

COUNTY COUNCIL OF MIDDLESEX BOROUGH of SOUTHGATE DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE



Official Opening

of

The Southgate County Grammar School

Sussex Way, Cockfosters

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The Right Honourable The Lord Birkett, P.C.

on

Thursday, 2nd March, 1961

at 2.30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Worshipful Mayor of Southgate Councillor WILLIAM V. PEARCE

will introduce

ALDERMAN R. C. EVANS Chairman of the Southgate Education Committee

who will take the Chair

Psalm 150

Music by Stanford

(Senior and Junior Choirs, Orchestra and Recorders)

- O Praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
- Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
- Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Chairman will introduce

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD BIRKETT, P.C.

who will address the Meeting and

declare the School open.

Jerusalem

Words by William Blake Music by C. H. Parry

(Senior and Junior Choirs, Orchestra and Recorders) The Audience are asked to join in singing the second verse

 And did those feet in ancient time Walk upon England's mountains green? And was the holy Lamb of God On England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the Countenance Divine Shine forth upon our clouded hills? And was Jerusalem builded here Among these dark Satanic Mills?

2 Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire! I will not cease from mental fight, Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand, Till we have built Jerusalem In England's green and pleasant land.

The Headmaster: B. M. FORREST, ESQ., T.D., M.A.

will address the Meeting

A Vote of Thanks to LORD BIRKETT

by

ALDERMAN MRS. RUTH WINSTON, B.Sc., J.P. Chairman of the School Governors

Seconded by

J. H. AUPERS, Head Boy.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

After the ceremony the School will be open for inspection by visitors.

SOUTHGATE COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

It is just fifty years since Southgate County Grammar School began its life in what were then the new buildings in Fox Lane. The Headmaster was Mr. A. T. Warren, M.A. (Oxon.), and he had less than 300 pupils in the School. Under his leadership a tradition was established of sound learning and good sportsmanship, and throughout the first fifty years of the school's life the standards he laid down have produced results of which we can well be proud today. The School has gained its due meed of successes, in the University honours lists, in numerous other spheres of further education and on the games field. Among the Old Scholars are many who have made their mark on the life of the Nation in Pure Research, the Services, the Professions, Industry, Commerce and Politics. On the War Memorial are inscribed the names of 117 who gave their lives for their country in the two great wars.

All this was achieved in buildings which have for many years been quite inadequate to house the growing size and expanding activities of the School. Today the School has well over 600 pupils and the more suitable accommodation of the new buildings will afford opportunities for even greater successes.

Pupils are prepared for the General Certificate of Education in a variety of academic and practical subjects. The examination is taken at Ordinary Level at the end of their fifth year in the School. Advanced and Scholarship Levels are taken in the VIth Form in fewer subjects studied more deeply. General cultural studies are also arranged and the full use of the library is encouraged. Increasing numbers of University aspirants are remaining for a third year in Form VI, and there is every prospect that the steady flow to the Universities, of which the School has for many years been proud, will soon be increased. There are many opportunities for pupils to join fully in the general life of the school. Societies for music, drama, chess, art, pottery and debating are examples of the activities available. School outings and journeys abroad are also organised.

The foundation stone of the new buildings in Sussex Way was laid on the 16th April, 1959, by Sir Harold Gillett, M.C., the Lord Mayor of London.

The accommodation is on two storeys with the assembly hall and gymnasium centrally situated. There is specialist accommodation for Domestic Science, Art, Metalwork, Geography and Music, and six laboratories, two each for Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

Playing fields adjoin the School.

The Architects were Raglan Squire and Partners, Hobart Place, S.W.1, in collaboration with the County Architects, C. G. Stillman, F.R.I.B.A., and H. J. Whitfield Lewis, F.R.I.B.A. The General Contractor was Messrs. Charles R. Price, Kingsbury Road, N.W.9.

GOVERNORS OF THE SCHOOL

Alderman Mrs. Ruth Winston, B.Sc., J.P. (*Chairman*)
Mr. Councillor W. A. MacGregor (*Vice-Chairman*)
County Councillor Mrs. S. G. Child
Mr. Councillor R. A. Gray
Mr. Councillor A. V. Stapleton
Mr. P. H. Crew
Mr. F. E. G. Hayward
Mrs. A. E. Simpson, J.P.
Professor W. D. Wright, D.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C.

MEMBERS OF STAFF

Headmaster: Mr. B. M. Forrest, T.D., M.A. Deputy Headmaster: Mr. W. C. Johnston, B.Sc. Senior Mistress: Miss A. Davies, B.A.

Mrs. M. A. Addy, B.A. Mlle. F. Biget Miss J. M. Cann Miss M. E. Carter, B.Sc. Mrs. P. M. Cope, B.A. Miss K. Cordingley, B.A. Miss J. M. Culpeck Miss M. J. Green, B.A. Miss G. A. Harvey, B.Sc. Miss L. M. Hyde, B.A. Mrs. M. Luscombe Mrs. B. Mitchell, B.A. Mrs. A. Pepper, B.A. Mr. L. H. Baggarley, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., M.R.S.T. Herr B. Bielefeldt Mr. D. V. Day, B.A. Mr. B. E. Evans, B.Sc. Mr. E. H. Gale

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