of power to the Fellowship, and to these, as well as to the Thursday meetings, we invite any members of the School who may be interested.

Cricket**FIRST XI.**

June 18th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Match drawn.

Though a brilliant catch at leg slip by G. S. Phillips gave the School an early victim, the next three batsmen batted extremely well and left us with 151 runs to get in 110 minutes. Under the circumstances the School reply was creditable.

It was good to see C. E. Bryans find his form again. He and M. Lord made an effort to go for the runs, but the earlier batsmen had not been able to score fast enough for there to be any chance of their succeeding.

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

S. M. Jackson ct. Phillips b. M. J. Roberts ...	1
P. N. Hutson not out ...	84
D. M. Green ct. Watson b. Francis ...	31
J. M. Richardson not out ...	27
Extras ...	8

Total (for 2 wickets declared) 151

SCHOOL.

C. Gee ct. Wrigley b. Druce ...	20
N. R. Watson l.b.w. b. Richardson ...	9
G. W. Francis run out ...	19
C. E. Bryans not out ...	46
M. Lord l.b.w. b. Druce ...	11
Extras ...	10

Total (for 4 wickets) 115

J. D. E. Rayman, G. S. Phillips, D. F. Borland, K. S. Williams, M. J. Roberts, D. W. Archer, did not bat.

June 22nd, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. Match drawn.

Some aggressive bowling by C. E. Bryans helped the School to get six of our opponents' wickets, but could not prevent them from scoring at the rate of ninety runs an hour. The School's ground fielding and throwing was painfully poor. Two very unnecessary run outs marred the School's innings, and nobody other than C. Gee and N. R. Watson looked at all likely to score. C. Gee's 62 was a true captain's performance and saved the game.

WHALLEY RANGE.

W. Stansby ct. Borland b. Morris ...	21
B. C. K. Ballinger ct. Gee b. Bryans ...	36
D. Buckland l.b.w. b. Bryans ...	36

N. C. Cuthbert b. Williams ...	30
E. B. Jackson b. Williams ...	1
J. Buckland not out ...	17
D. J. Price ct. Morris b. Bryans ...	9
Extras ...	1

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 151

Land, Winfield, Jackson, Cannell did not bat.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee ct. Cannell b. E. Jackson ...	62
N. R. Watson b. Cuthbert ...	16
G. W. Francis run out ...	2
C. E. Bryans run out ...	0
M. Lord hit wicket b. Cuthbert ...	5
A. C. Morris st. J. Buckland b. Cuthbert ...	0
G. S. Phillips not out ...	5
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Cannell b. Price ...	0
D. F. Borland ct. Cannell b. Price ...	4
Extras ...	6

Total (for 8 wickets) 100

Williams, Archer did not bat.

June 25th. v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFILLD.
Match drawn.

The highlight of this match was the innings of J. D. E. Rayman who scored all round the wicket, and particularly strongly to the leg for his 60 runs. C. Gee also batted well with some splendid cover driving.

The School were robbed of victory by some stubborn batting by D. R. Ridyard, but even so came very near to winning. K. S. Williams, G. W. Francis and M. J. Roberts all bowled well, and the fielding showed a marked improvement.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee hit wicket b. Foley ...	48
N. R. Watson b. Ridyard ...	5
G. W. Francis b. Ridyard ...	0
C. E. Bryans run out ...	3
J. D. E. Rayman run out ...	60
A. C. Morris b. Barker ...	6
T. W. Warnes ct. Williams b. Ridyard ...	2
K. S. Williams not out ...	4
Extras ...	11

Total (for 7 wickets declared) 139

Phillips, Archer, Roberts did not bat.

KING'S SCHOOL.

P. K. Smirles ct. Morris b. Williams	...	...	1
D. A. Williams l.b.w. b. Bryans	...	...	5
J. Roberts ct. Archer b. Roberts	...	...	7
J. A. Lee b. Roberts	...	...	4
M. P. Holland ct. Rayman b. Francis	...	...	22
C. D. R. Barker b. Warnes	...	...	1
O. R. A. Ridyard not out	...	...	13
J. Wilkinson b. Williams	...	...	1
A. Arrowsmith ct. Archer b. Francis	...	...	1
M. J. Rose l.b.w. b. Williams	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	8

Total (for 9 wickets) 63

June 29th, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Lost by 3 wickets.

Despite steady batting by C. Gee, N. Watson and J. D. E. Rayman the School could not reach the 100 mark. A good off-spin bowler at one end and a slow leg-break bowler at the other end discomfited the School. The score changed from 60 for 2 to 60 for 5 thanks to a hat-trick by J. M. Atkinson and the efforts of the later batsmen were disappointing. Our opponents had to fight for their victory against some steady bowling, but the fielding by the School side was again not up to the standard expected.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee hit wicket b. McGlashan	...	...	19
D. W. Archer ct. Stanley b. McGlashan	...	...	1
N. R. Watson l.b.w. b. Atkinson	...	...	32
G. W. Francis run out	...	...	12
C. E. Bryans ct. McGlashan b. Atkinson	...	...	0
M. Lord st. Wood b. Atkinson	...	...	0
J. D. E. Rayman b. McGlashan	...	...	22
D. K. P. Greenwood ct. Townsend	...	...	0
b. McGlashan	...	...	0
T. W. Warnes ct. Flood b. Atkinson	...	...	4
K. S. Williams not out	...	...	4
M. J. Roberts b. Atkinson	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	4

Total 99

WALLASEY.

J. C. Tompkins ct. and b. Francis	...	...	31
R. D. Watkins b. Roberts	...	...	19
P. M. Townsend ct. Warnes b. Francis	...	...	3
J. B. McGlashan b. Williams	...	...	19

G. C. Stanley ct. Archer b. Williams	...	...	9
G. J. Brown run out	...	...	4
A. Flood not out	...	...	7
R. Maffin ct. and b. Roberts	...	...	0
R. W. Kent not out	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	5

Total (for 7 wickets) 100

Atkinson, Wood did not bat.

