LIST OF MASTERS

NOTE: In some cases masters were ordained after leaving the College

HEADMASTER 1855-70

THORNTON, The Rev. Robinson, M.A., D.D., 1st cl. Lit. Hum., 2nd cl. Math., scholar of St. John's Coll., Oxon, Fellow 1846-55, Warden of Trin. Coll., Glenalmond, 1870-3; refused bishoprick of Argyll, Boyle Lecturer 1881-3, Preb. of St. Paul's and Examining Chaplain to Bp. of London (Dr. Temple), Archdeacon of Middlesex. 'He has written largely in defence of revealed religion, his works against scepticism being well known: but his contributions to general literature have been copious and various in character.... He was an accomplished scholar and theologian, an excellent preacher, a remarkable linguist, a good botanist, courteous in manner, patient in argument, an indefatigable worker and withal singularly freer from any thought of self-aggrandisement.'—The Times obit. 1906.

1856-8. Keenor, J.
1856-60. Richmond, William Hall, M.A., Durh. U., afterwards headmaster of Drapers Coll., Tottenham, d. 1886
1856-66. Davey, William Thomas, Exeter Training College
1856-67. Lombard de Luc, C., B.ésL., Paris
1857-63. Zerffi, G. G., Ph.D., U. of Pesth
1858-96. Cooper, Frederick Charles, art master, b. 1817, d. 1900
1858-79. Jeffery, James, afterwards headmaster of a preparatory school, d. 1907
1862-4. Champion, A., organist

1863-85. Finckh, W., educ. Tübingen


1864-8. Bernays, Albert James, Ph.D., Giessen, F.C.S., F.I.C., b. 1823, d. 1892 (see D.N.B. Supp.)

1865-7. Tomkins, Gerard William, B.A., Jesus Coll., Camb; afterwards Principal of Upper Grade School, Simla; d. 1920

1866-70. Barham, The Rev. Frederick Campbell, M.A., Conv. and Caius Coll., Camb, b. 1845, d. 1920


1867-70. Harrison, The Rev. William Henry, B.A., B.D., St. David’s, Lampeter, d. 1903


HEADMASTER 1870-85


1870-1. Watkins, Thomas Henry, M.A., Christ’s Coll., Camb, b. 1831


1870-1. Long, Robert Weaver Rogers, B.A., Lond. U.

1870-4. Lambson, W., Battersea Training College
1870–4. **Le Manquais, J.**


1871–2. **Marklove**, Maurice William Carrington, M.A., St. John’s Coll., Camb, b. 1847, left for Westminster, d. 1897

1871–87. **Threlfall**, Thomas, M.A., B.N.C., Oxon, b. 1845, house-master of Forest 1883–4, d. 1897


1875–7. **Hughes, The Rev.** Thomas Evans, M.A., Jesus Coll., Camb, b. 1850, d. 1920

1875. **Bowen**, Henry Storer, B.A., Lond. U.

1875–6. **Sharpe, The Rev.** Alfred Bowyer, M.A., Ch. Ch., Oxon, b. 1851


1876. **Formby**, Edward Hesketh, B.A., St. Mary Hall, Oxon

1876–82. **Coates**, Arthur Edward, St. John’s Coll., Camb, d. in California 1897


1878–1901. [von] **Engel**, Clemens, Leipsig U., fought in Franco-Prussian War, house-master of Propert 1887–90, d. 1901

1879–82. **Mathias**, Edward, M.A., Jesus Coll., Oxon, b. 1853

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1881–91. **Jackson, John Steele, M.A., Lond. U., housemaster of Carr 1883–91, First Commanding Officer of the Cadet Corps, d. 1891**

1881–4. **Hoffmeister, George Bernard, M.A., Gonv. and Caius Coll., Camb, b. 1858, d. 1891 [O.E. 1873]**


1883–5. **Walker, Thomas Hollis, C.M.G., B.A., Ch. Ch., Oxon, b. 1860, d. 1945 [O.E. 1872]**


**HEADMASTER 1885–9**

**WOOD, The Rev. William Cecil, M.A., Emm. Coll., Camb, 2nd cl. Classical Tripos, b. 1849, formerly assistant master at Christ’s Hospital and at Wellington College, and headmaster of Birkenhead School. Died at Epsom 3 February 1889. ‘During his three years tenure of office he had done an immense amount of work for us; in fact he may fairly be said to have revolutionized everything. . . . It is to be feared that the task he had undertaken proved too much for his strength and hastened his death. . . . An earnest student, a strenuous teacher and as a headmaster one who battled with unflinching courage against difficulties happily seldom encountered. . . .’—Epsomian.**


