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ANNUAL SPEECH DAY

Wednesday, 18th October, 1989 at 7.15 pm

GUEST OF HONOUR:

Mr. L. D. Lawton, O.B.E., D.L., B.A., F.R.S.A.
Deputy Chairman of British Vita Plc

PROGRAMME

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Mr. G. Hulme will play the organ before the start of the evening's proceedings, after which parents, boys and guests of the school are asked to stand for the entry of the platform party at 7.15 pm.

The National Anthem

The School Hymn

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| 1. Veni, Creator Spiritus,
Mentes Tuorum visita;
Imple superna gratia
Quae Tu creasti pectora | 2 Qui Paraclitus diceris,
Donum Dei Altissimi,
Fons vivus, Ignis, Caritas,
Et spiritalis Unctio. |
| 3. Tu septiformis munere,
Dextrae Dei Tu digitus,
Tu rite promissum Patris,
Sermone ditans guttura. | |

Chairman's Remarks

Headmaster's Report

Presentation of Prizes and Certificates

*Presentation of R. A. H. Mayers' Memorial Award
in the Gift of the Old Boys' Association to*

MR. ANDRZEJ OLECHNOWICZ, M.A.
(St. John's College Oxford)

Address:

MR. L. D. LAWTON, O.B.E., D.L., B.A., F.R.S.A.
(Deputy Chairman of British Vita Plc)

Expression of thanks by N. T. Collighan, Captain of School 1989-90

At the end of the proceedings, boys and guests of the school are asked to remain seated until the platform party has left the hall.

The School wishes to thank Makin Organs Ltd for their very kind loan of an organ for this occasion.

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N. B. Kirby, B.Sc. (London), Senior Mathematics Master and Housemaster of Lees House
R. J. Lapsley, M.A. (Birmingham), Senior History Master and Librarian
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S. A. Tootill, B.Sc. (UMIST), Physics
S. J. Williamson, B.A. (Open University), Year Master, Third Forms, English
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P. F. Wood, Certificate of Education (St. John's College, York), Senior P.E. and Games Master
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CERTIFICATES

* Denotes Grade 'A' at Advanced Level

† Denotes Outstanding Grade on Cambridge STEP Paper

The first figure in brackets indicates the number of advanced level passes obtained by each student.
Where a second figure appears, that refers to passes at 'AS' Level.

Aitken, M. (3)	Lavis, P. R. (4)
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Green, C. M. (4/1)	Peers, S. N. (4/1)
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High, P. J. (4)	* Slater, G. N. (4)
**** Hirst, R. J. (4)	*** Stanton, D. A. (4)
** Hirst, S. D. (4/1)	*** Taylor, R. J. (4/1)
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DESTINATIONS OF 6A LEAVERS, 1989

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Halliwell, A. D. (1)	Engineering Science	New College
Hirst, R. J.	Geography	Oriel College

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Emery, S. D.	Physics	Jesus College
Jaya-Ratnam, D. J. J.*	Mechanical Engineering	Christ's College
Stanton, D. A.*	English	Clare College

UNIVERSITIES

Aitken, M.	Chemistry	Leeds University
Aston, M.	Physical Education	Loughborough University
Bradbury, J. N.	Computer Systems and Software Engineering	York University
Brook, M. S.	Business Studies	Bradford University
Brophy, S. J.	Chemistry	Salford University
Cooper, G. A.*	Psychology	York University
Davies, P. L.*	English and American Literature	Warwick University
Farrington, A. D.	Biochemistry	York University
Gibbons, N. T.	Management	Lancaster University
Green, C. M.	Physiotherapy	Manchester University
Gulati, R.	Medicine	Manchester University
High, P. J.	Civil Engineering	UMIST
Holt, R. J.	Politics and American Studies	Keele University
Holtby, I. J.	Politics	Warwick University
Hirst, S. D.	Law	Hull University
Jarman, A. M.(2)	Civil Engineering	Imperial College, London
Kelly, A. L.	Mechanical Engineering	Bradford University
Lee, M. R.	Business Economics	Liverpool University
Lomas, I. H.	Geography and History	Keele University
Marsh, A.	Chemistry	York University
Martin, C. D.	Mathematics/Statistics	Exeter University
McCulloch, A. P.	Chemical Engineering	UMIST
Meeks, E. J.	Geography	Sheffield University
Moreton, N.	Civil Engineering	UMIST
Mosley, J. H.	Geography	Liverpool University
Nolan, S. E. (3)	Managerial Science	Bradford University
Parry, J. M.	Human Geography	Queen Mary College, London
Patterson, I. G.	Chemical Engineering	Bradford University
Robbins, D. H.	Applied Chemistry	Salford University
Ryder, M. F.*	Banking and Finance	Cardiff University
Slater, G. N.	Commerce	Birmingham University
Taylor, R. J. (4)	International History and Politics	Leeds University
Underford, M. C.*	History	Sheffield University
Ward, S. A.	Construction Management	Salford University
Webster, S. M. C.	Civil Engineering	Aston University
White, C. A.	Business Economics	Liverpool University
Wilkinson, P. R.	Mathematics/Statistics	York University
Winstanley, R. B.	Chemistry and Management Studies	Leeds University
Wolstencroft, N. A.	Manufacturing Engineering	Brunel University