July 2nd, v. CHEADLE ROYAL. Match drawn.

This was an enjoyable match played in very pleasant surroundings. On a fast true wicket most of the School batsmen scored freely. T. W. Warnes showed that on his day he can be a most attractive batsman, and K. S. Williams confirmed his new position as a reliable run-getter.

Despite accurate bowling by G. W. Francis and some good catches taken, we were unable to dismiss our opponents in the time left.

SCHOOL.

N. R. Watson ct. and b. Smith	...	...	44
K. S. Williams ct. Beech b. Horton	...	...	33
T. W. Warnes ct. Ricketts b. Smith	...	...	35
C. E. Bryans b. Leach	...	...	0
M. Lord ct. Smith b. Downs	...	...	7
C. Gee not out	...	...	16
J. D. E. Rayman not out	...	...	17
Extras	...	...	8

Total (for 5 wickets declared) 160

Robertson, Francis, Roberts, Archer, did not bat.

CHEADLE ROYAL.

Davies ct. Warnes b. Williams	...	...	5
R. E. Ricketts ct. Rayman b. Williams	...	...	10
J. Leach l.b.w. b. Francis	...	...	48
A. Downs l.b.w. b. Francis	...	...	7
J. Gresty b. Francis	...	...	3
A. Horton ct. Robertson b. Bryans	...	...	4
T. Beech not out	...	...	0
Heath not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	7

Total (for 6 wickets) 85

Pickford, Smith, Henriques did not bat.

July 5th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Match drawn.

This was a most exciting match. Wakefield started disastrously and lost six wickets for only 55 runs. A magnificent innings by their captain and a dogged stand by one of the tail batsmen put a different aspect on the game, and left us with 158 runs to get to win in 120 minutes. 132 runs were got for the loss of 5 wickets, and 18 minutes were left to get the 26 runs needed for victory. Then disaster overtook the School and wicket after wicket fell as hurrying batsmen took needless risks. In the end, what was nearly victory turned into a narrowly avoided defeat.

WAKEFIELD.

E. M. Holstead l.b.w. b. Roberts	4
T. Cass l.b.w. b. Williams	2
I. Plimmer b. Francis	20
C. J. Littlewood ct. Duckworth b. Williams	69
D. A. Harrison l.b.w. b. Williams	2
J. M. Bronley b. Francis	0
J. H. Holt b. Francis	4
R. G. Smith b. Francis	30
T. Lomas not out	9
T. Crofts ct. Phillips b. Williams	0
P. N. Lees l.b.w. b. Williams	0
Extras	17
Total	157

SCHOOL.

N. R. Watson ct. Plimmer b. Cass	46
K. S. Williams ct. Harrison b. Lees	3
T. W. Warnes b. Lomas	28
C. E. Bryans ct. Bromley b. Smith	18
M. Lord ct. Harrison b. Plimmer	16
C. Gee ct. Crofts b. Plimmer	19
J. D. E. Rayman l.b.w. b. Plimmer	1
G. W. Francis ct. and b. Plimmer	3
G. S. Phillips not out	5
F. Duckworth run out	1
M. J. Roberts not out	0
Extras	8
Total (for 9 wickets)	148

July 6th, v. OLD BOYS. Lost by 123 runs.

This was a rather humiliating defeat. C. E. Bryans bowled well and took 5 wickets for 64 runs, but aggressive batting by A. Godson, B.

McNab and J. Buckland left the School facing a formidable total. It is difficult to explain the complete failure of all the School batsmen. The fast bowling of A. Godson and the reputation of J. K. Glover seemed to demoralise them, and none of them offered any serious resistance.

OLD BOYS.

A. Godson ct. Phillips b. Bryans	38
N. C. Cuthbert b. Bryans	7
G. B. Lawson b. Bryans	2
B. C. K. Ballinger ct. Archer b. Bryans	0
B. McNab ct. Gee b. Williams	41
J. K. Glover b. Bryans	10
R. Edwards l.b.w. b. Roberts	2
J. Buckland not out	43
J. Winfield not out	2
Extras	10

Total (for 7 wickets declared) 155

Jackson did not bat.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee ct. Buckland b. McNab	3
N. R. Watson ct. Winfield b. Godson	2
T. W. Warnes b. Glover	13
C. E. Bryans ct. Lawson b. Godson	2
M. Lord b. McNab	1
J. D. E. Rayman run out	4
K. S. Williams b. Cuthbert	2
G. W. Francis b. Cuthbert	2
G. S. Phillips st. Buckland b. Cuthbert	1
G. W. Archer ct. Glover b. Jackson	1
M. J. Roberts not out	0
Extras	1
Total	32

July 9th, v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL, CROSBY. Lost by 3 wickets.

Once again two completely needless run-outs marred the School innings and probably cost us the match. The wicket was perfect and the outfield very fast. J. D. Rayman batted well again and C. E. Bryans scored quickly if at times with unorthodox strokes. The later batsmen were once more disappointing, and with only 133 to our credit we expected a quick defeat. Some accurate and really aggressive bowling by K. S. Williams and C. E. Bryans, however, brought 4 wickets for less than 30 runs. Hopes of a victory rose, but were dashed

by a steady 73 runs by J. Hollowood. Even so the end was exciting, and our opponents only got the runs with a few minutes to spare.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee l.b.w. b. Alty	16
K. S. Williams l.b.w. b. Bryson	8
N. R. Watson run out	0
M. Lord run out...	16
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Tattersall b. Alty	40
C. E. Bryans b. Alty	33
G. W. Francis l.b.w. b. Alty	1
G. S. Phillips b. Treeby	0
T. W. Warnes b. Treeby	1
D. W. Archer b. Alty...	5
M. J. Roberts not out	0
Extras	13
Total	133

MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL.

