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The
AVENUE

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SAFFRON WALDEN

is situated among the chalk hills in North Essex, on the London and North Eastern Railway, 44 miles from London, and can be reached in a little over an hour from Liverpool

Street. Being only 16 miles from Cambridge, it is easily accessible from the North. The locality is a very healthy one, the air bracing, and the water supply good.

The town has most interesting historical and archæological associations, dating back to very early times.

The neighbouring Ring Hill Camp is a relic of early British occupation; in the notable Museum are to be found remains from the Saxon settlement of Chipping Walden; while the ruined Castle Keep still marks the site of Norman Walden. Numerous examples of mediæval timbered houses are still preserved in the town, the older part of which nestles round the fine Gothic Church.

The School was founded at Clerkenwell in 1702, and was successively removed to BUILDINGS. Islington in 1788, to Croydon in 1825, and finally in 1879, to new buildings erected for the purpose at Saffron Walden. The estate of 35 acres occupies a commanding position, 250 feet above sea level on the outskirts of the town. The premises include a spacious Dining Hall, a Central Lecture Room, large and well-ventilated School-rooms and Dormitories, Play-rooms, Bath-rooms, &c.

During the years 1898-1903 extensive additions



THE SCHOOL
from the
GIRLS' PLAYGROUND

were made, comprising Physical and Chemical Laboratories, Carpentry Shops for both boys and girls, three Teaching and eleven Practice Rooms for music, a Dormitory and a Class-room on the girls' side, Natural History Workroom, Photographic Darkrooms, Cycle Room for the boys, Studies and Bedrooms for Teachers. A fine Swimming Bath, 75 ft. by 25 ft., a Gymnasium, 50 ft. by 30 ft., and a Changing Room for Athletics form a detached block, approached from the Boys' Playground and the Cricket Field.

A new Sanatorium with 24 beds was added in 1913. It is situated in the School grounds some 200 yards from the main block and is well equipped. Additional improvements, completed in 1922, provided a new Chemical Laboratory, an Art Room, six new Class-rooms, and new Lavatories, as well as increased bedroom accommodation, both in the School itself and at the Girls' Hostel.

There is now accommodation for ninety boys and seventy girls. The School is primarily ACCOMMO- intended for children of Friends and DATION. those connected with them. These will always have a preference.

When the School is not full, children not connected with the Society of Friends can be received. They must, however, conform in all respects to the regulations of the School. Reference to a Friend in the locality where the child resides is requested in such cases.

Children are not received under ten years of age. It is generally desirable that they should remain until seventeen to take full advantage of the School Course.

Whilst providing a sound and liberal training, it is the aim of the School to keep always in view the building up of character as the ultimate purpose of all true education.

AIM.



The
DINING
HALL



The
LECTURE HALL
and
READING ROOM



The
PLAYING
FIELDS

The School is conducted on co-educational lines throughout. Instead of being divided into Forms according to intellectual ability, the School now consists of three Groups, mainly decided according to age, so that backward children, except for teaching purposes, do not spend most of their time in the company of others much younger than themselves. For teaching purposes, however, there are seven Stages, each consisting normally of a year's work, but it is possible for quick children to complete a Stage in less than a year. The work of each Stage is divided into nine sections—a section (or Assignment) covering approximately a month. A statement of the work to be done, with reference to the books to be used, is handed to each child, who is then able to complete the work independently of the rate at which his fellows may be progressing.

Though combined class lessons in each subject are given — especially in Modern Languages — pupils frequently have a choice of various subjects to which they may devote any particular school period, and in this way can give more time to weaker subjects and less to those in which they are more advanced. As soon as the Test set on the work of any Assignment has been passed, the pupil can ask for the next Assignment of work in that subject, or can temporarily drop that subject in order to concentrate on a weaker one.

The School Year commences in September. The Sixth and Seventh Stages prepare for the London General School Examination, on the results of which the University awards Matriculation and School Leaving Certificates to successful candidates.

**CURRI-
CULUM.**

ENGLISH SUBJECTS.—Scripture, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Composition, Literature, and Grammar; Geography, History.

LANGUAGES.—French and Latin or German.

