

Annual Prize Winners 1921-30

1922 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

Mr. Jenkinson stated that much had been accomplished over the previous twelve months, and the future looked promising. Opened on Nov 8th 1921 with 101 pupils, 25 of whom were County Minor scholars, the school now stood at 140, 71 boys and 69 girls, 41 of whom received scholarships or grants. Below are the first School Prizewinners.

1922	Form 1	Form 2	Form 3	Form 4
English	Walter H. Wright	Alice Scott	Olga Kirkham	Hetty Littlewood
Mathematics	Walter H. Wright	Florence Hodgson	E. John Barker	Freda Swaine
French	-	Kathleen Thompson	Stoother R.N.	Hetty Littlewood
Latin	-	-	E. John Barker	Lilian Dykes
History	James Keenan	Florence Hodgson	-	Lilian Dykes
Geography	Walter H. Wright.	Stephen Thorpe.	Charles Lee	Lilian Dykes
Scripture	Walter H. Wright and Mollie Price	Margaret Foster	E. John Barker , Dooley W.L. and Fearnside E.	Freda Swaine
Art	Dixon H. and Charles Lee			
Singing	Webster R. and Geoffrey Schorah			
General Progress	Glenn J. and Lizzie Leman			
Star Prize	Walter H. Wright			
House Challenge Cup	Talbot House 392 points, Holgate 384¼ points			
Winning House Captains	Winnie Walsh and Harry Crossley			

1923 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

The aim of education should be to equip a boy or girl for the future; but he asserted that there was more to it than that. Educators should avoid allowing the teaching in school to become narrow and cramped. Learning should contribute to the fullness of life. He did not advocate dispensing with formal teaching, but would have it woven into larger schemes of culture rather than be treated separately. As an example, he felt that in English, the essential teaching of Grammar should be incorporated into the whole scheme of literature, and not ignored, as was the current trend. Unless a child had a clear idea of English Grammar, it would be very difficult to learn a foreign language. As far as the teaching of French in school was concerned, he knew that some people asked what use that would be when the child had left the school. The justification for teaching any foreign language had already been mentioned as performing a useful function, and where French was concerned, it was a modern language, and it should not be beyond the bounds of possibility for Secondary pupils to maintain an interest in, and continue their studies of this after leaving school. Perhaps reading circles could be formed among old pupils for the study of French Literature. It was well-known that as a nation, the British were more ignorant of the literature of other nations than they were of ours.

The numbers in brackets below indicate the known Form or Year of the child.

1923	Winners in each subject or category
English	Fearnside E. (4), Margaret Foster (3), Miriam Wass, E. Kitchen, May Bull, Clarice Allen
Mathematics	E. John Barker (4), Carter S. L., Hilda Gaunt (2), Doris Miles, S. Brown
French	Freda Swaine (5), Carter S. L., Hilda Gaunt (2), Adelaide Branford
Latin	E. John Barker (4), Carter S. L.
History	Freda Swaine (5), Margaret Foster (3), Harold Gerner, Adelaide Branford, Clarice Allen
Geography	E. John Barker (4), Stanley Hawkesworth, Hilda Gaunt (2), Hilda Sharpe, Adelaide Branford, Arthur Wilson.
Scripture	Florence Hodgson (3), Langley E.J.
Physics	R. N. Slatcher, Stanley Hawkesworth, Hilda Gaunt (2)
Chemistry	E. John Barker (4), William Kirk, Stanley Hawkesworth
Art	Emma Bate, M. Jebbett
Needlework	Millicent Wootton
Singing	N. Miles
General Knowledge	Dooley W. L., Alice Scott, E. Martin, J. Taylor, Olive Tooth, Harold Gerner, Langley E.J.
General Progress	Stephen Thorpe (3), Raymond Wilkinson, Katherine Thompson, E. Partridge
Star Prize	Freda Swaine (5), Hilda Gaunt (2)
House Challenge Cup	Challenge Cup for Houses: Holgate House 847½ marks against Talbot House with 841¼ marks

1924 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

Mr. Jenkinson once again returned to the subject of the teaching of Latin in school. Latin had been dropped by some pupils in Form V to allow more time for the study of French because it had been difficult for them to learn the two languages well enough in such a new school over less than four years. He hoped to make Latin an alternative subject to Science during the year preceding the School Certificate. Although the Headmaster had not changed his opinion as to the usefulness of learning Latin, he saw that the curriculum was crowded, and choices had to be made between Arts and Sciences. Pupils wanting to take an Arts degree should continue with Latin, but on the Science side this was not so necessary. At any rate, the present situation was that modern foreign languages needed extra study time in school, and particular attention had to be paid to this.