I. R. Tattersall ct. Phillips b. Williams	4
I. A. Corless b. Williams	0
J. Hollowood not out	73
D. M. Alty b. Bryans...	0
T. R. Manson b. Bryans	3
J. Sharrock b. Francis	21
R. W. T. Myall b. Bryans	17
L. N. Treeby l.b.w. b. Bryans	0
B. St. J. Birchall not out	5
Extras	11
Total (for 7 wickets)	134

C. G. Dean, J. Bryson did not bat.

July 11th. v. THE STAFF. Match drawn.

After a good deal of practice at the new nets, Staff hopes were high for a long looked-for victory.

It is a pity that the School side does not show the same disregard for the hopes of other of their opponents.

Against some useful bowling by the Headmaster, Mr. Morley and Mr. Pentelow they scored 132 runs in 100 minutes for the loss of three wickets. C. E. Bryans and C. Gee showed little respect for the bowling. As a bowler C. E. Bryans showed even less respect for the Staff batsmen and took 8 wickets for 23 runs including a hat-trick.

Mr. Morley made the score look respectable and Mr. Clews helped largely to save the match by scoring 10 runs and staying for 50 minutes.

SCHOOL.

K. S. Williams ct. McCulloch b. Pentelow	17
D. W. Archer b. Morley	3
C. Gee not out	57
N. R. Watson run out	5
C. E. Bryans not out	45
Extras	5
Total (for 3 wickets declared)	132

STAFF.

Mr. Watts b. Williams	1
Mr. Evans b. Bryans	8
Mr. Pentelow b. Bryans	7
Mr. Kirkham b. Bryans	0
Mr. Morley b. Bryans	37
Mr. Thornton b. Bryans	0
Mr. Clews b. Bryans	10
Mr. Bird b. Bryans	0
Mr. Haynes l.b.w. b. Bryans	0
Mr. Peat not out...	0
Mr. McCulloch not out	0
Extras	1
Total (for 9 wickets)	64

July 13th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Won by 29 runs.

C. Gee and N. R. Watson gave the School a good start with some steady batting but a collapse followed and five wickets were soon down for only 60 runs. T. W. Warnes and J. D. Rayman saved the innings with some attractive batting. The tail-enders failed to score more than a few runs between them.

K. S. Williams had his most successful bowling spell of the season taking six wickets for 29 runs, and the fielding was unusually and refreshingly good. Some good catches were taken, and G. S. Phillips took two particularly hard chances.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee ct. Breary b. Lloyd	19
N. R. Watson ct. Watson b. Breary	26
A. C. Morris b. Lloyd	0
M. Lord b. Breary	2
C. E. Bryans b. Watson	2
T. W. Warnes b. Watson	18
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Breary b. Lloyd	51
G. W. Francis b. Lloyd	11
G. S. Phillips l.b.w. b. Breary	3
K. S. Williams not out	1
D. W. Archer b. Lloyd	0
Extras	13
Total	146

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

M. R. Breary b. Williams	1
J. R. Grundy l.b.w. b. Warnes	12
K. W. Armstrong b. Williams	7
P. E. F. Youd ct. Phillips b. Williams	0
A. M. Roberts ct. Phillips b. Williams	31
J. F. Davies ct. Rayman b. Bryans...	19
J. G. Blanchard ct. Archer b. Francis	8
M. J. Twinn not out	15
G. R. Brown ct. Gee b. Williams	7
A. E. Watson b. Williams	0
R. E. Lloyd run out	0
Extras	16
Total	117

July 14th, v. ERIC BARNES XI. Match lost.

This was a dismal match to finish the season with. In defence of the School side, however, it can be said that the very fast bowling of A. Godson on a somewhat uncertain wicket was probably fiercer than schoolboys could be reasonably expected to face. It was only when A. Godson was taken off that T. W. Warnes, K. S. Williams and G. W. Francis were able to get into double figures.

The School bowlers were unable to give much trouble to their opponents' opening batsmen, both notable run-getters in good class club cricket. The 86 runs needed for victory were knocked off in little over an hour.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee b. Godson	7
N. R. Watson b. Kennedy	2
A. C. Morris b. Godson	4
M. Lord b. Godson	2
C. E. Bryans ct. Lawson b. Godson	0
J. D. E. Rayman b. Shaw	0
T. W. Warnes ct. Wiggans b. Cuthbert	18
K. S. Williams ct. Land b. Whittaker	14
G. W. Francis not out	19
G. S. Phillips ct. Winfield b. Land	2
D. W. Archer b. Land	2
Extras	15
Total	85

ERIC BARNES XI.

J. Winfield not out	33
Wiggans ct. Gee b. Warnes	41
G. B. Lawson not out	7
Extras	8
Total (for 1 wicket)	89

The season can only be described as disappointing, in spite of the fact that our leading batsmen scored considerably more runs than were scored last year. The fielding was very variable, and one felt on several occasions that the will to win was lacking. The side was potentially better than the record suggests.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Avge.
C. Gee	14	2	328	27.3
J. D. Rayman	12	1	218	19.8
K. S. Williams	12	5	124	17.7
N. R. Watson	14	0	242	17.3
T. W. Warnes	8	0	119	14.9
C. E. Bryans	13	2	154	14.0

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	R.	W.	Avge.
K. S. Williams	154	396	31	12.8
C. E. Bryans	133	340	24	14.1
G. W. Francis	114	321	20	16.1
M. J. Roberts	76	208	10	20.8

Colours were awarded to:—

C. Gee (Capt.), C. E. Bryans (Vice-Capt.), N. R. Watson, T. W. Warnes, M. Lord, K. S. Williams, D. W. Archer, J. D. E. Rayman, G. W. Francis and M. J. Roberts.

