

Pre 1925 Head Boys

The names in the appendix to this note are sourced from the School Magazines currently published on the website. There was no formalized means of recording the names of Head Boys in the magazines except perhaps via the Valete sections as they were employed at least from 1916 and at least until 1923.

The Valete sections did not exist in 1909 and to the extent that they may have existed after 1923 their format had certainly changed by 1928 so as no longer automatically to include the extra curricular school records of all departing head boys and prefects.

The October 1894 magazine announces the first appointment of prefects in the High School. A Head Prefect plus five others were appointed.

However, in a letter published in the July 1907 magazine **Sir Charles Santley** describes himself as having been **Head Boy between 1848 and 1849**. Charles Santley attended the Mechanics' Institute from 1840 - 1849 (Tiffen). Tiffen makes no mention of any Head Boys or prefects either by name or number.

In Headmaster Fletcher's valedictum published in the July 1904 magazine mention is made of three head-boys in relation to the High School and the Commercial School, of whom only Mackney is named. If prefects and Head Boys were indeed appointed in the High School for the first time in 1894 it is just possible therefore, however unlikely, that Santley could have been Head Boy of the Commercial School in 1848/49.

Mindful of the above, I have chosen to omit Charles Santley's name from the accompanying appendix.

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APPENDIX TO PRE 1925 HEAD BOYS DOCUMENT

Source Mag		Described As
Oct. 1894	J.L. Hawkes	Head Prefect
Oct 1898	P.J.G. Rose ¹	Head Boy
Apr. 1905	H.H. Mackney ²	Head Boy
Jul. 1916	F.G. Norris	Captain of School 1915-1916
Dec. 1916	J.L. McKie ³	Head of School
Dec . 1917	J.S. Williams ⁴	Head of School 1912 -1913
Dec. 1919	H.E. Holmes	Head of School
Jul. 1921	S. Milburn	Head of School 1920-1921
Sep. 1923	W.C. Kneale	Head of School 1922

NOTES

1. Percy Rose went up to St. John's, Cambridge. The July 1908 Magazine reports that he had been called to the Bar and refers to an appointment he had held as Private Secretary to the Under Secretary for Scotland.
2. H.H. Mackney was the first winner of the Tate Scholarship and left school to go up to Oxford. (Apr. 1905 Mag.)
3. J.L. McKie went up to Brasenose College, Oxford.
4. The years during which J.S. Williams was Head of School were given within an item in the Dec 1917 magazine imparting the sad news that he had been killed in action.

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