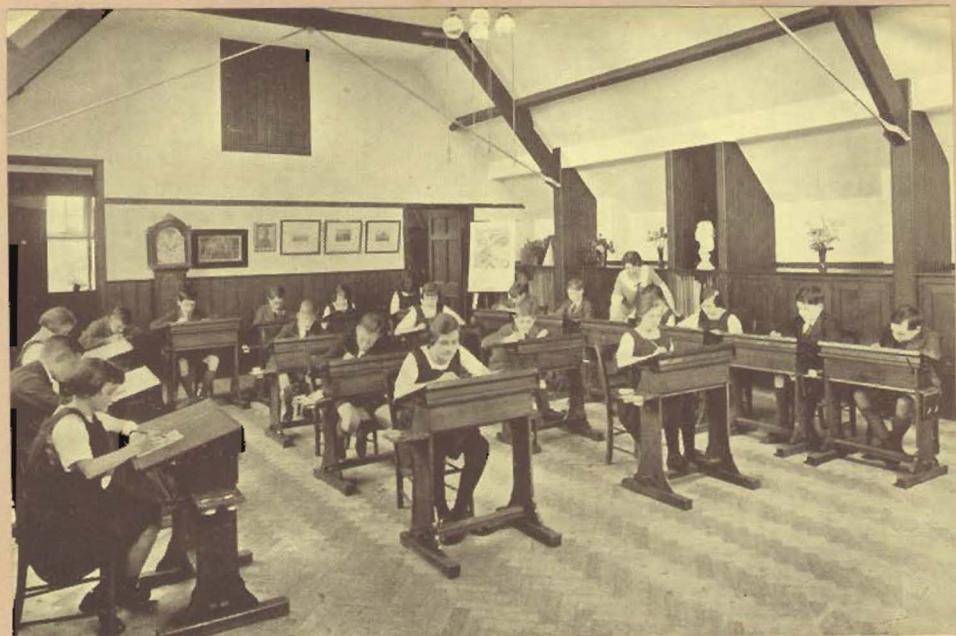
MATHEMATICS.—Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.



A
CLASS ROOM



Another
CLASS ROOM



The
ART ROOM

The instruction previously given in Domestic Science has now been developed and extended by the provision of a specialised Course for girls in Stages 6 and 7 who are not intending to Matriculate. This Course will enable such pupils to take the School Leaving Certificate of the London University.

In addition, all the girls in Stage 5 devote one afternoon a week to Cookery and Laundry Work.

SCIENCE.—Nature Study, Chemistry or Botany, Hygiene, Domestic Science.

MANUAL WORK. — Carpentry, Metal Work, Needlework, &c.

ART.—Drawing, Painting, &c.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.—Swedish Drill, Swimming.

MUSIC.—Pianoforte, Violin, and 'Cello; Aural Culture and Group Singing.

Religious teaching claims an important place, the views of Friends receiving special attention, and the endeavour is made to maintain in the Family such an atmosphere as shall fit boys and girls for the wider responsibilities of life and citizenship.

Leaving Scholarships of about £60 a year for two years are awarded each year at the discretion of the Committee on the results of reports by the Staff, and are available at some place of higher education approved by the Committee.

TIME TABLE.

6.30 to 6.45.—Rise.

7.15.—Private Bible Reading.

7.30.—Breakfast.

8.0—Play.

8.50 to 12.50.—Morning School, with short recesses between lessons, and thirty minutes at eleven o'clock.

1.0.—Dinner.

1.40 to 3.30.—Play.

3.30 to 5.30.—Afternoon School.

6.0.—Tea.

6.30.—Preparation. 1 hour to 1½ hours, according to age.

8.0 to 9.0.—according to age—Bed.