SECOND XI.

The team had another good season, and though they lost three matches, two of these had very close finishes, and the other was lost by going for a large total of runs.

With ten of the side acknowledged batsmen, the making of runs generally caused little trouble, except in the match against Manchester Grammar School when almost everyone was baffled by good leg-break bowling on an unkind wicket. Special mention must be made of hard-hitting innings by K. L. Kilbey and J. Davis and the consistency of D. K. P. Greenwood, whose firm captaincy we shall miss next year.

The bowling was not nearly so strong, especially when we had lost M. J. Roberts and G. F. Francis to the First Eleven. A. C. Morris, P. H. F. Ribbon and K. L. Kilbey all bowled with determination and E. A. Royle's leg-breaks were invaluable on more than one occasion, but our bowling hardly ever seemed dangerous and sadly lacked variety.

The fielding was good, and here Greenwood and Morris set a high standard. The running between wickets had improved since last year. If any general criticism is to be made, it is that the side for short but crucial periods sometimes lost its grip on the game, and our opponents were not slow to take advantage of this.

RECORD.—Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3.

RESULTS

(not previously reported).

June 18th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XI (Home). School 71 (Dover 6 for 9); Manchester G.S. 72 for 9 (Morris 5 for 23, Kilbey 4 for 22). Manchester G.S. won by 1 wicket.

June 25th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD 2nd XI (Home). School 161 for 3 declared (Kilbey n.o. 73, Royle 30, Borland n.o. 25, Greenwood 24); King's School, Macclesfield 63 (Royle 4 for 23). School won by 98 runs.

July 5th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S., WAKEFIELD 2nd XI. (Away). Queen Elizabeth's G.S. 175; School 132 (Davis 43, Greenwood n.o. 26). Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield won by 43 runs.

July 9th, v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL, CROSBY, 2nd XI. (Home). Merchant Taylor's 139 for 8 declared; School 141 for 4 (Davis, 68 Greenwood 33, Borland 23). School won by 6 wickets.

July 13th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL 2nd XI. (Home). School 130 (Hague 26, Kilbey 20, Pitty n.o. 18, Ribbon 18, Marsden 17); Birkenhead 131 for 9. Birkenhead won by 1 wicket.

BATTING AVERAGES include—

	Inns.	Out	Not Highest Score	Runs	Avg.
Kilbey	6	2	73n.o.	142	35.5
Davis	5	—	68	112	22.4
Greenwood ...	7	2	33	107	21.4
Borland	4	1	25n.o.	56	18.6
Morris	5	1	27	69	17.2

BOWLING—

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Morris	49.2	14	96	15	6.5
Ribbon	67.1	16	173	12	14.4
Kilbey	46.1	12	113	9	12.5
Royle	33	10	83	8	10.4
Delany	32	6	85	6	13.18

Colours were re-awarded to:—

D. K. P. Greenwood (Capt.), A. C. Morris (Vice-Capt.), K. L. Kilbey, E. A. Royle, J. H. Delany, J. Davis, P. H. F. Ribbon, J. D. Hague and R. E. Williams.

Colours were awarded to:—

D. F. Borland and A. F. Pitty.

UNDER 15 XI.

The early part of the summer was a strange mixture of torrential rain and bright sunshine. Practice was often interrupted, but the match programme was completed. This perhaps explains why the batting, with one exception, was uncertain. The exception was M. P. Robinson, who scored 284 runs in eight innings, and as he was not out three times his average was nearly 60. He was not quite so effective with his field placing and his bowling changes, and this accounts for the second of the two defeats. P. Bardsley was a very useful all-round player, D. Hallard bowled left arm slow spinners intelligently and R. G. Harrison had occasional devastating spells as a fast bowler. The fielding was usually competent and sometimes brilliant. Five matches were won, one was drawn, and two were lost.

Caps were awarded to M. P. Robinson, P. Bardsley, M. H. F. Cocker, D. Hallard, J. Slater, R. G. Harrison, A. M. Veal, W. D. Yale and R. Millner. J. G. Mitchell, J. B. Parkinson, A. J. Woodward, J. M. A. Thompson and G. M. Geary also played.

RESULTS.

Wednesday, May 18th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won by 40 runs. School 68 (M. P. Robinson 30, P. Bardsley 13); Cheadle Hulme 28 (R. G. Harrison 8 for 9).

Saturday, May 21st, v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Home. Won by 4 wickets. Bolton 57 (R. G. Harrison 5 for 14, M. H. F. Cocker 4 for 13); School 58 for 6 (R. Millner 14, J. Slater 19 not out).

Saturday, June 11th, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. Won by 44 runs. School 157 for 9 declared (M. P. Robinson 67, R. M. Millner 20, W. D. Yale 20, R. G. Harrison 20, J. Slater 17 not out). Lytham 113 (R. G. Harrison 5 for 34).

Saturday, June 18th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Match drawn. School 68 for 8 declared (M. P. Robinson 16, A. M. Veal 15), M.G.S. 62 for 7 wickets (D. Hallard 3 for 13, M. H. F. Cocker 2 for 17).

Saturday, June 25th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Won by 66 runs. School 99 for 7 declared (M. P. Robinson 58 not out); Macclesfield 33 (R. G. Harrison 4 for 12, D. Hallard 4 for 7).

Wednesday, July 29th, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 121 runs. Wallasey 153 for 7 declared; School 32.

Saturday, July 9th, v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL. Away. Won by 8 wickets. Merchant Taylor's 65 (D. Hallard 6 for 21, P. Bardsley 2 for 25); School 66 for 2 (M. P. Robinson 24 not out).

