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OWA PRESIDENT: Peter Varnish OBE

Roy rows the Atlantic Ocean

In conversation with Christian Horner OBE

Ben skates to the semi-final of Dancing on Ice
Marathon men, meningitis and MBEs

Good luck to all our OWs running in the London Marathon – postponed to 4 October 2020.

In what will be his 50th full marathon, Dave Phillips (WS 1955-61) will be running for the Brain and Spine Foundation. Earlier in the week, Dave will be heading to Buckingham Palace to collect his MBE, awarded in the Queen’s Birthday Honours for his contribution to charitable fundraising. Friends, family and fellow OWs are delighted that his phenomenal achievements are being recognised in such a way. https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/TeamPhillips2020

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Ben Hanlin’s positive attitude, enthusiasm and determination during this year’s Dancing on Ice was evident for all to see. The improvement of his skating, week on week and his progression to the semi-final was amazing. Morris Dancing was probably not his favourite week, but he approached the challenge with his inimitable good humour and mischief. The head banger week was not an easy one to watch, but Ben (and Carl ottas) bravery was rewarded with 9 points from every judge. Fabulous!

Record breaking Wardles

Congratulations to Matthew Wardle (WS 1998-91) and James Wardle (WS 1997-2004) who were part of a relay team which broke a British Masters record in the 4 x 100m freestyle relay at the Swim England Masters National Championships. The record had stood for 160 years.

Enduring 50 days and 19 minutes at sea, Roy Dixon (WS 1973-81), with the Atlantic Mavericks, rowed across the Atlantic Ocean.

The Atlantic Mavericks are a team of four ex-servicemen who took on the epic challenge of competing in the 2019-20 Atlantic Rowing Race. Yet this was a challenge rather than a race. A challenge to row 2,732 nautical miles while staying safe, enjoying the experience and remaining friends.

The send-off from La Gomera was amazing. But their journey started with a baptism of fire. By the end of Day 1 Troy had faced a Force 7 gale, all four men were seasick, their dagger board had snapped the navigation light didn’t work, a line was wrapped around the rudder, the boat was crippled and they were completely off course. Giving up was not an option. Instead, they tackled each challenge and drew on their military experience, character and skills to overcome what needed to be tackled and to accept what couldn’t be changed.

But they kept moving, they kept rowing. For the next months and a half, they rowed in pairs, two hours on and two hours off. The two hours off were spent house-keeping, eating, catching up on WhatsApp and snatching sleep. They had a glass of port on Christmas Day – but enjoyed the accompanying cheese more!

The biggest challenge was the sea. Roy says “The sea is in charge. Nothing prepares you for the strength and vagaries of waves, which were like mountains coming out of the sea. We got soaked.”

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**OW rugby success**

Many OWs are continuing their passion for the game long after Warwick.

Fly-half Jamie Shillcock (WS 2004-16) marked his return to Premiership action with Worcester Warriors in their victory over Leicester Tigers at the start of the 2019-20 season. Jamie has celebrated over 50 appearances for Worcester Warriors.

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**Hovercraft racing reborn**

Thirty years after enjoying hovercraft racing at school, Richard Pound (WS 1981-88) has taken up the hobby again.

Richard has built his own craft and regularly races with his son at events across the UK and abroad. Richard now races in Formula 3 and came third in the 2019 UK championships, while his son races in Formula Junior and came fifth in 2019.

**Apprenticeship evening**

Huge thanks to the following OWs who returned to school to help at the Careers Apprenticeship Evening:

- Harry Abell (WS 2003-14) – Surveyor, Cushman and Wakefield
- Jack Braid (WS 2017-19) – Mechanical Engineering, MOD
- Sam Button (WS 2004-16) – Degree Apprentice, Accounts Payable, JLR
- Drew Hill (WS 2011-16) – Economist Apprentice, Ofcom
- Jack Paken (WS 2004-16) – Controls Engineer, Powertrain and Manufacturing Engineering, JLR
- Aidan Rawlings (WS 2011-16) – Commercial Executive, Nielsen, Oxford Brooks University.
Recent Events