1924	Winners in each subject or category
English	E. John Barker (5), Edith Gaunt, Clarice Allen, R. N. Slatcher
Mathematics	E. John Barker (5), Hilda Gaunt (3), Doris Miles
French	Freda Swaine (6), Olive Tooth, Nellie Chilton
Latin	E. John Barker (5), R. V. Williams
History	Frank A. Rothera, Adelaide Branford, Doreen Schorah (2)
Geography	Lilian Dykes (6), Winnie Sadler (2), Jennie Hodgson (2)
Scripture	Kathleen Jagger, G. C. Mellors
Physics	Stanley Hawkesworth, A. Stanton
Chemistry	R. N. Slatcher, Raymond Wilkinson
Art	Sybil Ghent, Philip Bull, Edwin Taylor
Needlework	Winnie Penn
Woodwork	T. E. Dickinson
Singing	N. Miles
General Information Examination	Mary Hodgson, Olive Tooth, Harold Gomer, Kathleen Jagger
General Progress	Arthur Thorpe (22 places), Winnie Penn (16 places)
Reading Competition	Miriam Wass, May Bull, R. White
General Progress 2	Hannah E. Field, Vera Bancroft, W. H. Shelley, J. Watson.
Star Prizes	E. John Barker (5), Winnie Sadler (2), Doris Miles, R. N. Slatcher
House Challenge Cup	Talbot House (607½ points), Holgate House (394 points)

1925 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

Mr. Jenkinson said he was aware that schools must offer their pupils an education which would equip them for their lives when they left. They had to think of earning a living, which was important; however this was not the primary aspect of the curriculum. The requirements of the industry, trades and occupations which were open to the pupils did have to be borne in mind, but he emphasised that a Hemsworth Secondary School education would give the pupils habits of thought and a desire for knowledge which would enrich and equip them for anything. In mentioning the importance of any particular subject - Latin, Chemistry, Geography or Algebra - it was not the purpose of the study of these subjects to turn out classical scholars, or chemists, explorers or mathematicians. It was to create men and women with a desire for knowledge and the ability and will to acquire it.

1925	Winners in each subject or category
English	
Mathematics	
French	
Latin	
History	
Geography	
Scripture	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Art	Emma Bate, J. Lawrence Frazer
Needlework	Vera Parton.
Woodwork	George Hunt.
Singing	Ethel Gee, Frank W. White.
General Information Examination	
General Progress	Doreen Raine, Ethel Smith, L. R. Smith.
Reading Competition Senior	Miriam Wass, Frank A. Rothera,
Reading Competition Junior	Maisie Thorpe, R. White.
General Progress	Doreen Raine, Ethel Smith, L. R. Smith.
Star Prizes	Mary Nettleton, Phyllis Howe, Vera Parton, E. Taylor, Frank W. White, Robert Wilson.
Magazine Prizes	Miriam Wass, Millicent Wootton, Emma Bate.
House Challenge Cup	Holgate 1,582 points, Price 1,127½ points, Talbot 1,119 points

1926 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

The headmaster, in his annual report, said that during the past year, in numbers, in efficiency, in attainments, in development, and in the many kinds of school pursuits, there had been a greater advance than in any year since the school opened in November, 1921. There were now 287 pupils (145 boys and 142 girls) as compared with 225 last year. Two forms had been added, one a commercial class for those in the last year who were not intending to take the school certificate. Botany had been introduced for girls, as an alternative to chemistry. Needlework was taught to all forms except VI, and domestic science to Forms IVc, IIIa and IIIb, IIa, IIb, IIc, the work (cooking, laundry work and hygiene) covering a two year's course. The commercial course included Shorthand, Typewriting, Commercial Arithmetic, Commercial Geography, Civics, History, English, Art, French, Science, Woodwork, Needlework, and Domestic Science. It was hoped that a course of this kind would, to some extent, meet the needs of those who left school at 16, but all those who possibly could, should aim at obtaining the school certificate, because it was accepted now as a necessary qualification for entry to many professions. It was intended to represent the standard which any normal boy or girl might be expected to reach at the age of 16 or 17, without undue specialisation.