1885–1916. **Newsom, John Alexander, M.A., Ch. Ch., Oxon, housemaster of Propert 1890–7, Master of the Lower School from 1897, O.C. Cadet Corps 1891–1908, founding member of the Epsom Golf Club, d. at the College 1916; ‘Jan’**

1887. **Payne, Charles Wynter, B.A., Ch. Ch., Oxon, formerly I.C.S.**

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1888-96. **Lawson**, The Rev. Norton George, M.A., King’s Coll., Camb, b. 1858, housemaster of Carr 1892-6, botanist, d. 1946


1888-1923. **Crossley**, William Douglas, appointed Bursar 1889, d. 1933; ‘Bruin’

1888-91. **Candy**, Hugh Charles Herbert, J.P., M.A., B.Sc., Lond. U., afterwards Consulting Analyst to the London Hospital, author of works on Milton and Browning, and on physics and chemistry, d. 1935

**HEADMASTER 1889-1914**

**HART-SMITH**, The Rev. Thomas Northmore, from 1903 **Smith-Pearse**, M.A., Exeter Coll., Oxon, b. 1855, formerly assistant-master at Repton and at Marlborough. A rigid disciplinarian, he worked with tremendous energy, never sparing himself. A classical scholar himself, he insisted that boys should have a full education before specializing. In his time many new buildings were erected and the College grounds were beautified. The standard of scholarship increased greatly. He was a great naturalist, founded the N.H.S., and published a volume on the flora of Epsom. He died in 1943; ‘Jerk’, ‘Thumbs’, or ‘Terch’


1891-5. **Keer**, James Cordy B.A. Lond. [O.E. 1879]


1891. Wentworth Jones, A.


1892–5. Gardiner, Charles Irving, M.A., Christ’s Coll., Camb, b. 1868, afterwards asst. master at Cheltenham, author of An Introduction to Geology, d. 1940


1896. Spivey, William Thomas Newton, M.A., Trin. Coll., Camb, b. 1871, d. 1901


1896–1933. Gardner, Herbert Edward, B.Sc., Lond. U., Dipl. Alliance Francaise, b. 1873, first housemaster of Rosebery 1926–9, second master 1925–33; Torweston, Cooden Drive, Bexhill; ‘Pal’, ‘Jove’

1896–1908. Plum, Harry Victor, M.A., Hertf. Coll., Oxon, housemaster of Holman 1897–1908, headmaster of Kelly College 1911, m. Miss E. Carlyon (d. 1948), matron of Wilson 1906–10, the original of Perrin in Walpole’s novel Mr. Perrin and Mr. Traill; Maerbridge, Bude, Cornwall


1899. Hales, John Francis, M.A., Sid. Sus. Coll., Camb, b. 1871; latterly assistant librarian at King’s Coll., London

1900–3. **Foster**, Thomas Sutcliffe, M.A., Merton Coll., Oxon; Southwell, Trull, Taunton


1903–5. **Smith**, Graham Burrell, M.A., King’s Coll., Camb, b. 1880, headmaster of Sedbergh 1927–36; Trenadlin, Mawnan Smith, Cornwall

1904. **Jones**, Robert Ifor, B.A., Jesus Coll., Oxon

1905–6. **Ley**, Godfrey Noel, B.A., St. John’s Coll., Oxon., d. 1924


1908. **Walpole**, Sir Hugh Seymour, B.A., Emm. Coll., Camb, b. 1884, novelist. His early work *Mr. Perrin and Mr. Traill* draws largely on Epsom persons and circumstances, some characters being but thinly disguised; d. 1941


1908. **South**, Francis Wilton, F.R.S., B.A., Emm. Coll., Camb, sometime Chief Agriculture Inspector, Malay States


1911. **Woodd**, George Napoleon, B.A., Ball. Coll., Oxon


**HEADMASTER 1914–22**

**Barton**, The Rev. Canon Walter John, M.A., New Coll., Oxon, formerly assist. master at Winchester. He suffered from ill health and was absent for one term for this reason. He remodelled the house classrooms on the Toyse system and converted Big School into a library and reading-room to be used for the delivery of concerts and lectures. He introduced Sunday concerts and founded the XVI Club; 20 The Close, Salisbury