Wessex Old Warwickians
The Forester Inn, Donhead St Andrew

With atlases open and sat navs set, 27 OWs and guests beat Storm Ciara and journeyed to The Forester Inn at Donhead St Andrew near Shaftesbury for the second gathering of Wessex Old Warwickians. The 15th century Forester Inn, with large inglenook fireplace, stone walls and original beamed ceilings, did not disappoint. The Forester has retained its prestigious Michelin Bib Gourmand Award and the fantastic food, drinks and great company were enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to Mike Huntley and Tim Harry for researching venues and hosting the lunch. Jimmy Flynn (WS 1970-77) has kindly volunteered to assist researching pubs and eateries for the next gathering on 12 September.

OW Armed Forces Dinner
The Pyne Room, Warwick School

Warwick School was honoured to welcome back many OWs currently serving or retired from the Armed Forces for the biennial Chapel Service and Dinner.

The evening was brilliantly hosted by Col James Cook OBE (WS 1982-89). OWs currently serving and retired were joined by the Head Master and members of WS staff who have either served in the Armed Forces themselves or help manage the school’s CCF. We were also delighted to be joined by three alumnae of King’s High who are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Save the date – Sat 12 Sept 2020

With enthusiasm for a WOW lunch twice a year, the next lunch date is provisionally set for Saturday 12 September. Jimmy Flynn (WS 1970-77) has kindly agreed to help Mike and Tim take on the reconnoissance mission to find a venue.

If you would like to register an interest, please email a.douglas@warwickschool.org.
Forthcoming Events and Latest News

Forthcoming Events

With social contact being restricted over the forthcoming weeks, a number of planned events have either been postponed, cancelled or are in question.

Regular updates will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org. With the school temporarily closed, we will be working remotely and can access emails. Please be reassured that OW reunions and gatherings will resume when we are through this difficult time. In the meantime, OW communications, including The Old Warwickian, will continue. We will post regular Tweets and Facebook messages and encourage OWs to use www.warwickschoolconnect.org to contact and stay in touch with each other.

OWA President’s Dinner
Saturday 16 May 2020 – The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford

In light of Coronavirus developments and Government advice, this year’s President’s Dinner at RAF Museum Cosford has been cancelled.

Anyone for golf?

Tues 19 May 2020 – Tadmarton Heath Golf Club

OW Golf Spring Meeting
All OW golfers are warmly invited to the OW Golf Spring Meeting at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club on Tuesday 19 May 2020.

Format
Edinburgh foursomes in the morning and an individual stableford in the afternoon, to allow those who only wish to play 18 holes the chance to participate in the afternoon.

Price
£70 for 36 holes or £60 for 18 holes, to include lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes.

Special rate for under 30s
To check status of this event contact: Julian Marcus: arkveats@hotmail.com

Message from the Chairman of Warwick Independent Schools Foundation

Dear Old Warwickians

Following our announcement in January, that we would be recruiting a Principal to provide a single point of executive leadership for this Foundation, we have been carrying out a rigorous national recruitment process which is now concluded.

I am delighted to tell you that Mr Richard Nicholson has been appointed as the new Principal with effect from 1st September 2020.

Mr Nicholson is well-known to the Foundation community, having led with distinction King’s High School and Warwick Preparatory School as the first overarching Head, a role he took on a year after appointment to the King’s High headship. Mr Nicholson shares the Governors’ exciting vision for the future of the Foundation and we look forward to seeing our community continue to thrive under his leadership.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Nicholson on his appointment.

With all good wishes,
David Stevens

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Sat 27 June 2020 – Warwick School

150 OWs, and many of the staff who taught them, have already signed up for the 1960, ’70, ’80, ’90, 2000 and 2010 leavers anniversary reunions on Saturday 27 June.

The reunions are relaxed, friendly and informal occasions, offering the chance to meet with friends and contemporaries and have a look round the school today.

Meet back at school from 12:00 to 16:00 for drinks and a light lunch followed by a tour of the school. Dress code is casual. While the format is informal and there is no charge for attending, places must be booked. Please book on www.oldwarwickians.org or return the booking form on page 20.