POLYTECHNICS AND COLLEGES

Auchterlonie, N. J.	Oldham College
Bayman, I. A.	Oldham College
Beckett, J. P.	Social Sciences	Edge Hill College of Higher Education
Boodhun, R.	Food Science	Humberside College of Higher Education
Cheetham, A. M.	Art Foundation Course	Manchester Polytechnic
Connolly, R. M. L.	Economics	Manchester Polytechnic
Dickinson, I.	Biology and Chemistry	North Staffordshire Polytechnic
Gee, N. M.	Chemistry and Business Administration	Kingston Polytechnic
Griffiths, I. E.	Earth Science	Cambridge College of Arts & Technology
Hartley, R. J. B.	Art Foundation Course	Manchester Polytechnic
Jones, C. J.	Mechanical Engineering	Liverpool Polytechnic
Kneeshaw, D.	Building Surveying	Leicester Polytechnic
Lavis, P. R.	Business Studies	Sunderland Polytechnic
Lawton, M. S.	Physical Education and Mathematics	St. Martins College, Lancaster
Littlewood, G.	Oldham College
Mallalieu, J. A.	Law	North Staffordshire Polytechnic
Martin, T. R.	Chemistry	Sheffield Polytechnic
Mellor, D.	Geography and Biology	Cambridge College of Arts & Technology
Neild, M. J.	Transport and Distribution	Huddersfield Polytechnic
Ormerod, M. R.	History and Education	Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds
Peers, S. N.	Xaverian College
Wilkinson, S. J.	Maths and Economics	Manchester Polytechnic
Willcock, P. C.	Humanities/Social Studies	Manchester Polytechnic

EMPLOYMENT

Ashworth, J. C. (5)*	Employment prior to application to Magdalene College, Cambridge for 1990
Flynn, P. A.	Missionary Work
Greensmith, A. D.	Management within family business
Houghton, G. James, F. P. E.	
Perrin, A. K.	Oldham Metropolitan Borough
Ratcliff, A. J. Willcock, P. S.	
Holden, C. A.*	Employment prior to entry to Higher Education in 1990
Richards, J. M.	

M. P. O'Hanlon has returned to Hulme for a third year in the Sixth and hopes to read Dentistry at University from 1990.

P. Hibbert who left Hulme in July 1988 has entered North Staffordshire Polytechnic this month to read Modern Studies.

* Taking deferred entry in 1990

- (1) Award from The Queen's Jubilee Scholarship Trust
- (2) Scholarship from Imperial College
- (3) Sponsorship from Westland Helicopters
- (4) Awarded entrance Scholarship
- (5) Sponsorship with Cobden Chadwick

HEADMASTER'S REPORT 1988-89

For most of us, the events of the past year have been overshadowed by the illness and death of Mr. Albert Parker, for so long a member of the staff of this school and known to generations of schoolboys not only as a teacher of Mathematics but also as a Year Master or as a Form Master. He will be greatly missed.

We have welcomed to the school in his place Mr. Robert Burns, who has been with us since January 1989. This September, we also welcomed to the school Mrs. Carol Spillane who is teaching History and Mrs. Sandra Pike who is teaching Chemistry. We wish all three happiness and success during their time at Hulme.

We said our farewells last summer to Mr. Simon Heron who has moved on to Nottingham, and who was himself a replacement for Mrs. Samantha Taylor, who resigned after the birth of her daughter. We also said goodbye to Mr. Timothy Gartside who has moved to Wisbech in Cambridgeshire and who will be missed not only as a History teacher, but also as a successful First Year Master.

The work of the school has been as varied and eventful as usual—and, as usual, the problem arises of what to exclude from a report of this nature, bearing in mind that I am necessarily limited to the inside pages of this programme.

