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ST. JAMES' COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

RYLCOMBE, SUSSEX, ENGLAND



A USEFUL BUDGET OF
INFORMATION CONCERN-
ING THE FAMOUS
SCHOOL, ITS STAFF,
AND ITS SCHOLARS,
ETC. ETC.

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Herr Gottfried Schneider.
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House Dame (New House).—Mrs. Kenwigg.
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School Tuckshop.—Martha Taggles (Proprietress).
Page-boy.—Toby Marsh.

ST. JAMES' COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

(Founded A.D. 1570.)

The school is delightfully situated in the heart of Sussex, one mile from the pleasant little rustic village of Rylcombe, through which the shining Ryll winds its charming course.

Accommodation is provided for nearly 500 scholars, the School House (the original structure) containing 200, and the New House (added in 1852) boarding just under 100 pupils.

St. James' School is split up into Forms in the usual way, under the captaincy of Eric Kildare, with James Monteith as first subordinate. Every branch of sport is indulged in by the boys, cricket and football being compulsory. The greatest matches of the season are contested against Greyfriars.

The school Board of Governors includes such celebrated and distinguished gentlemen as Sir Harvey Wyatt, Colonel James Lyndon, the Marquis of Bagshot, the Viscount Headford, T. St. J. Harrison, Esq., J.P., and the Lord Eastwood.

SCHOOL ROUTINE. (Subject to Alteration.)

Rising-bell, 7 a.m.
Chapel, 7.30 a.m.

Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Morning School, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Dinner, 1 p.m.
Afternoon School (Wednesdays and Saturdays excepted), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Recreation, 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Tea in Big Hall (optional), 5.30 p.m.
Calling-over, 7 p.m.
Preparation, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Recreation (juniors), 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Recreation (seniors), 8 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.
Lights out, 10 p.m.

It is the duty of the ruling body of prefects to see that the above times and regulations are rigidly enforced, and to report any breach of the rules either to one of the Housemasters or to the headmaster in person.

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The GEM Library was launched in the year 1907, and its popularity is largely on the increase. It is hoped shortly to publish "Tom Merry's Weekly," a bright little paper controlled by the juniors, which will tend to give a better insight into the life and work of the school.

NOTES ON THE PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS.

BAKER, STANLEY.—A valiant Sixth-Former, loyal to Kildare, and excelling in all manner of sport. Age 17.

BLAKE, JACK.—A sturdy son of Yorkshire, who excels on the football field and is always ready for a lark. A study-mate of the immortal Gussy. Age 15.

BROOKE, DICK.—One of the few day-boys at St. Jim's, and a jolly good fellow. Age 15½.

CONTALINI, GIACOMO.—Tom Merry & Co.'s ally. Hails from the sunny climes of Italy, and signalled his arrival at St. Jim's by thrashing Buck Finn. Age 15.

CROOKE, GERALD.—A cad of the first water. Associated with Levison in many shady doings, and has often

come within an ace of expulsion. Age 15½.

CUTTS, GERALD.—The cad of the Fifth. A thorough black sheep, who spends his days in listless idleness and his nights in pub-haunting. Age 16½.

DANE, CLIFTON.—A real school-boy, hailing from Canada. Full of life and fun, and owner of a particularly violent parrot. Age 15½.

D'ARCY, ARTHUR AUGUSTUS.—A dignified, lavishly-dressed dandy, familiarly known as "Gussy" and the swell of St. Jim's. Lives only for his personal appearance, and is the laughing-stock of his chums in consequence. Somewhat devoted to the other sex, and at all time scrupulously polite. Always true to a chum, and stands firmly for the right. Age 15.

D'ARCY, WALTER.—The reckless young rascal who leads the members of the Third Form in all their escapades. Minor of the great Augustus, from whom he extracts many tips. Always game for a lark, and gets out of scrapes as quickly as he falls into them. Age 12½.

DARREL, GEORGE.—One of the head prefects, and Kildare's best chum. Plays a strong game of football, and has stood by his leader in many a crisis. Age 17.

DIGBY, ROBERT ARTHUR.—A decent fellow, in No. 6 Study with Blake and D'Arcy. Age 15.

DUDLEY, EDWIN.—One of the prefects. Excels in sport of all description, and loyally backs up Kildare. Age 17.

FIGGINS, GEORGE.—The long-limbed, athletic leader of the New House juniors. Shines in every branch of sport, and is greatly attached to Ethel Cleveland, D'Arcy's fair cousin. Has instigated numerous raids on the rival House, with more or less success. Age 15.

FINN, BUCK.—An arrogant American, of the bragging and boastful type. Beaten out of time by the new Italian junior, Giacomo Centalini. Age 15.

FRAYNE, JOSEPH.—Formerly a London street-arab. Through the genial influence and good-natured encouragement of Tom Merry, has won for himself a permanent place at St. Jim's. Simple and affectionate by nature, and associated with Wally

D'Arcy in all manner of "japes." Age 12½.

GIBSON, STANLEY.—Familiarly known as "Curly." One of Wally D'Arcy's staunchest supporters, and a great favourite with the Third. Age 12½.