These anniversary reunions are for those who left at the end of the Upper Form in 1960, ’70, ’80, ’90, 2000 and 2010, plus classmates who left earlier, including those who left two years early, after O levels or GCSEs.

Provisional Diary of Events – Summer 2020

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Anniversary Reunions

Warwick School
Sat 27 June, 12:00-16:00.

Wessex Old Warwickians Lunch

Venue tbc
Sat 12 Sept, 12:00.

OW Coffee Morning

The Pyne Room, Warwick School
Sat 4 July 2020, 10:00-11:30.

Coffee, bacon butties and a chat. Wives, partners and friends welcome.

As this date is after the end of the school term, we anticipate plenty of parking. We would suggest using the Junior School car park on this occasion.

For information on any of these events please contact: Alumni Relations, Warwick School E: alumni@warwickschool.org.

Chapel Services – Summer 2020

Sun 28 June 10:30 Foundation and Benefactors’ Sunday
All OWs and their families and friends welcome.

As this date may change, please check details on www.oldwarwickians.org.

Music and Drama

For information on forthcoming school music and drama productions see www.warwickschool.org and www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk.

Postponement or cancellation of events

If any event is postponed or cancelled we will endeavour to contact all those booked to attend and will regularly post updates on www.oldwarwickians.org.
In conversation with... Christian Horner OBE

Red Bull Racing’s Team Principal Christian Horner (WS 1987-92) kindly gave up some time before the start of the new F1 season for an interview with two Warwick School students. Keen F1 fans Giosué Larucci and Harry Hawkins were more than happy to pause their A level studies and chat with Christian about his time at school and some of his defining F1 moments. The boys seized the opportunity with great enthusiasm and gratitude.

School days
Christian thoroughly enjoyed his time at Warwick School, which he attended with his two brothers. Key teachers he remembers with affection include Ken Freeborn (PE), Scott Wilson (English) and ‘Flykers’ aka Gervald Frykman (Chemistry and now School Archivist). Memorable moments included Thursday afternoon CCF and the Hovercraft Club. Usefully, Christian couldn’t recall any embarrassing moments at school, although he distinctly remembers being petrified of Derek Shield, who ran the CCF. The boys confirmed he was not alone. While doing his A levels, Christian graduated from karter to car racing – a big leap for anyone competing in motorsport, but especially aged 18. He recalls “spending every waking hour thinking about racing” and was grateful that the school supported his ambitions. Head Master Dr Shield, who ran the CCF, allowed him to take time out of school to compete in karting events around the country, including the world championships. Christian was grateful that the school supported his ambitions. Head Master Dr Shield, who ran the CCF, allowed him to take time out of school to compete in karting events around the country, including the world championships.

Formula One
Where do you start with a man who, in 2005, was the youngest team principal in F1 and who has since won eight world titles? The boys jumped straight in and questioned one of the highest regarded team principals in the sport about some of his more challenging moments and tough decisions. Christian answered their questions with his distinctive professional candour. The boys write: “Christian’s replies were hugely interesting. During the 2013 season the well-known rivalry between Mark Webber and Sebastian Vettel was in full force. We asked him how he managed the situation. Whatever disagreements went on behind closed doors, he explained his mission to sustain and promote a united team. Christian acknowledged full well that drivers want to be winning, but he explained that he always reminds them that the team is more than just the drivers and it is more important for the team to be united in victory, or defeat.”

Christian explained his reasoning behind Red Bull’s seemingly unexpected decision to promote Alexander Albon to replace Pierre Gasly for the last nine races in 2019. He talked about pressures and the luxury of having two F1 teams with the ability to move people around. The boys questioned his feelings when Daniel Ricciardo gave notice to leave Red Bull in 2019. Christian explained his surprise and then acceptance. As Team Principal he wants drivers who are 100% committed to the team and, with Daniel’s head and heart elsewhere, the time was right for him to move on.