Inevitably, perhaps, the public examinations at the end of the year must come first. Since last year's results set new records for the school, it was perhaps to be expected that this year's results would be less good. They are therefore 'only' the second best results we have ever had.

At the Advanced level of the GCE examination there were many very fine individual performances, as indicated elsewhere in this programme. Six boys gained at least four grade 'A' passes, five candidates passed five 'A' levels and sixty-one boys began degree courses this term, five of them to Oxford or Cambridge. Andrew Halliwell further distinguished himself by gaining a Queen's Jubilee Scholarship from the Institution of Civil Engineers, one of only eight such scholarships awarded in the country. I would also commend those boys who could not aspire to these heights but who nevertheless persevered with their studies. In the end, no 'A' level candidate failed to gain at least some success and the overall pass-rate is only a decimal point below the 91% of last year, while the *average* number of 'A' level passes at grades 'A' or 'B' stands at 48%. These statistics are a testimony to the hard work of the candidates and the experience and dedication of their teachers.

The GCSE results were also very good and again only a fraction lower than last year's overall; but a far higher proportion of results (33%) were at grade 'A' this year, indicating a greater degree of ease with the new examination which only two years ago seemed a worrying unknown quantity. As with 'A' level, there were many fine individual performances, as described in this programme, but no boy failed completely and only seven boys failed to gain at least five GCSE passes at grade 'C' or above. In the end, the *average* number of GCSE passes (grade 'C' or above) per boy stands at 8.2: and I must stress that this represents the average of the entire Fifth Year, from best to worst.

I commend also the fifty-six boys in the Fourth Year who took GCSE Maths a year early and all passed, thirty-five of them with grade 'A'.

I commend even more, perhaps, the seventy-seven boys in the *Third* Year who were entered for the GCSE examination in the History and Appreciation of Music on the strength of their normal two lessons a week. Ten of them gained a grade 'D' and this came very close to a pass standard, but sixty-six boys did pass, nine of them with grade 'A' and all of these have every reason to be pleased with themselves and with Mr. Baty and Mr. Hulme, who pioneered this experiment.

I should like to put on public record my thanks to all the staff whose work has made these examination successes possible.

I should like also to express my appreciation of the work done during the year to advise boys on their option choices at GCSE, at 'A' level and on their final choices of careers or university courses. The Form Tutors of the Third, Fifth and Sixth Years have all played a part in this, as have the respective Year Masters, Mr. Wrigley, Mr. Melican and Mr. Curtis. I would especially like to thank Mr. Clegg, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Baker for their work not only throughout the Year but also during the intensive

period after the publication of examination results in the summer. It is thanks to all of these men and women that the vast majority of our boys make sensible, informed decisions about their future. I should like also to thank the growing number of local businesses and organisations that assist our Sixth-formers in their choices by giving them "work experience". There are now over one hundred such organisations and their assistance is invaluable.

Not all achievements are in the area of public examinations, however. Our Quiz team of Christopher O'Nions, Steven Broughton and James Speed not only became G.M.R. "Top of the Form" Champions (a trophy also won last year) but went on to defeat the Radio Lancashire Champions and thus became the holders of the Nat. West Trophy as champions of the North-West. Unfortunately, since the BBC abandoned its own "Top of the Form" we are unable to prove our prowess nationally.

Roger Hirst, Robert Holt and Dean Stanton won the Area final of the Rotary International Public Speaking Competition in Bury and were only narrowly defeated in the Regional final. We were also runners-up in the Road Safety Quiz organised by the Greater Manchester Police and in many other similar competitions we acquitted ourselves well, even if we did not always win. All these events are reminders that a great deal goes on in school outside lessons: more than is generally realised, even by the parents of boys in the school.

The competitive instincts of the boys have also been channelled into worthwhile causes. Comic Relief day saw many sponsored activities as well as a general "Mufti" day and over £1000 was raised. This amount was in turn overshadowed by the First Year alone, who held a Sponsored Quiz and raised £1800 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. A silver memento in the form of a guide-dog is now on permanent display in school. Since this sum represents an *average* of more than £15 per boy, it will be very difficult to match it in future. Boys from the Prep. School have also been active in this respect and have raised money at different times for Comic Relief (£151) the Mayor of Oldham's Appeal (£148) and Children in Need (£220).

