

and Intelligence Section, Press and Translations Groups. Other than that I cannot say more as it was mainly Top Secret work . . . I worked at Harrow Hill October 1962. I left to have a baby which was born on Boxing Day, 26th December, 1962. We named her Karen Tracy."—Mrs. KATHLEEN WILKINSON (née Cannon).

"I am a Management Consultant with a firm of International Chartered Accountants with world-wide travel sometimes involved . . . I am also engaged in the promotion of my own company of which I am Director and controlling shareholder. We are specialists in property finance—any business gratefully received!"—RONALD PLUMMER.

"I could not resist the opportunity of writing to you, as it has been increasingly evident to me since I left school, that the basic training I received at Blackwell was invaluable. The extended course in engineering started me off on the right foot, enabling me to obtain my Ordinary and Higher National Certificates, for which I thank you, and your staff. . . . I worked for a short time as a draughtsman before I was lucky enough to be made a Junior Engineer, in the Contracts Dept. . . . My job involves me in the preparation of technical specifications, submission of Tenders, handling of contracts through to the final stages of erection and commissioning of Switchgear, Generating Plant and Ancillary equipment. I have been married for nearly two years, and have just bought a new house near Twickenham. We are mortgaged up to the eyebrows, of course, but very happy."—SIDNEY EAVIS.

"I have indeed continued with my architectural career on which I am still very keen. It has proved to be absorbing and varied work. . . . I am now working with a firm of architects which specialises in hospital design."—COLIN MILSON.

"I am employed as a Secretary by the parent company of a group comprising some 27 other companies which are all engaged in different businesses so you can see that my job is interesting.

"The two-year commercial course I completed at Blackwell has proved very good grounding for the 'hundred and one' things a secretary has to turn her hand to . . . I would add that the excellent salary that I earn has enabled me to spend a month each year abroad and I have therefore, been able to study the way of life in France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Spain, etc., and I am now aiming at spending a couple of months in the States next year.

"I feel certain that I would not have achieved so much if I had not stayed on at school for the commercial course and I cannot help wondering just how much more I could have achieved if I had worked much harder."—Miss SHEILA HIGGINSON.

HEADMASTER'S LETTER

Dear Old Student,

For several years old students and friends of the school have said to me "Why have you no Old Students' Association?" and I have not been able to find a good answer for it seems to me that any good Secondary School ought to have an equally good Old Students' Association.

Some years back our problem was caused by the fact that boys were called up for National Service at the age of 18. This no longer occurs and, in addition, of course we now have a great many more old students. I know the problem in joining such an Association. It is that most old students have found friendships elsewhere and are very busy following their own way of life. But, in the past, I have belonged to excellent Old Students' Associations which never had formal meetings. I am not suggesting this for us, but a mixture of the two ideas could be a solution. If by some means you could be easily kept in touch with the School and Old Students year after year I am sure you would feel it worthy of a modest subscription.

I have spoken about this with Mrs. Mitchell who has been here since

the school began and probably knows more old students than any of us. I knew the kind of reply she would make. She at once offered to be Secretary/Treasurer of an Association until the time came, if ever, when an old student came forward who would be willing continuously to take over. We have discussed the whole idea a good deal since, and I am putting forward to you the following suggestions:

1. You join the Old Students Association and this does not commit you to come to meetings or join Societies unless you are particularly interested in them. Membership—7/6d. a year starting on 1st September.
 2. As a member you will receive each July, free of charge, a copy of the School Magazine. In it will be a separate section for Old Students news and information.
 3. An Old Students' Bulletin to be sent to you at least once a term. This will contain much interesting information about old students and the school itself.
 4. Admission to an Old Students' "Get together" arranged at the school whenever desired.
 5. The right to join any of the Old Students Clubs which may be formed, e.g., Football, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Netball, N.B.—All these Clubs will have their own committee and their own subscriptions. No one will be allowed to join any Club who is not a member of the Association.
 6. The Association will be willing to follow up any ideas put forward by members.
 7. There will be an Annual General Meeting held some time in September.
 8. Notice of any important functions held at the school, e.g., Christmas Play, will be sent you.
- I hope all this will lead you to believe that it will be well worthwhile being a Founder Member of the Association. Please join by returning the slip below, together with your subscription, direct to Mrs. Mitchell, and any future communications will come through her to you.

Yours sincerely,
H. K. OLPHIN,
Headmaster.

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