The boys asked if there were any parts of the job that he doesn’t like. He admitted that the travel and increasingly heavy international calendar can be tiring (at that time there were 21 races in five continents scheduled in 2020). The politics can sometimes be infuriating, he says, but they’re part and parcel of the job.

The future?
Aspirations for the future are simple. The winter months have been busy and productive for Red Bull. Christian is evidently still enjoying the competitive side of his career. For now, he is focused on wanting to achieve more with Red Bull and getting the team back into a winning position. We wish him well for the new season.

Christians Five Favourites

Favourite book – The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Favourite film – The Goonies
Favourite song – Gimme Shelter by the Rolling Stones
Favourite car to drive – Aston Martin, DBS
Favourite road to travel on – the road to home.
Warwick School families

Nine Bright Shiner

In a new feature, we celebrate families that have been associated with Warwick School for multiple generations. There are a number of current boys with fathers, uncles and grandfathers who came to Warwick School. A number also have sisters and mothers who attended King’s High.

Here we look at the Shiner. ‘Nine bright Shiners’ if the old English folk song is to be believed. All boarders at Warwick School, three generations spanning 76 years.

Albert Edward Shiner
Engineer and lay preacher who, according to Portcullis 1967, “anxious to obtain the best possible schooling for his sons, investigated facilities throughout the country and happily selected Warwick”.

Stephen Shiner
WS 1917-21
Awarded Damboy and Son for Botany, Agriculture and Chemistry in 1921. Held chamber pot on flag pole at entrance to school. Emigrated to Canada twice. In later life was lay reader in the Anglican Church of Canada and wrote a book critical of Popes called Holy Smoke.

Edward James Shiner
WS 1921-23
Spent two years at Warwick before his family emigrated to Canada in 1950. Attending Warwick with three Shiner cousins, recalls they were referred to as Shiner Major, Minor, Maximus and Minimus. Enjoyed school except for stone cold C dorm. After graduating, taught history for a number of years in Canada.

Malcolm Paul Shiner
WS 1944-50
Started at WS on his tenth birthday in 1944 in Junior Boarding House. Enjoyed being a boarder apart from the lack of food. Even jam was on ration! Highlight was receiving form prize in LV from Field Marshal Montgomery. Only completed one year in the Sixth Form when it was suggested that he leave school because his father was finding it difficult to afford fees for three boys. Two years National Service was spent in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. After selection for Officer Training at Eaton Hall, returned to the Regiment as 2nd/Lt, serving in Cyprus and Northern Ireland during the EOKA and IRA troubles. Later employed by various companies in the ‘rag’ trade, eventually falling foul of two dictators who suspected him of spying. Egyptian authorities found his American Express card ended in 007. Three daughters attended King’s High.

Philip Shiner
WS 1919-25
Appeared in many school productions, played for the 1st XV and was a member of the school swimming team. Water treatment engineer. A staunch and enthusiastic supporter of the OWA for 20 years. OWA a member of the school swimming team. Water treatment engineer.

Edward Shiner
WS 1927 1st XI with Len Shiner

Leonard Shiner
WS 1921-27
A staunch and enthusiastic supporter of the OWA for 20 years. OWA Development Director for Next. Early retirement was offered and accepted in 1991, aged 56.

Colin Shiner back, second from left

Godfrey Shiner
WS 1938-53

Philip Shiner with sons Colin, Roy and Godfrey

Roy Philip Shiner
WS 1947-56

Philip Shiner with sons Colin, Roy and Godfrey

Edward Shiner
WS 1927 1st XI with Len Shiner

Simon Philip Shiner
WS 1988-93
Full School Prefect and Head of School House. Member of 1st XV and Captain of 2nd XV (which only lost one match all season). Enjoyed rugby tour to Australia and New Zealand. Played violin in school orchestra throughout his time at Warwick. Took part in CCF March and Shoot competitions and laid wreath on Remembrance Day. Cycled Land’s End to John O’Groats. A qualified accountant, Simon is currently Finance Director of RunYourFleet, based in Henley-in-Ardan.

