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Celebrating
475 years of
Berkhamsted
School



Dr Fry and pupils in a photo from 1905 marking the pupil roll reaching 400.



An early 19th century view of the School building.

The 475th Anniversary of Dean Incent's foundation

Berkhamsted School was founded in 1541 by John Incent, Dean of St Paul's. For 100 years it flourished but, as with many public schools, the next two centuries brought difficult times until the School was re-established in 1841. The year 1888 saw the establishment of the Girls' Grammar School, Berkhamsted and in 1996 the radical move was made to merge the two schools.

The year 2016 will be the 475th anniversary of Incent's foundation, and it is to mark this milestone that a series of events is planned to celebrate the long history of our School. Although the anniversary is linked to the foundation of the Boys' School, we will celebrate as the Berkhamsted School of today, from Pre-Prep through to Sixth Form, boys and girls. The celebrations will start in October 2015 with a 475th Anniversary Launch Dinner that will see current and past Heads and Principals, Head Boys and Head Girls, Governors and long-serving staff coming together for what promises to be a memorable evening.

During the 2015-16 academic year we also mark the 125th anniversary of what is now known as the Combined Cadet Force as well as the centenary of the introduction of competitive rugby at Berkhamsted.

The Berkhamsted School of today is for the most part unrecognisable from the School of Incent's vision - his ambition was for a school of just 144 boys - yet there are enduring features. The original School Hall, completed in 1544, still stands as a symbol of the strength, character and resilience of both the School and those associated with it; we continue to be a School that has a tradition of producing interesting people with a spirit of adventure; and we remain a School firmly rooted in the local community.

We very much hope you will join us in celebrating the long and fascinating history of this wonderful School.

Michael Bond
Acting Principal, Berkhamsted Schools Group

Berkhamsted 475 Schedule of Events

Rugby Centenary OB Games & Dinner

Saturday 12 September 2015 - Nash-Harris Dining Hall

Current & former rugby players

Rugby Centenary Match v Harrow

Wednesday 7 October 2015 - Allianz Park

School Community event

475 Launch Dinner

Saturday 17 October 2015 - Deans' Hall/Nash-Harris Dining Hall

By invitation

475 Anniversary Book Launch (Founder's Day)

Friday 23 October 2015 - Nash-Harris Dining Hall

Staff and invited guests

Talent Show

Thursday 3 & Friday 4 March 2016 - Centenary Theatre

School Community event

Staff Pantomime - Snow White and the 475 Dwarves

Thursday 28 & Friday 29 April 2016 - Centenary Theatre

School Community event

CCF General Inspection Day and 125th Anniversary

Wednesday 4 May 2016 - Castle Grass Quad

School Community event

Proms in the Quad

Sunday 26 June 2016 - Castle Grass Quad

School Community event

Bunbury's Celebrity Team v School Invitation Team

Sunday 3 July 2016 - Chesham Road Fields

School Community event

Pupil 475 Celebration Day

Tuesday 5 July 2016 - Kitchener's Field

Pupil event

Friends 475 Summer Ball

Friday 8 July 2016 - The Marquee at Kings

School Community event

Staff Battlefields Trip

8-10 July 2016

Staff event

OB 475 Celebration

Saturday 15 October 2016 - Deans' Hall with International Links

OB event - tickets available

St Albans Cathedral 475 Service

Wednesday 19 October 2016 - St Albans Cathedral

Pupil and staff event*

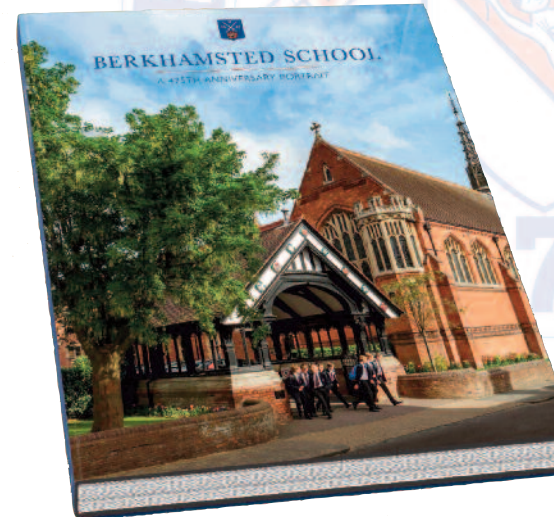
Founder's Day - House Music Competitions