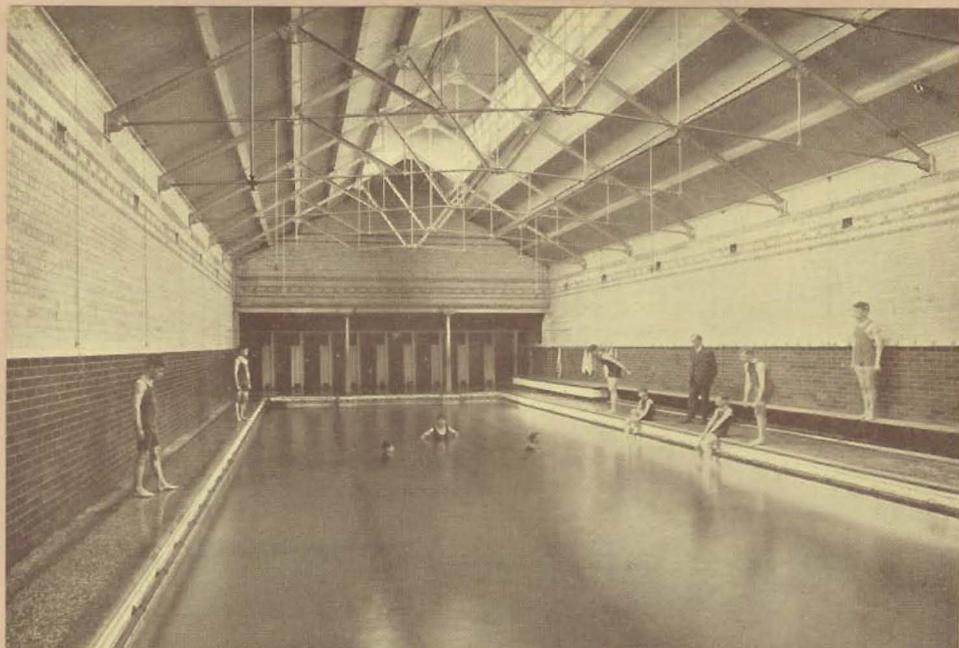
Half Holidays on Wednesday and Saturday.



The
CHEMICAL
LABORATORY



The
GYMNASIUM



The
SWIMMING
BATH

A Boarding School affords many advantages in the methodical discipline of the daily routine, and in addition many hours in the week can be devoted to voluntary work of various kinds. The importance to the character of such spontaneous efforts can hardly be over-rated, and ample provision has been made at Saffron Walden for the profitable use of leisure time.

The Meetings of the Senior, Middle, and Junior Literary Societies, held fortnightly, at which Essays, Recitations, Music, &c., are contributed, and Boys' and Girls' Reading Clubs, play an important part in the social and educational life of the School.

A School Magazine, *The Avenue*, is published once in each Term, the greater part of the material being contributed by the children. Its contents provide a record of the varied interests and activities of school life.

Extensive Libraries of selected books are available for all the children, and an endeavour is made to cultivate a taste for good literature.

The Senior and Junior Natural History Societies hold regular meetings, and frequent excursions are made in the neighbourhood.

Provision is made for the pursuit of Carpentry, Photography, Wireless, Gardening, Archæology, and other hobbies.

Each year at the commencement of the summer holidays a week's Tramp is arranged for the older scholars. In this way most of the well-known country regions in England have been visited from time to time.

Large play-grounds, tennis courts and a twelve acre field afford every facility for exercise and outdoor games, in which the teachers heartily join. Cricket, football, and



The
SANATORIUM

hockey matches, and annual athletic sports, keep up a high standard of interest and proficiency in this essential part of school life. Both boys and girls are taught Swimming, and Swedish Drill is regularly conducted in the gymnasium.

The oversight of the children's health is in the hands of the Mistress of the Family, assisted by the Nurse and the Boys' and Girls' Matrons. The School Doctor attends regularly.

The School year is divided into the usual Terms, holidays of about four weeks in the winter, four weeks in the spring, and seven weeks in the summer being given.

For many years there has been a very flourishing Old Scholars' Association in connection with the School, and this provides frequent opportunities for Old Boys and Girls to re-visit Saffron Walden. In the School are to be found numerous evidences of their interest and generosity.

Applications for admission, and all inquiries, should be addressed to the Head Master, Friends' School, Saffron Walden.





“HILLCROFT”

*Headmaster's House and
Girls' Hostel*

Friends' School, Saffron Walden.

REVISED REGULATIONS.

Payments. All payments of School Fees, etc., are to be made each term in advance. Cheques should be made payable to the Head Master and crossed "BARCLAYS BANK, LTD." A term's notice or its equivalent is required before the removal of a pupil.

Pocket Money. The minimum of pocket money which will enable a scholar to join the School Games Club and other societies and meet small incidental expenses is about ten shillings per term. Special efforts are made to encourage and help the scholars in the pursuit during leisure hours of such hobbies as Carpentry, Woodcarving, Photography, and Natural History. Such spontaneous effort is found to have a valuable influence on the character in drawing out individual taste and in forming habits of industry. For such purposes further sums may be required from time to time.

