

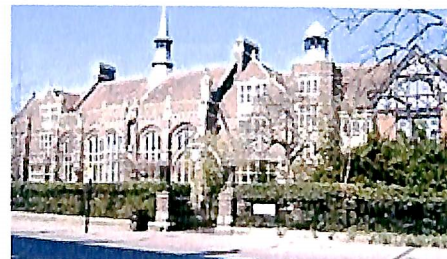
Dunstable Grammar School

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Dunstable Grammar School was a grammar school in the market town of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England. Opened in 1888, it was closed in 1971.

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Dunstable Grammar School buildings, now used by Ashton Middle School

Foundation

Dunstable Grammar School was established by the Trustees of the Almshouse Charity created by the Will of Frances Ashton. Hence the inscription on the building which says:

Dunstable Grammar School Founded A.D. 1728 By Mrs. Frances Ashton Built A.D. 1887.

Construction

New school buildings were constructed in 1887 on the northern side of Dunstable for the Trustees of Frances Ashton's charity, and in 1888 the school opened with 49 pupils. The first headmaster was L. C. R. Thring, of the Thring family of Uppingham which included the educationist Edward Thring (1821-1887), headmaster of Uppingham School. By 1917, the school had grown to 67 boarders and 100 day boys. A school library was built in memory of the former pupils who died in the Boer War and the Second World War, and a memorial in the library commemorated the names of the sixty-two boys who gave their lives, including Ashton Edward Thring, the only son of the school's first headmaster.^[1] and the Victoria Cross winner, Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Henderson.^[2]

Closure

The school remained in its purpose-built home from 1888 until 1971, when it was closed with the coming of the new comprehensive system of education. The remaining schoolteachers and pupils moved to a new school at the opposite end of the town, the Manshead Upper School.

Use of the buildings

The original Grammar School building was modernised and since 1973 has housed the Ashton (VA) Middle School, for children aged nine to thirteen.

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1 MASTERS AND BOYS

BOYS

		14-13-12-11-10-9-8
L.C.R. THRING	1894-5-6-7-8-9-	- - -2-3-4-5-6-7
J. MANTON	1894-5-6	
W.F. BROWN	1894-5-6-7-8-9-	- - -2-3-4-5-6-7
R.V. RYDER	1894-5-6	
J. SANGER	1894-5-6	
J. HEALING	1894-5-6-7-8-9-	- - -3 / -6
E.G. BLOW	1896-6 / -5-6-8 /	12-13-14.
C.H.M. THRING	1897-8 / -7 / -6 /	13
C.G. POPE	1897-	
J. CAVANAGH	1899	-2-3-4
E.E. APTHORP	1902-3-4-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14	
J.B. ESCOLME	1904-5-6-7-8-9-10	
A.F. MORCOM	1904-5	
C.B. PONSONBY	1906-7	
✓ R.C. GUTTERIDGE	1908-9-10-11 /	14
R.G. PINNOCK	1911	
✓ L.B. COCKLAND	1912	
REV R.H. MOSS	1913	
A.E. THRING	1914	

E.G. BLOW	1895-6
J. CAVANAGH	1898-9-0
C.B. PONSONBY	1905-6-7
L.F. WILLIAMS	1907
R.C. GUTTERIDGE	1908-9-0-11
R.G. PINNOCK	1910-11
L.B. COCKLAND	1911-12
A.E. THRING	1913-14

Regular starts 1900 or earlier

- 212 LEONARD BRICE, COCKLAND b 3 July 1897 At School Jan 1911 to Dec 1912
Boarder Lined Toddington
Father A.B. COCKLAND - Manager of cement works. No address given (St James)
- 99 GUTTERIDGE, RICHARD CHARLES b 1 Dec 1892 At School Sept 1902 to July 1908
Day Boy Lined Dunstable
Father R.N. GUTTERIDGE - Manager of straw hat factory
Postal address - Westdean, Dunstable
- 64 CHATTERTON, RODEN LATHAM b 13 July 1895 At School Sept 1905 to July 1908
Boarder Lined 47 Central Hill, Upper Normwood, SE
- 104 ACHESON, STANLEY b 12 JAN 1895 At School May-Sep 1908 - 16m
Day boy Lined The Wainholme, Toddington
Father Commande A.F. Acheson RN.
- (456) WILLIAM FOXLEY, FARMER OF PUPIL. (Son William Geoffrey b 7.6.07)
Straw hat manufacturer Address: BRANSTON, MARSH HILL, LUTON
- (492) A.A. MUCKELSTONE (FATHER OF CECIL b. 7. Jan 1905)
Farmer Address: Alma Farms, Toddington
- (514) L.W. JEANINGS, SON OF W.R. JEANINGS (b 6.10.06)
Father Ad: St Michaels, New Bedford Rd, Luton
- (180) J. HEALING - WENTWORTH HOUSE, DUNSTABLE (Retired tea planter)
William Reynolds Healy b 5 Feb 1901.