Many other activities took place outside the classroom. Community Action, organised by Mr. Lapsley, continues to give assistance and comfort to the less fortunate in our locality. Large numbers of Clubs and Societies exist and many flourish: The Junior Debating Society, the Science Society, the Philosophical Society, the Chess Club, the Computer Club and many others. The Cinema Club is very popular and was this year made available to the Girls' School for the first time. The "Midbank" scheme is working successfully too: it provides experience of banking both for those using the facility and for those running it. A wide variety of visiting Lecturers spoke to different groups during the year as part of our Form Period programme, or the Sixth Form General Studies provision, or simply to give a talk to a school society. We are in particular always very pleased to welcome the large number of speakers who come to school either for the Understanding Industry course in the summer or for the Higher Education Convention in March. Talks have also been given this year by me, by Mr. Curtis and by Mr. Baker to parents alone or to parents with their sons, on matters of current educational interest or on the considerations to bear in mind when making option choices at different ages.

Very many external visits, expeditions or field-study trips were made this year: indeed every department in the school has organised some such activity at least once as either a necessary or a desirable part of the curriculum. These visits have been as near as Oldham Town Centre or as far as the coast of Mid-Wales or up to Hadrian's Wall. Boys have been to museums, art galleries, theatres and concerts. Boys have also been taken skiing in France at Easter and on a visit to Austria in the Summer. They have been on French and German "exchanges", on a long weekend to Copenhagen and on a day-trip to Alton Towers. Boys from the Prep. School have done many of these things too, and have also been on a visit to Provence in the South of France. Not all of these visits are of immediately obvious educational advantage, but any group activity outside school involves learning certain social skills and all visits help boys to mature in their relationships with the staff who organise these outings. What is certainly clear is that a very large number of the staff do give a great deal of their time and energy in making such visits not only possible but also smooth-running, and the boys are indeed very fortunate in this respect.

The standard of music in the school remains high and it is always pleasing to see that our best musicians not only play for orchestras and bands outside school, but are always willing to participate

in school concerts too. In this way, they encourage the development of our more junior musicians. Major concerts were given in November and May and the Music Festival in July was this year followed by a Festival Concert the same night: all of these revealed the depth of individual talent that exists in the school. The musical highlight of the year was the joint production of the "Elijah" in March in which the combined choral and orchestral talents of the two schools played to a gratifyingly large audience. In addition to these major items, there were many musical contributions made either by singers or instrumentalists to services in school or to external concerts for local Churches or other groups. The Prep. School band also performed at the Summer Fete in July.

Over 150 boys now learn a musical instrument in school and over 40 of them passed an Associated Board examination this year, many of them with Distinction. As many boys have proved over the years, it is not necessary for a talented musician to go to a specialist music school in order to progress in his chosen field and at Hulme (as I hope these few paragraphs make clear) he will gain a great deal more besides.

No major "straight" dramatic work was put on this year, but as an alternative to the more traditional Gilbert and Sullivan production, Mr. Boocock produced a joint schools' musical extravaganza "Oh, What a Lovely War" which featured the combined acting and singing talents of a large number of girls and boys, many of whom took part in the performances of the "Elijah" only a fortnight later. The audiences for the show were very large and appreciative, managing to find the performances amusing and moving at the same time. As with so many other activities, we owe a great deal to the staff who give of their time to make music and drama successful in school, not just to Mr. Baty, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Boocock, who directly supervise these activities, but, by my calculations, to at least another nine members of staff from the Boys' School alone, who play a part in making a major production possible.

The effect of the changed games curriculum last year is being shown in the increasing variety of sports now played competitively. Long gone are the days when a boy was either a footballer, a swimmer, or nothing. Certainly in the senior half of the school, it is now possible to choose from ten different activities, for most of which we now have school teams. The activity to watch in coming years will be basketball: the sport did not exist at Hulme two years ago, but this year we have taken the drastic step of entering the Northern Independent Schools' League. Also rising in popularity is hockey—spurred on by the British Gold Medal in the last Olympics. Our hockey players, too, are now looking for opponents.

Our swimming teams continue to enjoy great success, although we failed to repeat our clean sweep of the Oldham Schools' Championship, winning only one age-group outright. We did however, score the highest number of points overall. We have also done well in individual matches, losing only once, and that by just one point.

The Table-tennis teams exactly repeated their successes of last year in that our under-19, under-13 and under-11 teams won the Greater Manchester competition and defeated the best of Yorkshire in the Area finals, too. Then, as last year, the senior team only just failed to win the North of England final which would have given them a place in the National finals.