Bible. Each scholar on coming to school is required to bring a Bible.

**Health
Certificate.**

A Certificate of Health (a form of which will be supplied) must be brought by each scholar on entering the School. If any scholar has been brought into contact with any infectious disorder during the vacation, notice should be sent to the Head Master, and his judgment obtained before returning.

**Visits to
Children.**

There is no general half-term holiday, but children are allowed one day in the term with relatives. The School hours of another day must not be interrupted. It is not expected, unless for special and adequate reasons, that children will be away for a night. When school-fellows are invited to join a party, it must be understood that they will not miss any school hours, and if they are absent from Preparation it must be made up. It is advisable that if visits are paid they should be at mid-term.

**Extra
Eatables.**

It is preferred that Scholars should not bring to School, or have sent to them, any extra eatables other than eggs, jam, and fresh or dried fruits. Experience has shewn that the general health of the Scholars has sometimes suffered when they have been too liberally supplied with sweets, cakes, etc. They are allowed to spend a small sum weekly on sweets or chocolates.

The following are the articles of clothing required to be sent with each scholar on entering the School, and on returning from the Vacation, viz. :—

FOR BOYS.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *3 Day shirts, without collar *3 Night shirts or sleeping suits *3 Vests (if worn) 4 Pairs of socks, run in the heel 8 Collars (soft) 12 Pocket handkerchiefs 1 Dark suit for best wear—preferably dark grey *2 Strong suits for general wear *3 Pairs of loose linings or summer and winter pants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 School Caps <li style="padding-left: 2em;">The School Cap is supplied at the School 2 Pairs of strong boots or shoes 1 Pair of football boots 1 Pair of leather slippers 1 Pair of rubber shoes 1 Overcoat White flannels marked and provided with hanging tapes should be supplied for drilling and games. Football shirts, knickers, and stockings in School colours are provided at the School. |
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*One of these can be an old garment, for use in emergencies.

[All parcels of clothing sent during Term time should be addressed to the Matron.]

FOR GIRLS,

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Sets of underclothing 3 Nightdresses or sleeping suits 12 Pocket handkerchiefs (large, white) 3 Pairs of stockings, run in the heel 1 Black pinafore, and 2 strong dark blue washing pinafores (for girls up to 14 years of age in Lower School) 2 Pairs of navy blue knickers 1 Coat (navy blue) 1 Playground jacket or blazer 1 School hat and a School cap (supplied at the School) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Pairs of strong boots or shoes 1 Pair of leather slippers 1 Pair of rubber shoes 1 Umbrella 1 Rain cloak 1 Best dress (navy blue)† 1 Afternoon dress† 1 School dress.† consisting of navy blue tunic with green blouse for winter, and white for summer. (Supplied at the School) 1 Dressing cape 1 Dressing gown |
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During the summer months a cotton dress† may be worn.

Games stockings are provided at the School.

Blazers (in the School Colours) can be supplied at the School.

†All dresses must have pockets.

Articles provided at the School will be charged in the bill at the end of the Term.

The foregoing list has been carefully adapted to meet the needs of scholars and the available wardrobe accommodation provided by the School, **and it is requested that it should not be exceeded.**

A small hand-bag to hold linen, for the night before and after the holidays, is a great convenience.

Clothing. It is particularly requested that the scholars should bring to School clothing sufficiently large, and of serviceable quality.

Material for repairs of under linen, cloth clothes and dresses should be sent when possible; also wool for darning stockings if any other colour than black.

Knitted socks and stockings are more useful than cashmere for school wear; *they must be run at the heel.*

All buttons of underclothing *must be linen*, not pearl or bone.

It is requested that all garments, (including hats, boots, slippers), umbrellas, etc., be clearly marked with full name; initials are not sufficient. The School does not hold itself responsible for unmarked articles.

December, 1926.

New Friend

THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL, SAFFRON WALDEN.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Full Name of Applicant

Date of Birth *Date proposed for the Child to enter*

Present School

Parents' Names

Full Address

Occupation of Parent

Will the Child take Music? (Piano, Violin, 'Cello)

Reference : (Name and address of a Member of the Society of Friends, or of someone else known to the School.)

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Date