Wednesday, July 13th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 3 wickets. School 136 (M. P. Robinson 81 not out); Birkenhead 139 for 7 wickets (P. Bardsley 5 for 35).

HOUSE CRICKET.

After the Whitsun holiday only one games afternoon was lost because of rain, and consequently a full programme of League matches was completed. The disappearance of "Pick-Ups" meant that every game played counted towards the House Table and as a result there was a definite improvement in attendance and keenness.

Heywood took an early lead in the League, and held it throughout the season. The final positions were as follows:—

Heywood	107 points.
Dalton	88 "
Gaskell	87 "
Whitworth	82 "
Fraser	60 "
Byrom	49 "

The final of the Junior Knock-out, played on July 2nd, resulted in a victory for the very competent Fraser team who defeated Dalton by seven wickets.

The Senior finalists were Byrom and Gaskell, and after a keenly fought match, in which the fielding of both sides was excellent, Gaskell was successful by two wickets.

The First Forms played on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, and, after being dogged by bad weather until Whitsun, were able to play a satisfying number of practice and form games. As a result of these games two boys were selected for Under 14 matches.

During the term a large quantity of new equipment has been bought and is being introduced into the House Games kit.

These notes would be incomplete without a reference to the hard work of "Fred" and his assistant who helped so much to overcome the difficulties arising from the lack of a groundsman.

Rugby Football

FIRST XV.

Three practices were held before the Michaelmas term began. These were quite well attended and undoubtedly helped players to get fit and may have helped to keep the XV so fortunately free of minor injuries.

The season started with eight old colours and a potentially strong and experienced side. The forwards whose average weight is just over 12 stone have been well led by N. V. Barber. They were not combining well in the loose to start with, but after a number of fairly radical changes are now playing with robust determination and ever-improving skill. P. J. Richards has found his place at wing-forward and uses his speed and passing ability to good effect. C. E. Bryans, the captain, after showing himself a tireless wing-forward, has returned to the inside three-quarter position, where he leads well a back division that has real thrust and penetration. After losing to King's School, Macclesfield, through lack of stamina, training sessions have been designed to get players really fit, and at the time of going to press the side has won some good victories and seems to be settling down into becoming a really useful team.

Sept. 28.—v. L. H. Watkins XV ... H L 8—9

This narrow victory was gained by experience. I. H. Watts kicked well and saved his side much energy, and dropped the goal that won the match

for the visitors. The School scored first when C. E. Bryans cross-kicked for M. Lord to score a try which N. V. Barber converted. B. A. Jackson dived on to a loose ball for the other School try. The School forwards were not very satisfactory, and J. Collinson, one of the best of them, sustained an ankle injury which kept him out of the side for over a month.

Oct. 8.—v. Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C. H L 0—14

The score suggests a more convincing win for our opponents than was actually the case. In fact there was no score at half-time. The Old Boys scrum, however, was heavier and more active in the loose scrummages. They had more of the ball than the School and exploited the blind side successfully. A. C. Morris at full back tackled fearlessly, but his handling of the ball, and positioning was suspect. M. Lord hung on to the ball too long and confirmed a suspicion that he has lost some of his speed.

Oct. 12.—v. King's School,
Macclesfield H L 11—14

This was a most enjoyable game and started off at a great pace. The Macclesfield forwards in their eagerness conceded two penalties which N. V. Barber kicked. The School backs with an excellent service from both the scrums and line-outs were ineffectual, and it was a forward, P. J. Richards, who finally picked up a loose ball near the Macclesfield line and scored. N. V. Barber converted. A penalty goal for our opponents left the score 11—3 at half-time.

After the interval the superior fitness of Macclesfield told and a final try in the last minute gave them the victory.

Oct. 22.—v. Hulme Hall H W 21—0

The two sets of forwards were evenly matched in size, but the School pack was out-hooked by an experienced hooker. M. Lord was moved to full-back for this match, and the reorganised back division with C. E. Bryans and C. G. McDiarmid in the centre and J. D. E. Rayman on the wing looked capable of scoring frequently. They made the most of their opportunities, and scored mostly from orthodox movements. B. A. Jackson obtained the first try after beating an opponent for a touch down, and J. D. E. Rayman cut inside to score another. N. V. Barber improved both tries and kicked a penalty goal to make the half-time score 13—0. In the second half B. A. Jackson handed off several players and scored again. P. J. Richards who was playing at wing-forward and made a number of good runs gathered the ball from a line out and pushed his way over for a good try that was again converted.

Oct. 26.—v. Cheadle Hulme School A W 18—6

The day was wet for this game, but the plastic ball used remained light and play was open. Early on C. E. Bryans sent a stray pass but it bounced conveniently for J. D. E. Rayman to gather, and he ran skilfully for thirty yards to score. The forwards showed great energy and bustle and P. J. Richards running strongly took play near to the goal line. From a five yard scrum R. E. Williams seemed to stroll round the scrum and calmly score without being touched. N. V. Barber converted. A penalty goal for Cheadle Hulme made the score 8—3 at half-time. In the next half, Cheadle Hulme scored one try and nearly scored again. Then C. G. McDiarmid picked up a loose ball at speed and ran nearly from the half-way line to score. Towards the end of the game came an excellent try. J. D. Hague beat his man and linked up again with C. E. Bryans at inside-centre, who slipped a quick pass out for C. G. McDiarmid to score. N. V. Barber who led the forwards well and whose kicking was particularly good, converted both tries.

M. Lord appeared rather too confident at full back, and did not always get to the ball when he should have done. His fielding and kicking however were safe.