Our most successful sport this year was soccer. This was not because of outstanding success in our individual fixtures, although all teams did well, especially the under 14 XI. Nor was it simply due to our success in winning the Oldham Schools' Competition at the senior, under-16 and under-14 levels. It was rather that ten of our boys have at various times been picked to play for National Independent Schools teams and our six-a-side team became the English Champions on an epic day last December, the story of which is fully detailed in the School Magazine.

The summer games benefited enormously from the fine weather this year and no cricket matches had to be cancelled. Most cricket teams did well, especially the under-14 and under-12 XIs, both of which won the Oldham Schools' Championships.

In Athletics, we decided to have a full senior meeting at the start of the season (i.e. before the exam season began!) and were thus able to have a full junior and intermediate meeting in July. The standard of athletics is certainly improving, but the shortness of the season makes serious competition difficult

to arrange. Our most consistently successful athlete continues to be Richard Scholes who won the Oldham Schools' Cross-Country race in November and the Open 1500 metres race on Sports Day.

Golf is not yet a major sport, but our foursome only just failed to qualify for the National finals this year and a school team managed, with apparent ease, to defeat both the Schoolmasters and the Old Boys in a triangular match. Other sporting activities such as squash, badminton, volleyball and gymnastics are enjoyed with enthusiasm, but with limited competitive success.

The important thing, however, is that all boys have the opportunity to enjoy sport and keep fit in a way that will probably never be available to them again once they leave us and the credit for this must go not just to our professional games staff, Mr. Wood, Mr. Bray and Mr. Clegg, but also to the *nine* other members of staff who assist with games during each week, as well as teaching their own subjects. Without them, we would have a much more restricted programme.

Of all the school voluntary activities, the largest and most successful is undoubtedly the Combined Cadet Force under Major Coulton, Captain Galloway and Flight Lieutenant Melican. There were sixty new recruits at the start of the year and it is likely that the only limit on numbers for the future will be the shortage of Officers. Despite many broad hints, not a single father, older brother or uncle has come forward to offer his services in this capacity.

Despite this problem, no less than fifteen exercises, camps, courses or expeditions were held during the year, culminating in the week-long Summer Camp, in which fifty-one cadets took part, a record number. The other main event of the year was the biennial Inspection on May 10th, when Colonel Panton O.B.E. was much impressed by the high standard shown.

The school continues to benefit from the programme of redecoration that is still in process and the vexed problem of leaking roofs looks as if it might at last be solved. Meanwhile, the new Housekeeper, Mrs. Sloan, has revitalised school meals to the extent that over 80% of our boys now eat in the dining-room, instead of bringing sandwiches.

I congratulate the Parents' Association on their success in maintaining an efficient smooth-running organisation which does a great deal to give all parents a sense of identity with the school. I am also very grateful to them for their generosity in the provision of many very useful "extras" for the school, such as their funding of much of the public literature of the school and the replacement of much of the dining room furniture. They have also been most useful on public occasions when refreshments have been provided. Many social occasions have been sponsored by the Parents' Association this year, but the highlight of the year was certainly the "Weekend Whirl" in July, organised jointly with the Girls' School's Parents.

The Old Boys' Association continues to flourish in its separate sections, but apart from the annual dinner in the Main Hall, it has, perhaps surprisingly, far less to do with the school than has the Parents' Association.

Finally, I also wish to thank the School Governors who have the unenviable task of steering a straight course between the ever-expanding needs of a modern school and the requirements of financial and legal propriety. I am especially grateful to those governors who give their support to school functions when they can. The staff and pupils involved in these functions are always appreciative of such support.

In the eyes of many people (including the boys themselves) our success as a school stands or falls by our success in public examinations and it would be dishonest for me to attempt to deny their importance. It is for this reason that I have given them prominence at the start of this report. Nevertheless, if that was *all* that mattered, then a parent's money might be better spent on a production-line "cramming" institution, of which there are many up and down the country. Our aim is to educate boys, not to "cram" them and our boys leave us having learned a great deal more than even they will appreciate at first, and they will have gained an opportunity to develop talents they did not know they possessed when they were only seven or eleven years old. This is what our founder, James Assheton, meant by the "inestimable benefit" bestowed by education at this school.