If your family spans multiple generations at Warwick School and you are happy to share your story, please contact Anne Douglas a.douglas@warwickschool.org

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School News

The coronavirus outbreak has been the most significant challenge faced this term. We are closely monitoring what is a very fluid situation and are following Public Health England advice to schools and educational settings. As you would expect, our Executive Management Group continue to plan for a range of scenarios and training has taken place for pupils and staff to ensure that teaching and learning continues remotely while the school is temporarily closed.

One Campus Plus

The Project One Campus masterplan to bring all schools in the Foundation together on one site is nearing completion. One Campus Plus was created to raise an extra level of funds to provide further enhancements to the new campus. A key fundraising project in the proposed new Foundation Sports Clubhouse, which will be situated by the new 3G rugby pitch, tennis courts, and hockey pitches. This building will provide a new changing space for boys and girls, plus a viewing balcony of the sports fields. For further information on the campaign, please visit www.onecampusplus.co.uk.

Play on

Lessons, concerts and competitions continue to be enjoyed. One of the regular highlights of the Lent Term, Jazz at the Bridge, was as entertaining as ever. We wish all our students well when they head for the National Concert Band Finals.

Exhibition of Young Local Artists

Celebrating art and young talent, 36 local schools took part in the ‘Exhibition of Young Local Artists’ hosted at Warwick School.

McKaren arrives in school

Pioneering medical engineer Dr Eric Yuen (WS 2004-06) generously donated an electric wheelchair robot to the school’s Biology Dept and Medical Centre – for use as a teaching tool and mobility device for students who may have a sporting injury. The chair, named McKaren after Eric’s mother, has been carefully engineered to balance itself in all terrains, automatically slow down before turning and is even operational in water!

Brain day

Our Year 12 psychology students were treated to a fantastic Brain Day, led by neuroscientist Dr Guy Sutton – an Honorary Special Lecturer in Neuroscience at the University of Nottingham.

RNLI Day

Junior School students took advantage of dressing up as pirates for the RNLI day and raised £655.

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Trips and tours

Boys experienced a range of fantastic experiences on the many academic and extra-curricular trips and tours during February half term.

Foundation and Benefactors’ Sunday

Provisional date: Sun 28 June, 10:30
Join us for this special chapel service to commemorate the Foundation of Warwick School and celebrate our generous benefactors who have supported the school community over many years. All welcome at the service.
Check updates on www.oldwarwickians.org

Jacobs indoor sky dive

WS student Jacob has an inoperable brain tumour. He was challenged by the CEO of the Brain Tumour Charity to do an indoor sky dive and, on 14 March, he was scheduled to do one to raise over £2,000 for The Brain Tumour Charity. Read more about his story from Martin, Jacob’s father, on https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martin-walmsley5. Support very gratefully received.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Mary Poppins was this year’s Middle School drama collaboration between Warwick and King’s High.

Rugby 7s and U18 national finalists

The grounds staff have worked incredibly hard to maintain the pitches during a very wet winter. The new 3G rugby pitch has been put to fantastic use. The weekend of 7-8 March was a busy one for WS rugby. On the Saturday we hosted the annual Warwick 7s and on the Sunday our U18s travelled to Northampton School for Boys for the Schools Cup semi-final.

For the fourth consecutive season, Warwick School’s U18 reached the final of the national Schools Cup. In their semi-final, the boys put on an amazing show of resilience to come from behind and win 32-23. As we go to press, their final at Twickenham on 19 March has just been postponed.
Congratulations to current students Finlay Smith and Jack Forsythe, who have made the England U18 squad.

New boarding bursary

Thanks to a generous legacy made by Martin Lambert (WS 1944-51), the school has established a new boarding bursary for a pupil entering the school in September 2020. The Head Master is liaising with the Royal National Springboard Foundation, which connects disadvantaged young people with top boarding schools to provide transformational opportunities. The bursary recipient will receive a fully-funded boarding place at the school. We hope this will be the first of many boarding bursaries.
Old Warwickians around the world

Opportunities for camaraderie, friendship and networking

From Belize to Bulgaria and Moldova to Monaco, OWs are living all around the world. According to postal addresses on our OW database, OWs currently reside in 48 different countries outside the UK.