Nov. 2.—v. King Edward VII School,
Lytham. H W 42—0

In spite of a bitterly cold rainy afternoon the School kept the ball moving and played open attractive football. Both forwards and backs played very well. C. H. Jarman played his usual sound game, always in the thick of things and rarely seen. T. D. Culbert and T. W. Woodward both worked extremely hard, but the hooking was not satisfactory. R. B. Edge and T. J. Bush continued to jump well in the line-outs and show fight in the loose, but still need to get lower in the tight scrums. K. J. Hinson played well and scored after a characteristic dribble. He also inter-passed well with the other loose forward, P. J. Richards, to engineer another try. The backs should have suffered from a tendency of J. D. Hague to run too wide, but nevertheless, thanks to inadequate covering by the Lytham forwards, seemed to score at will. It is to be hoped that J. D. E. Rayman and C. G. McDiarmid will learn to beat their men by going outside them rather than by turning in.

Tries were scored by:—J. D. E. Rayman (3), C. G. McDiarmid (3), P. J. Richards (2), K. J. Hinson (1), N. V. Barber converted six tries, and J. D. E. Rayman dropped a goal.

Nov. 12.—v. Manchester Grammar School. H W 36—6

C. E. Bryans broke through after a quick heel to score under the posts after five minutes. Soon after the ball travelled quickly to J. D. E. Rayman who was well tackled after a strong run, but C. E. Bryans was there to score again. After an upfield dribble by the forwards N. V. Barber picked up and scored to make the score 13—0. Shortly after this N. V. Barber had to go off for ten minutes to have a cut on his forehead attended to. His absence was severely felt and the Manchester Grammar School scored a penalty goal and a try. The School scored again before half-time after the centres had broken through and sent J. D. E. Rayman away. Other tries were scored by J. D. E. Rayman after a long pass from K. J. Hinson, R. E. Williams in a blind-side break, and J. D. Hague who dummied beautifully to score near the posts. Finally P. J. Richards picked up after a forward dribble, accelerated through a bunch of players and brushed past the full-back to score. N. V. Barber converted three tries.

This victory strengthened confidence and was very encouraging, but there is still room for improvement in the loose forward play.

Colours have been awarded to:—

C. E. Bryans (Captain), P. J. Richards (Vice-Captain), N. V. Barber, C. H. Jarman, J. Collinson, K. J. Hinson, R. E. Williams, J. D. Rayman, J. D. Hague, C. G. McDiarmid, M. Lord, T. D. Culbert, B. A. Jackson.

Up to the time of writing the following have also played for the School: R. B. Edge, T. J. Bush, T. W. Woodward, A. C. Morris.

SECOND XV.

The side has been stronger than usual and has only been defeated once so far. The side has been able to call on a considerable number of players of an equally sound standard. Many changes have been made necessary by injuries and the demands of the 1st XV. Weight has not been the main factor in the success of the pack. The forwards have shown speed and determination in the loose, and have bound together quite well in the tight scrums. The halves, T. V. Jones and B. Cartwright, have worked well together and have given good service to the backs, who have handled well and run hard. G. S. Phillips has been outstanding. The chief fault with the side is that the tackling has been weak. The side has been ably and enthusiastically captained by J. Davis.

The game against Oldham was won by hard work in the loose by the pack and skilful play by the backs. J. D. E. Rayman played a particularly good game. Against Old Hulmeians several changes had to be made in the side; in particular both half-backs were unable to play. The side, however, was far from disgraced, though well beaten by a heavier and more experienced side.

The game against Macclesfield was hard fought, but our tackling weakness was shown up. The game was eventually won by a fine last-minute try by T. L. Venables. Against Cheadle Hulme and Lytham the side played fast open football and scored frequently. The Manchester Grammar School game was notable for the determined way in which the School side fought back after being six points down at half-time.

It only remains to say that hopes for the rest of the season are high.

The team has been chosen from the following:—

J. Davis (Captain), G. S. Phillips, A. C. Morris, T. L. Venables, J. B. Wigglesworth, G. H. Lynn, A. E. Backhouse, R. A. Dearden, R. B. Edge, T. J. Bush, J. W. Fearon, T. V. Jones, B. Cartwright, T. W. Warnes, D. L. Watkin, G. H. Stockdale, A. M. Fish, K. S. Williams, D. S. Armstrong, R. B. Woolham, A. W. Day.

RESULTS.

v.—Oldham R.U.F.C. Colts XV.....	W	17—5
v.—Old Hulmeians R.F.C.	L	9—17
v.—King's School, Macclesfield.....	W	11—6
v.—Cheadle Hulme School	W	38—0
v.—King Edward VII School, Lytham	W	19—0
v.—Manchester Grammar School ...	W	17—9

UNDER 15.

The main strength of the side has been a robust pack of forwards who have worked well in the line out and the set scrums and have been energetic in the loose, though their defensive covering has been faulty at times. The backs have looked potentially dangerous, but, as yet, the line has not developed co-operative thrust. The tackling has improved after being shaky in earlier games, especially against Denstone. G. Thorp, the captain, and P. Bardsley, the vice-captain, have led the side well. Many points have been missed through poor goal-kicking.

The team has generally been:—W. D. Yale, B. W. Maurice, M. P. Robinson, B. Wienholt, G. M. Geary, P. Bardsley, D. L. Mather, N. M. Parr, J. B. Kershaw, R. B. Rudkin, R. H. Eldridge, I. H. Cottrill, D. Paton, H. R. McCallum, G. Thorp.

The following have also played:—D. W. Robinson, G. P. Mainwaring, V. H. Lucas.

RESULTS.

Oct. 8.—v. Stockport Grammar	School	H	D	8—8
Oct. 12.—v. King's School,	Macclesfield	H	L	5—14
Oct. 22.—v. Chetham's Hospital	H	W		3—0
Oct. 26.—v. Denstone	A	L		3—20
Nov. 2.—v. King Edward VII School,	Lytham	H	W	30—3
Nov. 12.—v. Manchester Grammar	School	H	W	11—6

Swimming

A swimming competition was held at Moss Side Baths on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 9th, to decide the winner of the Swimming Trophy and the winner of the Lady Mather Cup.