G. F. Dunkin

PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS, 1988-89

THIRD FORM

<i>Form</i>	<i>Academic Prize</i>	<i>Progress Prizes</i>	
3A	A. J. Williams	L. J. Yeomans	A. S. Conneran
3H	W. Davies	T. Blumenthal	S. J. Murphy
3L	M. P. Rigby	G. J. Brown	J. R. Simpson
3P	D. E. Fielding	J. D. Bate	S. P. Cummings

LOWER FOURTH

L4A	S. J. Barlow	J. S. Chan	P. M. Scholes
L4H	A. J. Chapman	N. J. Hewitt	D. A. Law
L4L	D. R. McGivern	A. Paul	D. J. McMullen
L4P	D. C. Hope	D. B. Hughes	C. M. Kelly

UPPER FOURTH

U4A	P. M. Cropper	M. J. Greenwood	I. F. Cunningham
U4H	J. H. L. Rees/M. Blumenthal	M. L. Oram	S. Ghazawy
U4L	K. F. Day/S. A. Kerry	M. A. A. Hoath	M. R. Newton
U4P	R. S. Jeeves	R. C. Healey	

ADDITIONAL LOWER SCHOOL PRIZES

Junior Chess Prize	: A. J. Chapman
Junior Music Performance Prize	: D.M. Glenday
Junior Creative Writing Prize	: D. R. McGivern
	: I. S. Wolstenholme
Junior Physical Education Prize	: J. A. L. Henderson

FIFTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES

Mathematics (Percy Jones Prize)	: M. J. Dimery
	: P. K. Buckley
English Prize	: S. A. Berkovitch
History	: J. D. H. Porter
	: M. J. Dimery
Geography	: J. D. H. Porter
French	: P. K. Buckley
German	: R. Gooding
Spanish	: N. D. Green
Latin	: P. K. Buckley
Physics	: J. A. Bywater
	: M. J. Dimery
Chemistry	: A. R. G. Worrall
Biology	: J. Speed
Government & Politics	: A. Li
Art & Craft (Brian Booth Prize)	: H. R. Haynes
Design	: J. D. Wood
Religious Education	: A. C. Ford
Music	: G. D. Walsh
Business Studies	: L. P. Schofield
Classical Civilization	: C. O'Nions

ADDITIONAL FIFTH FORM PRIZES

Parents' Association Progress	: C. O'Nions
	: A. Gooding
Public Service	: A. A. Beattie
	: C. Hamer-Richardson
Essay Competition	: A. Li
Creative Writing	: J. D. Baxter
	: G. D. Wash

H. B. SHAW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO BOYS ENTERING THE SIXTH

These awards are made to boys entering the Sixth Form with a minimum of eight grade 'A' passes in the General Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations.

D. S. Platt	D. C. Broomhead
J. M. Wilson	O. Pritchard
J. Lad	C. M. Davies

GCSE Certificates will be awarded at this stage to other boys from the Upper Fifth 1988-89. The details appear on page 16 of the Programme.

SIXTH FORM PRIZES

Mathematics (A. G. Pickford)	: R. Khurana
	: M. C. Wollerton
English (J. T. Middleton)	: S. C. Dale
History	: C. C. Vernon
Geography	: P. A. Whittaker
	: G. W. Smith
French	: S. D. Corbley
German	: S. D. Corbley
Physics (Chadderton)	: P. R. Melling
Chemistry (L. F. Potter)	: P. R. Melling
	: R. Khurana
Biology	: R. Khurana
	: P. R. Melling
Government and Politics	: M. Payton
Art and Craft (Lewis J. Males)	: R. J. Wright
Philosophy	: A. J. Davies
Economics	: A. C. Butterworth
Classical Studies	: C. C. Vernon

ADDITIONAL SIXTH FORM PRIZES

The Pollard Prize (School Captain)	: R. J. Hirst
The Hardman Prize (Deputy School Captain)	: D. A. Stanton
Parents' Association Progress Prize	: D. J. Kneeshaw
Parents' Association Progress Prize	: R. J. Holt
Canon Rountree Memorial for Public Service	: N. T. Collighan
The Oldham Junior Chamber of Commerce (For Community Action)	: S. D. Corbley
Senior Music Performance Prize	: D. J. J. Jaya-Ratnam
Senior Chess Prize	: P. R. Wilkinson
Senior Drama Prize	: R. J. Wolstenholme
Senior Physical Education Prize	: D. J. Pemberton

WORK EXPERIENCE COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES

These are awarded to boys who have submitted outstanding reports on their placements.

A. J. Davies
N. R. Cash

COMBINED CADET FORCE (C.C.F.)