1916. **Langdon-Davies**, John, M.B.E., St. John's Coll., Oxon, b. 1897, author and journalist; Casa Rovira, San Felice de Guisclos, Spain


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1917. **Mais**, Stuart Petre Brodie, M.A., Ch. Ch. Oxon, F.R.S.A., b. 1885, broadcaster, novelist, journalist; 291 Woodstock Road, Oxford


1917. **Garrett**, Allan Frederick, M.A., Ball. Coll., Oxon, b. 1884

1917. **Tate**, Miss E. G.


1919–21. **Cox**, Samuel, M.A., Trin. Coll., Dublin, b. 1885, afterwards a housemaster at Aldenham; Knockion, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, co. Dublin


1919. **Hickie**, Eric Wynne, M.A., Queens' Coll., Camb

1919–22. **Smith**, T. M. (art master)

1919–20. **Gwynne**, Miss

1920–7. **Earle**, Miss Joan Mary, b. 1895, previously in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, married, and went to Jamaica 1928


**HEADMASTER 1922–39**

**POWELL**, The Rev. Canon Arnold Cecil, M.A., Trin. Coll., Camb, Prebendary of Highleigh in Chichester Cathedral, sometime headmaster of Skipton Grammar School and of Bedford Modern School, formerly asst. master at Sedbergh, chairman and member of education committees; 1 Mount Lane, Chichester

1922–48. **Bown**, Albert Charles (art master), b. 1895, d. 1953


1922–7. **Barrett**, Miss Hilda Gertrude, b. 1893


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1923–5  Proctor, Maurice Faraday, M.A., St. John’s Coll., Camb, b. 1901, sometime asst. master at Radley, housemaster of Carr 1928–9, emigrated to Vancouver


1925. Whitfield, Arthur Alfred Ernest Ayerst, St. John’s Coll., Oxon, b. 1900

1926–8. Adamson, Eric Solberg, St. Andr. U., b. 1899


1928. Darr, Philip Josef, M.A., Queens’ Coll., Camb, b. 1905


1929. **Bennett**, Cecil Jacques Farrant, B.A., Christ’s Coll., Camb, b. 1892

1929–31. **Prister** [afterwards Prister-Crutwell], Flavio Camillo, B.A., Zagreb U., b. 1890; ‘Muss’


1931 . **Odell**, William Norman, M.A., St. John’s Coll., Camb, b. 1910 1933–4) [O.E. 1924]


1931–44. **Chatwin**, John Edward, M.A., Univ. Coll., Oxon, B.Sc., b. 1909; City of London School


1934. **Lodge**, Leonard, M.A., Lond. U., b. 1895
1934–7. **Forster**, Marselis Leindert, B.A., Queen’s U., Belfast, b. 1905, headmaster of Skipton Grammar School

1934–8. **Milman**, Dermot Lionel Kennedy, M.A., C.C.C., Camb, b. 1912, Rugby blue and international; British Council, Bogota


1935–40. **Bartlett**, Philip Noel, M.A., Queens’ Coll., Camb, b. 1906, housemaster of Forest 1936–8, T/Capt. I.C. 1940–5, P.O.W., Instructor at R.M.A.; 45 Gregories Road, Beaconsfield

1935. **Ireland**, Brian Henry de Courcy, B.A., Merton Coll., Oxon, b. 1911

1936–42. **Hazelton**, Edward Mears, M.A., FitzW. Hall, Camb, b. 1909, first housemaster of Crawfurde 1936–42, left for Clifton

1936. **Serraillier**, Ian Lucian, B.A., St. Edm. Hall, Oxon, b. 1912


1937. **Stanham**, Edward Peter Francis Louis, B.A., Emm. Coll., Camb, b. 1912

1937. **Tetley**, Harold Rennie, M.A., Jesus Coll., Camb, b. 1901


1938–48. **Fielden**, Eric, M.A., C.C.C., Camb, b. 1907, served in I.C. 1941–5; headmaster of City Freemans School