One hundred and twenty boys competed and showed an enthusiasm which was very encouraging. Each event was divided into heats, four boys in each heat, and times were taken. The first four places were decided on these times.

It must be recorded that the boys' Medley Team beat the masters' Medley, but they met with stern opposition.

RESULTS.

HOUSE TROPHY—Whitworth, 83 pts. out of a possible 236 pts. Runners-up Fraser, 62½ pts.

LADY MATHER CUP—G. H. Stockdale, 24 pts.

FREE STYLE—

Under 13, 25 yds.: 1, I. Cunningham; 2, J. Smith; 3, R. Harvey; 4, A. Thomas. 17.4 secs.

Under 14, 25 yds.: 1, I. Lawless; 2, P. Reany; 3, C. Swann; 4, D. Paton. 13.6 secs.

Under 15, 25 yds.: 1, H. McCallum; 2, R. Heath; 3, R. Whitaker; 4, N. Parr. 13.8 secs.

Under 16, 50 yds.: 1, T. Batley; 2, D. Heighway; 3, M. Roxburgh; 4, E. Miles. 38 secs.

16 and over, 50 yds.: 1, G. Stockdale; 2, C. McDiarmid; 3, J. Tatham; 4, G. Lynn. 26.8 secs.

16 and over, 100 yds.: 1, G. Stockdale; 2, G. Lynn; 3, J. Collinson; 4, T. Culbert. 59.8 secs.

BREAST STROKE—

Under 13, 25 yds.: 1, D. Jones; 2, R. Bellass; 3, J. Litherland; 4, R. Harvey. 21.1 secs.

Under 14, 25 yds.: 1, A. Chesworth; 2, I. Lawless; 3, G. Pomfret; 4, P. Reany. 20.2 secs.

Under 15, 25 yds.: 1, P. Gee; 2, G. Geary; 3, J. Bloomer; 4, C. Anderson. 21 secs.

Under 16, 50 yds.: 1, T. Craven; 2, J. Kershaw; 3, T. Batley; 4, B. Jackson. 39.8 secs.

16 and over, 50 yds.: 1, G. Stockdale; 2, N. Barber; 3, A. Day; 4, S. Billcliff. 36.4 secs.

BACK STROKE—

Under 13, 25 yds.: 1, I. Cunningham; 2, M. Hanant; 3, J. Robinson; 4, A. Lees. 21 secs.

Under 14, 25 yds.: 1, C. Swann; 2, D. Paton; 3, P. Reany; 4, I. Lawless. 17.2 secs.

Under 15, 25 yds.: 1, R. Rudkin; 2, N. Parr; 3, R. Eldridge; 4, C. Worsnip. 21 secs.

Under 16, 50 yds.: 1, J. Kershaw; 2, N. Dewhurst; 3, M. Roxburgh; 4, T. Batley. 38 secs.

16 and over, 50 yds.: 1, G. Stockdale; 2, J. Tatham; 3, J. Collinson; 4, C. McDiarmid. 33.4 secs.

OPEN, 25 YDS. UNDER WATER—

1, G. Stockdale; 2, A. Day; 3, N. Barber; 4, B. Jackson. 16.2 secs.

DIVING—

Under 13: 1, D. Brooks; 2, J. Smith; 3, J. Litherland; 4, J. Woodhead.

Under 14: 1, G. Pomfret; 2, I. Lawless; 3, R. Stockdale; 4, J. Cochrane.

Under 15: 1, R. Heath; 2, C. Stubbs; 3, G. Orford; 4, C. Anderson.

Under 16: 1, T. Craven; 2, J. Kershaw; 3, M. Catlow; 4, D. Heighway.

16 and over: 1, G. Stockdale; 2, J. Tatham; 3, K. Williams; 4, J. Carter.

RELAY, TEAMS OF FOUR, 25 YDS. EACH—

Under 15: 1, Byrom; 2, Fraser; 3, Gaskell; 4, Dalton. 65.2 secs.

15 and over: 1, Whitworth; 2, Byrom; 3, Fraser; 4, Heywood. 58 secs.

In the Manchester and District Schoolboys' Championships, I. Lawless won the Judson Cup and G. H. Stockdale the Rothwell Shield.

I. Lawless and C. Swann represented Manchester Schools at the County Championships at Nelson. G. H. Stockdale was selected to swim for the Manchester Schools against Cheshire and also against Yorkshire.

Paris, 1955

A party of fourteen boys accompanied by Mr. Collings set off from Manchester on July 31st for a ten-day visit to Paris. After a punctual, though rather crowded journey *via* Newhaven-Dieppe, they found themselves comfortably installed in the Lycée Jean Baptiste Say at Auteuil, one of the most pleasant inner suburbs of Paris. From then on a comprehensive programme of visits was begun. These included motor tours of Paris, the ascent of the Eiffel Tower, a long visit to the Louvre, the ascent of the tower of Notre Dame and the long climb up to the Sacre-Coeur. To the impressive total of stairs climbed must be added the continual training on the entrance flights to the Métro! An occasional rest in the gardens of the Luxembourg or of the Tuileries sufficed to keep the party on its feet and the sight-seeing was not tiring enough to prevent some vigorous football each evening in the School playground. The tour concluded with a full-day excursion by coach to Versailles where, after an interesting visit to the Palace, a pleasant afternoon was spent in the grounds.

The Hulme Lads' Club

The annual collection has started as usual, and we hope that the result will enable the invaluable work of the Club to be maintained and developed.

Under modern conditions, the dire poverty, against which the Club struggled in its early days, has largely disappeared; but the need of opportunities for healthy recreation under wise and friendly leadership is greater than ever.