Ferguson C.C.F. Award	: C. N. Graham
Military Efficiency Award	: J. J. Eglin
Ross C. C. F. Shield	: R.A.F. Aircraft Recognition Team

GOVERNORS' LEAVING EXHIBITIONS

S. D. Emery	C. D. Martin
A. M. Jarman	R. Gulati
A. D. Halliwell	N. T. Gibbons
D. J. J. Jaya-Ratnam	R. J. Hirst
J. C. Ashworth	N. A. Wolstencroft

TROPHIES 1988-89

FOOTBALL

Higham Soccer Knockout Trophy	: Hulme House
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CRICKET

Edwards Batting Trophy	: J. H. Mosley
Mabel Davis Bowling Trophy	: Not Awarded
Joseph Davis Fielding Trophy	: T. A. Selby
David A. Fleming Cricketing All Rounder Trophy	: J. A. L. Henderson

ATHLETICS

House Shield	: Hulme House
Relay Trophy	: Hulme House/Platt House
Junior Victor Ludorum	: S. Kerry
Senior Victor Ludorum	: N. J. Auchterlonie
Dugdale 100M Trophy	: N. J. Auchterlonie
Open Mile (Senior)	: S. D. Hirst
Open Mile (Junior)	: R. P. Scholes

SWIMMING

R. H. Morgan Inter-House Trophy	: Hulme House
Relay Trophy:	: Platt House
Senior Victor Ludorum	: D. R. A. Rees
Junior Victor Ludorum	: D. Hall

BADMINTON

Inter-House	: Lees House
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GOLF

Inter-House	: Hulme House
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CROSS COUNTRY

Col. Gartside Inter-House Trophy	: Assheton House
P. Wright Senior Cross Country Cup	: S. D. Hirst
P. Wright Junior Cross Country Cup	: D. Bentley

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

CERTIFICATES OBTAINED BY BOYS IN THE UPPER FIFTH, 1989

* Denotes four or more grade 'A' passes.

The figure in brackets indicates the number of GCSE passes (grades A-C) obtained by each boy.

Adams, J. R. (9)	Hirst, M. T. (9)
Ahmad, K. N. (5)	Horton, J. C. (7)
Airley, R. D. (6)	Hulme, A. G. (7)
* Ashraf, D. (9)	Jackson, C. E. (7)
Atherton, D. (1)	Jackson, P. (9)
* Baker, R. P. (10)	Jeffrey, R. W. (8)
* Barton, C. J. (10)	Jones, M. I. (2)
Black, A. R. (2)	* Khurana, S. (10)
Bottomley, S. A. (10)	Knight, D. (9)
Brennan, N. J. (8)	Knowles, M. A. (8)
Brook, S. J. (7)	* Lad, J. (10)
* Broomhead, D. C. (10)	Lander, A. J. (6)
Burgess, K. J. (9)	* Leach, J. E. (10)
Burrow, P. J. (8)	Longley, R. A. (8)
* Coop, I. J. (8)	* Marsden, C. (9)
Cooper, L. (6)	* McClusky, A. (8)
Cohen, G. A. (3)	McCormack, D. P. (10)
* Crabtree, M. E. (10)	Miles, D. J. (9)
Crompton, N. S. (7)	* Morris, G. W. (8)
* Cummaford, S. J. (11)	Mottershead, K. A. (9)
Davenport, L. S. (5)	* Newsome, M. J. (9)
* Davies, C. M. (10)	Newton, C. H. (9)
Davies, T. (9)	* Niaz, F. S. (9)
* Dickson, S. E. (10)	* Nolan, P. M. (9)
Elferink, C. A. (6)	O'Hanlon, P. T. (8)
Elmy, N. S. (7)	* Oram, J. C. (8)
* Elson, J. C. (10)	* Parkin, S. C. (10)
* Farrell, R. P. (10)	* Parkinson, P. J. (10)
Forrest, A. (6)	Paslowski, D. R. (2)
Garner, A. C. (9)	Patterson, G. H. (6)
* Gellard, N. A. (11)	Pedley, J. J. (3)
Genty, G. F. (9)	Pitman, M. K. (9)
* Gibson, K. S. (9)	* Platt, D. S. (10)
* Goodyear, M. J. (10)	Poulton, M. D. (8)
* Graham, C. N. (8)	Power, A. N. (6)
Hammersley, S. L. (8)	* Pritchard, O. (10)
* Hampson, J. W. (10)	Procter, M. S. (10)
* Hanley, C. (10)	* Prudham, N. J. (9)
* Hardy, P. W. (9)	Qazi, M. Y. (7)
Hey, N. S. (7)	Quinn, M. R. (8)
Heywood, A. J. (8)	* Rees, D. R. (10)
Higginson, M. J. (9)	Rolfe, T. E. (8)
Hill, R. G. (9)	* Sanders, G. R. (10)
* Hirst, D. (10)	Smith, A. L. (9)

