

To the Governors of Southgate County School.

In submitting this my first report, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the high honour conferred on me by my appointment as acting Headmaster.

The school opened on Tuesday, 24th April. The number of pupils in attendance is 537, 291 boys and 246 girls.

STAFF. Miss Burr who has anaemia and was absent in March will probably be absent until the end of June.

Miss Cavey reports that on account of ill health she must be away for a month.

Mr. Clark who came last term as substitute for Miss Burr continues temporarily, and I am hoping to obtain a substitute for Miss Cavey.

No teacher has been obtained for Chemistry, a vacancy due to my promotion, and at present the work of the school is being done with one teacher fewer than last term.

Miss Smith, who has been at the school over 35 years, has given notice of retirement to take effect at the end of this term. Miss Smith has given excellent service, and her departure will be a loss to the school.

Miss Rowe, junior biology mistress for two years, will be resigning at the end of the term on taking up an appointment as senior biology mistress at Werthing High School for girls.

Advertisements for three teachers will be inserted in the Times Educational Supplement:-

- A Senior Chemistry Master or Mistress to succeed me,
- A mistress for Biology to succeed Miss Rowe,
- A mistress for Mathematics to succeed Miss Smith.

ADMISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER. The recent entrance examination shows that there are more children in the borough suitable for admission to secondary grammar schools than the two schools can accept. In view of this, I recommend that this school admits four forms instead of three.

ADDITION TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION. I wish to submit a request that our part-time music master, Mr. L. H. Baggaley, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., who attends two days a week here and three days a week for Music and Religious Instruction at a Surrey County Grammar School, be appointed full time teacher here for Music and Religious Instruction.

I am of the opinion that the music of the school can be developed if it is in the hands of a full time teacher; while, in addition, music could then be offered as a subject in the school certificate examination by suitable pupils.

I consider that Mr. Baggaley is competent for these purposes, and also to be in charge of an agreed syllabus of Religious Instruction, and I recommend his appointment to a full time post here starting next September.

If four forms are admitted in September, the number of pupils will probably exceed 580. With our present staffing there will be 27 full time teachers and two part-time. The normal ratio is one teacher to 20 pupils.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

*W. Auger.*

HEADMASTER.

12th May 1945.