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1926	Winners in each subject or category
English	
Mathematics	
French	
Latin	
History	
Geography	
Scripture	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Art	
Needlework	
Woodwork	
Singing	
General Information Examination	
General Progress	
Reading Competition Senior	
Reading Competition Junior	
General Progress	
Star Prizes	
Magazine Prizes	
House Challenge Cup	

1927 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

An inspection of the school had taken place during the previous term, and the Board of Education inspectors expressed themselves satisfied, saying, "The appearance and manners of both boys and girls are excellent, and the tone and discipline of the school are good. The school has clearly made a good start, and a firm foundation for future good work has been laid."

1927	Winners in each subject or category
English	
Mathematics	
French	
Latin	
History	
Geography	
Scripture	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Art	
Needlework	
Woodwork	
Singing	
General Information Examination	Walter H. Wright, Morris S. Gibbon.
General Progress	R. Lincoln (23 places), Fred Turner (22 places).
Reading Competition Senior	Maisie Thorne
Reading Competition Junior	Sidney Fox
General Progress	
Star Prizes	Florence Parsonage (64), Vera Parton (58), P. Mustill (47), Phyllis Howe (46), Annie Brailsford (46), Richards (46), D. Wilson (43), Fred Williamson (38), Sidney Fox (35), Harry Heppenstall (35)
Magazine Prizes	
House Challenge Cup	1. Holgate (860 points), 2. Guest (521 points), 3. Talbot (474 points), 4. Price (78 points).

1928 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

Mr. Jenkinson referred to Dr. Cyril Norwood's recent address to the British Association on examinations: "I am all in favour of Dr. Norwood's suggestion to abolish external examinations except for the purpose of University Scholarships and other such awards, and to rely more on a certificate from the Headmaster of the Secondary School. This ideal, which has been achieved to some extent in America, may be at present outside the range of practical accomplishment in this country, but of one thing I feel confident, and it is being more generally recognised every year: that if we must have examinations conducted by outside bodies, the examining bodies must conform more liberally to the requirements of the school. Schools must have freedom to expand in any direction that they feel to be necessary in the interests of their pupils, and must not be so tied as at present to tiresome restrictions."

1928	Winners in each subject or category
English	
Mathematics	
French	
Latin	
History	
Geography	
Scripture	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Art	
Needlework	Edith Guest, Ethel Midgeley, (Special Prizes given by Mrs. Guest)
Woodwork	
Singing	
General Information Examination	E. John Barker, Maurice Gibbon
General Progress	Grace Mills (17 places), Arthur Walsh (15 places)
Reading Competition Senior	Mary Highfield
Reading Competition Junior	Ethel Midgeley
General Progress	
Star Prizes	Mary Sutton (70), Florence M. Parsonage (68), Phyllis Howe (67), J. Webster (57), Sybil Howson (55), Arthur Thorpe
Magazine Prizes	
House Challenge Cup	Guest 601 points, Holgate 524½ points, Talbot 414 points, Price 73 points

1929 Speech Day comment: Eight Busy and Fruitful Years

Mr. A.G. Jenkinson (13th November 1929) said that the progress made at the school in the past eight years was incredible, yet there was still much to be done. The new buildings referred to in the last report had not yet been begun, but would soon be started. To carry on a school of 360 pupils with a building equipped for 250 was a difficult task. There was special need of enlarged workshop accommodation to carry on that branch of the curriculum, and for more playing fields to accommodate outdoor games. A generous grant from the Local Authority meant a new hard tennis court was now being considered. The headmaster paid a cordial tribute to the work of his staff, and to the parents and Governors for their understanding and reasonable acceptance of his policies.

