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Faringdon County Girls' School.

This School was opened in September 1920 to serve the north-west of the County, for which no provision for Secondary Education was previously available. As the population of this area is small and scattered, the provision of this School was regarded in the nature of an experiment.

The County Council secured a lease of the premises in Gloucester Street known as "The Elms", and the house was adapted for the purposes of a School and a new laboratory has been added.

The present School buildings afford accommodation for between 60 and 70 girls and also provide a residence for the Head Mistress. There is a hard tennis court and a netball court, and arrangements are also made for hockey, tennis, cricket and swimming. There is a covered recreation room which is used for dinners, drill and indoor games.

The School is recognised by the Board of Education as a Secondary School and is conducted under Articles of Government approved by the Board of Education in 1921.

The Governing Body, which is a Section of the Higher Education Sub-Committee and reports to them, consists of the following members:-

*Representing the County Education Committee* – Mrs Allen-Stevens; T. E. Allen-Stevens; Vice-Admiral F. Clifton Brown, C.B., C.M.G.; J. T. Colledge; Lady Fitzgerald (Chairman); E. Heavens.

*Representing the Faringdon District Council* – Miss M. Habgood; G. E. Liddiard (Vice-Chairman).

*Representing the Hebdomadal Council of the University of Oxford* – Miss C. M. E. Burrows.

*Co-opted Members* – Rev. W. Carey Ward; Mrs Walter Tucker.

*Secretary to the Governors* – W. C. F. Anderson, Shire Hall, Reading.

Arrangements have been made for a motor bus service from Wantage to convey girls to the School and pupils are also picked up en route.

### Curriculum

The School course includes:- Scripture, English Language and Literature, History, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Science, Drawing, Class Singing, Physical Exercises, Cookery and Needlework.

### Hours of Attendance

Morning – 9 to 12.30; Afternoon – 2 to 4. This includes time devoted to organised games. There is no School on Saturdays.

Pupils are admitted from the age of 10 years. No girl may remain in the School after the close of the School year in which the age of 18 years is attained, unless the special permission of the Governors is given for her to remain until the end of the School year in which she reaches the age of 19 years.

The School prepares its pupils for the Oxford School Certificate Examination and for the Oxford Higher School Certificate Examination, and the parents of all the girls are required to sign an undertaking that it is their intention to keep their daughters at a Secondary School until at least 16 years of age. Girls over 12 years are not admitted unless they are able to take their place in the School with girls their own age.

### Staff

*Headmistress* – Miss A. H. Moore, M.A. Oxford, Education Diploma.

*Assistant Mistresses* – Miss H. P. Barnes, B.A. London, Froebel Higher Certificate; Miss G. A. Matthews, B.A. London; Miss K. M. Pengilly, B.Sc. London; Miss G. M. Williams, B.A. Oxon, Education Diploma.

*Visiting Mistresses* – Miss M. Williams (Cookery); Miss Muriel Lane (Dancing).

The School opened in September 1920 with 18 pupils. The numbers of pupils were as follows:- in 1921, 47; 1923, 53; 1925, 46; 1927, 45; 1929, 50; 1930, 63.

**Fees**

Tuition Fee - (over 12 years) £5 per term; (under 12 years) £4 per term.

Dancing - 15s per term.

**County Scholarships Awards 1928, Seniors**

Hilda M. Hunt - Present School at which Scholarship will be tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

**County Scholarships Awards 1929 Intermediates**

Gladys L. Carter - Present School at which Scholarship will be tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

**County Scholarships Awards 1929 Juniors**

Nelda Boor - Present School, Ardington & Lockinge. School at which Scholarship will be tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

**County Scholarships Awards 1930 Juniors**

Jean D. Sampson - Present School, Faringdon Girls' Council. School at which Scholarship will be tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

**List of Probationary Allowances awarded by the Committee**

Autumn 1928 - Margretta M. Hicks - School at which Allowance is tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

Spring 1929 - Margaret G. Drew - School at which Allowance is tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

Summer 1929 - Nelly R. Wheeler - School at which Allowance is tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

Autumn 1929 - Marjorie M. Styles - School at which Allowance is tenable - Faringdon County Girls'

Autumn 1930 - Lois D. V. Dance; Daphne J. Edmonds - School at which Allowance is tenable - Faringdon County Girls'