Stansfield, J. M. (9)
 Stott, D. P. (9)
 * Sykes, A. J. (10)
 Sykes, P. M. (6)
 * Tanna, Y. (10)
 Tapper, A. (8)
 Taylor, M. C. (9)
 Tupman, D. J. (4)
 Turner, C. L. (10)

Walmsley, M. G. (10)
 Webster, M. (8)
 * West, A. N. (8)
 * Whittick, M. D. (6)
 Wild, J. J. (7)
 * Williams, J. D. (10)
 * Wilson, J. M. (10)
 Wood, M. J. (7)

The following boys from the Lower Fifth obtained grades A-C in Mathematics in June, 1989.
 An asterisk indicates an 'A' grade.

* Allt, A. S.
 * Andrew, M. J.
 Arch, S. J.
 Barr, S. C.
 * Baxter, J. D.
 Berkovitch, S. A.
 Bramall, C. D.
 Buckley, J. A.
 * Buckley, P. K.
 Butterworth, S.
 * Bywater, J. A.
 Carver, J. M.
 * Cockcroft, M. J.
 Craft, L. P.
 Crawshaw, J. R.
 Dean, C. J.
 * Dimery, M. J.
 * Dunkin, O. W.
 * Fenton, B. J.
 * Finch, J. R.
 * Ford, A. C.
 * Giddens, J. C.
 * Gooding, R.
 * Green, N. D.
 * Hamer-Richardson, C.
 * Haynes, H. R.
 * Heap, M. R.
 Howell, R. F.

* Hurst, D. R.
 * Hyde, K. E.
 * Jones, G. P.
 * Kenny, M. R.
 * King, J. W.
 Lewis, G. E.
 Li, A.
 * Lord, J. C.
 * Lund, P. S.
 Marshall, C. J.
 * Miller, M. J.
 * Mitton, P. A.
 Neild, D. B.
 * Phillips, G. L.
 Porter, J. D.
 * Poyner, A. N.
 Roberts, J.
 Schofield, L. P.
 * Sedgwick, M. J.
 * Speed, J.
 Sunderland, G. J.
 Swift, R. J.
 Townsend, I.
 * Walsh, G. D.
 * Weems, M. A.
 * Wilde, M. J.
 * Wood, J. D.
 * Worrall, A. R. G.

The following boys from the Upper Fourth gained grades A-C in the History and Appreciation of Music Examination in June, 1989. An asterisk indicates an 'A' grade.

Ahmad, T. G.
 Ardern, B. M.
 Barr, T. R.
 * Blumenthal, M.
 Carson, M. T.
 Cawley, S. P.
 Chadwick, J. S.

Clegg, J. D.
 Coonan, N. E.
 Cropper, P. M.
 Crowther, N.
 Daniels, H. N.
 Day, K. F.
 Drabble, N. A.

- Ghazawy, S.
 * Glenday, D. M.
 Glynn, J. F.
 Greenwood, M. J.
 Halford, A. J.
 Hamer, D. G.
 Hardman, A. M.
 Healey, R. C.
 Heginbotham, I.
 Hinchliffe, M. J.
 Hoath, M. A.
 Hogg, J.
 Holmes, J. A.
 Holt, S. M.
 Horton, M. A.
 * Hulme, N. J.
 Jackson, J. A.
 Jackson, R. A.
 * Jeeves, R. S.
 Keighery, S. M.
 * Kerry, S. A.
 * Lander, C. P.
 Lengden, M. R.
 Lightfoot, P.
 McAlpine, S.
 McCoye, A. J.
 Morris, A. C.
- Muncaster, R. D.
 McCormick, J. S.
 Newton, M. R.
 O'Donnell, C. M.
 O'Malley, C. J.
 Platt, N.
 Rees, J. H. L.
 Rooney, M. C.
 Rostron, D. J.
 Sadiq, S.
 * Saha, N.
 Sanders, R. E.
 Scott, S. L.
 * Smalley, M. J.
 Spencer, P. G.
 * Steele, A. R.
 Stonier, N. A.
 Swift, M. E.
 Tasker, N. W.
 Taylor, J. U.
 Taylor, R.
 Thewlis, M. W.
 Thompson, G. L.
 Tobin, D. J.
 Whitehead, J. M.
 Wild, R. F.