A large number of boys from School and their parents attended the Open Night at the Club on November 3rd, and spent an interesting and enjoyable evening. An innovation was a challenge from the Club to the School to play them at five-a-side soccer in the gym. Two teams were found, and while the seniors lost as expected to such experts at the game, the juniors surprised everyone, and perhaps themselves, by gaining a well-deserved victory.

The Confession

"—and after that I went to the capitalist agents' house taking with me information prejudicial to the Peoples' Republic. The names of the capitalist agents are . . ."

"Did I really say that? I know I didn't. I must stop him reading it. Must stop him reading it. Stop him reading it, somehow.

"But it's only the blood thumping in my temples. They can't hear me shouting. It's funny to think of all that blood going round, just under my skin, bursting in the little veins. It'll be strange when I can't hear it any more. But it doesn't matter, it all seems so far away—the court-room, and the men in black, and the voice buzzing on, and on the window pane a fly buzzing—all going down into a tunnel.

"There's only the chestnut tree outside the window that matters, and all the blossom in the sunshine, and all the sunshine outside, and only reflections on the dust inside.

"It's strange about chestnuts. We used to eat them round the fire at Christmas. Father used to say, 'Wait till they pop, then you know they're ready,' but we used to snatch them before, and they burnt our fingers round the black parts when we peeled them, and Oh! the smell!

"He's turned over the page now. It won't be long before he comes to when I went into the park with the plans in my brief-case.

"But there was no brief-case in the park, only Elena, smiling like the Spring, only the trees in flower, only the rain-drops like rainbows, and a rainbow in the black over the house-tops, only the sweet smell of the leaves, and of the rain on Elena's mac, and she was smiling, and there was light in her eyes.

"Light! O God! Light! Light! O God switch out the light! There's nothing but arc-light, and blood light, and screaming light voices coming out of nowhere, 'confession! confession! confession!' The light's burnt out my eyes and my brain. This isn't me here, only the pain in my eyes, and the voices out of the light, and the pain, and the voices, and the light, light, pain, voices . . . I might have said anything for all I know.

"I said a great deal—See he's nearly at the end now. There are pins and needles in my feet. I'll be glad when it's over, they might let me sleep—I sat at university and said, 'We must improve the lot of the workers.' They used to jeer at the students in the street, but I pretended it was only their ignorance.

"We used to meet in secret in each other's rooms at night. Dmitri would make coffee and it would grow cold while we wrangled, hanging the fate of the world upon a hair's-breadth of argument, pigeon-holing history, and always young, excited voices talking.

"Now They are talking to me—'Prisoner have you anything to say?'—(that is the man in the wig). I have nothing to say, nothing at all. I've said everything I have to say.

"I remember I said the last things to Elena at the revolution. We were all hot and dirty. I had taken my tie off. The houses were burning red over the river, and the mob were shouting for blood, and all the blood was in Elena's eyes red with crying.

"We must form a committee, an executive committee, a consultative committee, a workers' committee, a constitutional assembly to debate legislation. I'm sorry, Elena, I must serve the cause before myself. There must be blood shed. If you are not for us then you are against us."

"And she went away into the lamplight of the puddles down the alley, a yellow mac silhouette, very slowly, trembling with crying.

"My dear comrade I cannot possibly agree with you"

"But comrade, with all due respect, unless"

"Order comrades! Order!"

"But there was a dark faced little man with a pointed beard whom we took little notice of until he got up on carts and started yelling to the mob, and it was too late then. But they might have kept their muddy feet off my carpet, and respected my books—equality is all very well, but my books were valuable."

"—Tried, found guilty, and rightly so, by the representatives of the people, and condemned to death."

"What is it to die for then there are no more lamps to blaze in my brain? 'And he said, "Death. where is thy sting, grave where"'—The fly on the window pane has gone away. I am going away.

"These men are very big, and my shoulders are round, and my back hollow. They might just let me rest before we go down the tunnel through the lamp-light. I would like to think Elena was at the end, but there is only a little cobbled courtyard.

"I wonder where she went to? Nowhere, I suppose, except to hang out washing on a line. 'And he said, "Love where are your clothes-pegs?" and down came a jack-daw and pecked off her nose.' Goodbye chestnut tree outside the window. When

we were young we used to burn our fingers not knowing the chestnuts were hot. Let me go down the tunnel. My head is swimming and I do not know who I am."

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A Letter from an Antarctic Penguin

To the Editor of "The Times."

Sir, All penguins have read with interest your articles on the forthcoming Trans-Antarctic expedition.

Our first thoughts about the expedition were of pleasure because many of us remember the kindness shown to us, especially by the photographers, of the 1910-13 expedition.

But our pleasure was clouded by the statement that dogs would again be taken. Our memories of dogs are unhappy. Not only are they noisy and troublesome, but several of our number were actually eaten by them, among them being my uncle.

One would not think that dogs would be needed in this age of mechanical inventions, one of which, the weasel, may be soon be amongst us.

From pictures of weasels in a natural history book left behind by a previous expedition, we feel sure that these mechanical weasels must be terrifying.

The Penguin Union in its autumn debate agreed, amid flapping flippers and flying feathers, that "this house dreads weasels more than dogs," and Public Opinion Polls conducted by the "Daily Penguin Express" confirm this view, but our great terror of dogs remains.

All this week the Penguin Parliament has been discussing this question of dogs and weasels and last night the Emperor Penguin opposition party joined with the Adélie Penguin government to pass a bill by which we will leave the British Commonwealth and form a United Penguin Republic if weasels and dogs come to Antarctica. The United Kingdom Government has been informed of these steps and has done nothing, but we are determined to carry our threat into effect.

I write this letter so that the British public may know of our fears and I hope that it will support our efforts to prevent renewed terrorism by dogs and weasels.