If you would like to make contact with fellow OWs overseas, please ask to be put in touch by emailing alumni@warwickschool.org. You can also get in touch directly through www.warwickschoolconnect.org.

If you are based overseas and would like to send an image for inclusion in the next Old Warwickian please email: a.douglas@warwickschool.org

Moving to Canada is a hot topic. Henry Averns (WS 1972-83) sent us the view from his breakfast table in Ontario.

Will Todman (WS 1998-2009), based in Washington, on a recent trip to the Glacier National Park in Montana.

Gary Edwards (WS 1960-73) spotted a hippo on the shoreline of a remote and beautiful beach near his home in Durban, South Africa.

The number of OWs residing in different countries outside the UK

Steven Fisher (WS 1977-82), recently appointed as Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, was given the national costume as a birthday present. The shirt is called an ‘ia’ and the hat a ‘sapka’. Steve reassures that he doesn’t normally wear a goatskin hat indoors.

Guy Benfield WS 1974-83 and family next to his award-winning show garden in Melbourne.

Glyn Edwards (WS 1986-89) was delighted to welcome fellow OW Steve Walter and his family when they visited Sydney. Glyn was captain of the 1st XV in 1988-89 while Steve was vice-captain.

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Read the full essay on www.oldwarwickians.org/archives

OW Sport

OW Cross Country
Sat 14 Dec 2019

Wimbledon Common was suitably muddy for the annual Thames Hare and Hounds Alumni Race. Huge thanks and admiration to the seven OWs, aged 23 to 80, who tackled the five-mile round course, completed over ancient, winding paths.

Jack’s competitive running started in 1954, a year before he left school, and slowly builds it up. By race day, he has usually covered half the distance each night (but not if it’s raining). The five-mile race is therefore an endurance test completed by willpower! We salute you, Jack.

The 2020 race is scheduled for Saturday 12 December at 14:00. Please join us if you can run or if, like Jack, you fancy a bit of a challenge. To register an interest, please email Anne Douglas a.douglas@warwickschool.org.

Interested in playing OW Sport?

Please contact the captains below

OW Cricket
Society vs OWs
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OW Golf
OW Spring Golf Day
Contact Julian Marcus on arkvets@hotmail.com

OW Tennis
School vs OWs
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OW Hockey
OWs vs Old Sils
Contact Dan Murray on murrayfs16@e4.co.uk

OW Rugby
OWs vs Old Sils
Contact tbc

OW Golf – Spring Golf Day

Tues 19 May 2020 – Tadmarton Heath GC

All welcome – bring a friend too! The day will follow the usual format of Edinburgh foursomes in the morning and an individual stableford in the afternoon, to allow golfers who only wish to play 18 holes to have the chance to participate in the afternoon.

£70 for 36 holes or £50 for 18 holes – includes lunch, 3 course dinner, green fees and prizes.

OWs under the age of 30 are offered the discounted rate of £20.

For info and booking please email Julian Marcus: arkvets@hotmail.com

OWs vs Old Sils

Jack Thornton (WS 1951-58), who ran the race a few weeks after his 80th birthday. Jack’s competitive running probably started in Lower and Upper Fourth, when the ground was too wet for Games and boys were sent on a run to Tatchbrook Road Field and back. As Jack moved up the school, he ran for Gevelton House in the Middle and Senior Cross Country and, in his final year, he won the Senior Cross Country.

OWs Cross Country

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**OW Anniversary Reunions**

Warwick School  
Saturday 27 June 2020.

- I would like to attend.

Name of guest (if you would like to bring one):

Please detail below any special needs and/or dietary requirements.

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**100 years ago**

One hundred years ago boys started Warwick School wearing a dark jacket, long grey trousers and a small navy cap with a silver portcullis badge. All boys under 16 years and below 5 ft 6 were required to wear an Eton Collar outside the jacket. Attendance at school rugby and cricket matches was compulsory, with prefects taking a roll call beforehand. The games were usually on a Saturday afternoon, following morning school. The 1919-20 1st XV played ten matches, winning four, drawing one and losing five.

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