1939–. **Phair**, Edward Maxwell, M.A., Jesus Coll., Camb, b. 1908, housemaster of Fayrer 1940– , T/Lt. R. Signals 1941–5
1939–54. **Jones**, John Owen, B.Sc., Bangor, b. 1884; 18 Heath Hurst Road, N.W. 3


1940. **Smith**, Charles Cuthbert Baynes, M.A., Exeter Coll., Oxon, b. 1898

**HEADMASTER 1940–**


1940–1. **Prager**, Vladimir, B.Sc., Lond. U., b. 1908; 150 Overfull Road, S.E. 22

1940–3. **Gunther**, Charles Frederick, B.A., B.Sc., Lond. U., b. 1870, d. 1948


1941–4. **Knight**, The Rev. Harold, M.A., B.Litt., Ph.D., B.D., Oriel Coll., Oxon, b. 1911, afterwards at Repton and Winchester, author *The Hebrew Prophetic Consciousness*; King’s School, Canterbury

1941. **Walde**, Hermann, Innsbruck, b. 1902

1941–2. **Lunn**, Brian Holdsworth, M.A., Ch. Ch., Oxon, b. 1893

1941. **Capleton**, Arnold Bletchford, Ph.D., Prague U., b. 1885, Hon. Prof., Prague U.


1942. **Brittain**, The Rev. Desmond George, M.A., FitzW. Hall, Camb, b. 1890, d. 1943


1942–9. **Jevons**, Reginald Augustus, A.R.C.M., b. 1901; Principal Surrey Music College; Fitznells, Ewell


1943. **Del Rio**, Mrs. Louise Petre, b. 1888
1943–51. **Oliver**, Miss Hilda Mary, B.Sc., Vict. U., Manch., b. 1891; 22 Copse Edge Avenue, Epsom

1943–5. **Dodgson**, Reginald Charles Frederick, Ball. Coll., Oxon, b. 1890


1943. **O’Callaghan**, Frank, M.Sc., Univ. Coll., L’pool, b. 1877


1944–7. **Leonhardt**, Theophile Julius, Strasbourg U., b. 1885


1944–5. **Semmens**, Miss Elizabeth Sidney, B.Sc., Ph.D., Lond. U., b. 1865

1945– . **Burton**, Cedric Thomas Henry, Bonn, Freiburg, and Grenoble UU., b. 1908, housemaster of Forest 1949–


1945–9. **Cutcliffe**, Mrs. Elizabeth Monica Openshaw, M.A., St. Hugh’s Coll., Oxon, b. 1899; d. 1954


1946. **Godden**, Antony Clive, B.A., Bristol U., b. 1913

1946. **Henderson**, Magnus Reginald, B.A., St. John’s Coll., Oxon, b. 1913

1946–7. **Butcher**, Norris Paul, B.A., King’s Coll., Camb, b. 1921

1946–8. **Fyfe**, Christopher Hamilton, M.A., Univ. Coll., Oxon, b. 1920; 10 St. German’s Place, S.E. 3


1946. **Platten**, The Rev. Thomas George, M.A., St. John’s Coll., Camb, b. 1899, Principal, Saltley Training College, Birmingham


1947–9. **Wharton**, Harold, B.Sc., Vict. U., Manch., b. 1882; Heyton, St. George’s Avenue, Weybridge


1948–54. **Hornby**, Harold Alastair, M.A., Christ’s Coll., Camb, b. 1922; Cathedral School, Hereford


1949–52. **Smith**, Lawrence Stewart Ainslie, B.A., B.N.C., Oxon, b. 1927; Cruden Croft, Spencer Road, Canford Cliffs, Bournemouth

1949–53. **Somers-Cocks**, John Patrick (8th Lord Somers), b. 1907, music master; Chantry Cottage, Upper Chute, near Andover


1950. **Caraker**, George Ernest, M.A., B.Sc., University of S. Africa, b. 1912


1953. **Cullen**, James, M.A., Ball. Coll., Oxon; Oundle School


1953. **Turner**, John Sidney, M.A., Selwyn Coll., Camb, Ph.D. Chicago U., b. 1884

1953– . **Crisp**, Wilfred James, A.R.C.M., b. 1921


1953– . **Blaxter**, Christopher William, B.A., B.N.C., Oxon, b. 1929

1953– . **Dowrick**, Colin Edward James, B.A., Selwyn Coll., Camb, b. 1929