1929	Winners in each subject or category
English	
Mathematics	
French	
Latin	
History	
Geography	
Scripture	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Art	
Needlework	Mary Metcalfe and Margaret Paley
Woodwork	
Singing	
General Intelligence Examination	Betty Austin, J. Lawrence Frazer, Ernest Hedley Wright
General Progress	Alice Hinchcliffe (16 places), Estelle Rhodes (11 places)
Reading Competition Senior	Maisie Thorne
Reading Competition Junior	Marjorie Dean
Star Prizes	H. Goodale, Sybil Howson, Ethel Midgley
House Challenge Cup	1st. Talbot, 2nd. Price, 3rd. Holgate, 4th. Guest.

1930 Speech Day comment from the Headmaster about an aspect of the curriculum.

The Headmaster's annual report stated that the school now had its highest number of scholars at 409. There were more pupils than previously expected because an unusually large number of fee-paying pupils had enrolled, and there had been seven extra individuals transferred from Central and Elementary schools. He was not convinced of the advisability of transferring children aged 14 or 15 from such schools, as they had learned no Latin nor Science, little or no French, and only elementary Arithmetic. Catching up with their peers in the short time available to them would prove difficult, and the benefits they would derive from a Secondary School education would be open to question.

R. N. Slatcher obtained the R.S.A. silver medal for the first place in all England, in the examination for Advanced Accountancy - a splendid performance.

1930	Winners in each subject or category
English	
Mathematics	
French	
Latin	
History	
Geography	
Scripture	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Art	
Needlework	Annie Thorpe, Margaret Poole
Woodwork	
Singing	
General Intelligence Examination	Josephine Read, Morris S. Gibbon, Eric S. Whittle
General Progress	Lorna Jagger (21 places), William Robinson (21 places)
Reading Competition Senior	Ethel Midgley
Reading Competition Junior	John Priestley
General Progress	
Star Prizes	Henry L. Hackforth (59), Doris Hainsworth (50), Lionel Newby (48)
House Challenge Cup	1st. Talbot 1170 points, 2nd. Holgate 910½ points, 3rd. Price 823¼ points, 4th. Guest 823 points

Form Prize Winners 1924-30

Year	Form	Winner	Photo	Form	Winner	Photo	Form	Winner	Photo	Form	Winner	Photo
1924	5A	E. John Barker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4A	A. Mart	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3A	Hilda Gaunt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2A	Winnie Sadler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1A	Phyllis Howe	-	1B	Jennie Hodgson	-	1C	Doreen Schorah	-	-	-	-
1925	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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1927	5A	Walter Wright		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4A	Vera Parton	-	4B	Annie Brailsford	-	4C	Harold Goulding		-	-	-
	3A	Nancy Parsonage	-	3B	Doris Wilson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2A	Hodge	-	2B	Fred Williamson	-	2C	Sidney Fox	-	-	-	-
	1A	T. Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928	5A	Vera Parton	-	5B	Howitt F.N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4A	Florence Parsonage	-	4B	Kathleen Webster	-	4C	Harold Goulding		-	-	-
	3A	Sidney Fox	-	3B	Hilda Paley	-	3C	Flora Hudson	-	-	-	-
	2A	Laura Austin	-	2B	Mary Sutton	-	2C	Sybil Howson		2D	Leslie Guy	-
	1A	-	-	1B	-	-	1C	-	-	1D	-	-

1929	5A	Phyllis Howe	-	5B	Elsie Hinchcliffe	-	5C	John H. Heppenstall	-	-	-	-
	4A	Sidney Fox	-	4B	Ethel Midgley	-	4C	Mary Jones	-	-	-	-
	3A	J. Taylor	-	3B	Annie Thorpe	-	3C	Sybil Howson		3D	Leslie Guy	-
	2A	R. Thorpe		2B	Joan Jagger	-	2C	Marjorie Dean	-	-	-	-
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1930	5A	Sidney Fox	-	5B	T.W. Marriot	-	5C	Mary Silvester	-	-	-	-
	4A	Sybil Howson		4B	A. Sykes	-	4C	Millicent Webb	-	4D	T. Francis	-
	3A	H.L. Hackforth	-	3B	Richard Leeming	-	3C	Marjorie Dean	-	-	-	-
	2A	Doris Hainsworth		2B	W. Metcalfe	-	2C	R. Foye	-	-	-	-