Friday 21 October 2016 - Deans' Hall/Centenary Theatre

Senior School Pupils

** All pupils in the Senior Boys' School and Sixth Form students will attend the Service along with representatives of the Senior Girls' and Prep Schools.*

Berkhamsted School - a 475th Anniversary Portrait



A highlight of the 475th anniversary of the School will be the publication of the illustrated *475th Anniversary Portrait*, written by former English Master John Davison (JAD) with the support of Immediate Past Chairman and OB Peter Williamson.

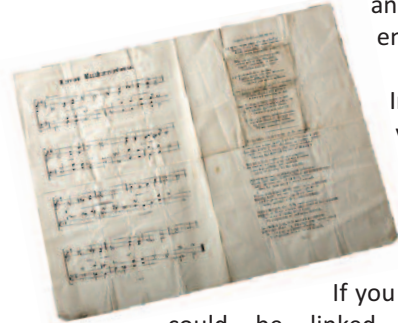
Pre-launch copies of the book will be available at the 475 Launch Dinner on 17 October 2015, and the official launch of the book will be at Founder's Day on 23 October. John Davison will attend both events.

The book is available to order online at: www.tmilt.com/berkhamsted

Remembering our proud heritage

The 475 Schedule of Events will hopefully enable all members of the wider School community to identify at least one event that will offer an enjoyable opportunity to share in the celebrations. Further details will be publicised in due course about events taking place in 2016.

Being mindful of how busy the school year is, we have attempted to add a celebratory element to regular calendar favourites such as the Talent Show, CCF General Inspection Day, Proms in the Quad and Founder's Day, whilst adding a small number of events we believe will enhance the programme.



In addition to the published schedule of events, we are also exploring various ways of adding a celebratory flavour to the taught curriculum over the coming months. For example, the Music Department will revive the Boy's School Song *Carmen Berkhamstedense* (sung in Latin) and the Girls' School hymn *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*.

If you have any ideas or suggestions of aspects of the School's history that could be linked to curricular activities, please contact Catherine Dow at cdow@berkhamstedschool.org.

A logo marking 475 years of history

Pupils of the School from Year 3 upwards were invited to submit their ideas for a logo design to celebrate the 475th anniversary of the School. We had a pleasing response from boys and girls between Years 3 and 10. A judging panel comprising Caroline Ferguson (Head of Art & Design), Bee Millar (Artist-in-Residence, 2014-15) and Fra Garratt (Graphics teacher) considered the entries and, with several designs in close contention, finally chose the logo created by Lucy-Mae Bly (currently in Year 8) as the winner. The winning design (right) and other entries can be seen on the School website: www.berkhamstedschool.org/475



Berkhamsted in pictures

Alongside the publication of the 475th Anniversary Portrait of Berkhamsted School, we have digitised a host of images from our Archive. Some of these appear in the book, which will be launched on Founder's Day, 23 October 2015, and others will be shared via galleries on the School website. This brochure features just a small sample of these images.



1. HM The Queen Mother opens the new South Wing at Kings on 13 June 1958; 2. Augustus Smith rescued the School from extinction in 1841; 3. HRH The Prince of Wales visited the School on 13 June 1935; 4. The airship Gamma, piloted by OB Wing Commander John Norman Fletcher, landed in the Berkhamsted Castle grounds on 29 May 1913; 5. Dr Fry and his dog at the front door of School House in 1910; 6. The Corps marching along the High Street on the way to camp, early 20th century; 7. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited the School on 28 April 2004; 8. OB Sir Robin Knox-Johnston completed the first solo circumnavigation of the globe on 22 April 1969; 9. A swimming gala at the open air pool at the Girls' School.



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