GLYN, BERNARD.—An inventive genius, with a gift for anything in the electrical and engineering line. One of the best of fellows. Age 15½.

GORE, GEORGE.—A very peculiar fellow in the Shell. Big and burly, and once a thorough blackguard, he has now retrieved his past conduct to some extent, though he not infrequently lets his old habits gain the mastery over him. Shares the same study as Talbot and Skimpole. Age 15½.

GRAY, ALBERT.—A handsome Sixth-Former, upright and honest. Has a place in the senior elevens, and is a prefect. Age 17.

GRUNDY, GEORGE ALFRED.—Late of Redclyffe. A burly junior, handy with his fists, who fondly imagined he could win his way at St. Jim's by sheer brute force, but had a rude awakening when Tom Merry thrashed him. Has formed a Volunteer Corps, a paper to rival "Tom Merry's Weekly," and numerous other undertakings, only to be baffled and beaten. Quite a good fellow at heart. Age 15½.

GUNN, WILLIAM.—A sturdy Shell fellow, who backs up Grundy through thick and thin. Age 15½.

HAMMOND, HARRY.—The son of a man who made his fortune in the hat trade—hence the phrase: "Arny 'Ammond's 'Igh-class 'Ats." Though shunned at first on account of his Cockney dialect and mannerisms, he has now firmly established himself in the good graces of his schoolfellows. Age 15.

HERRIES, GEORGE.—Known to posterity by his famous cornet, upon which he performs hideous noises. A study-mate of Blake and D'Arcy. Deeply devoted to his bulldog, Towser. Age 15.

JAMESON, ERNEST.—An ardent supporter of Wally D'Arcy, of the Third. Age 12½.

JONES, HORACE.—A genial Sixth-Former and a good sportsman. Age 17.

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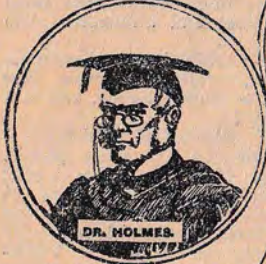
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TOM MERRY.



MANNERS.



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ARTHUR AUGUSTUS D'ARCY.



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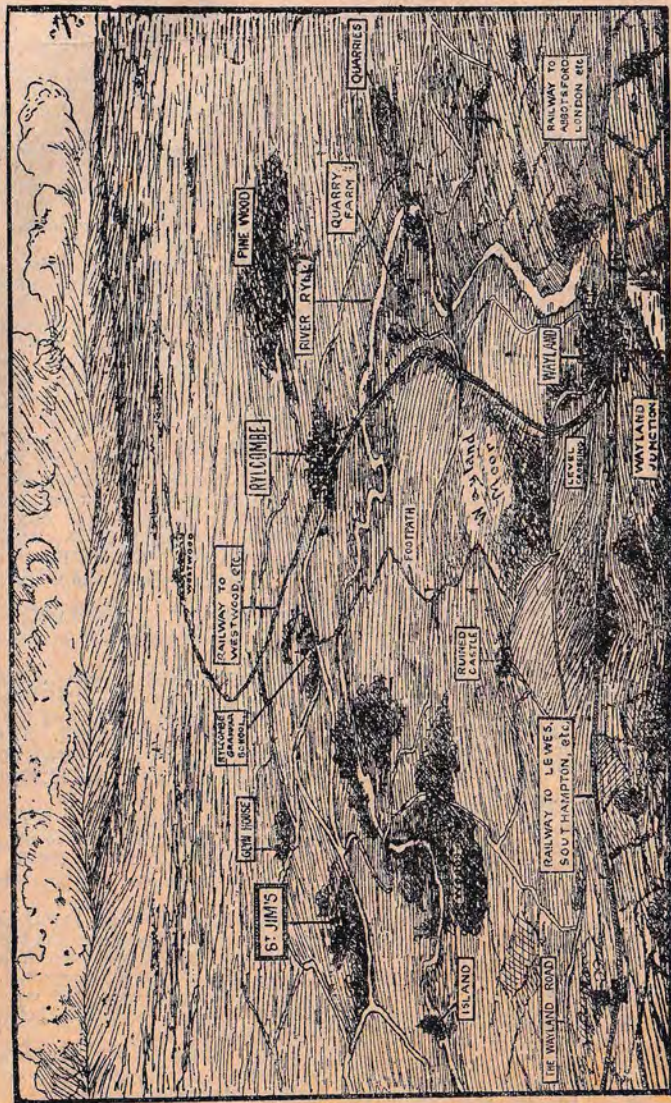


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1. George KERR.
2. "FATTY" WYNN.
3. GEORGE FIGGINS.



MAP SHOWING THE PRINCIPAL PLACES OF INTEREST IN THE DISTRICT AROUND ST. JIM'S.

JULIAN, DICK.—The Jewish junior at St. Jim's, who was wronged by Monty Lowther on his arrival, but has since turned up trumps. A splendid fellow in every way. Age 15.

KERR, GEORGE.—A shrewd and clever son of Scotland, noted for his marvellous powers of impersonation. The nearest and best chum of Figgins, and always on hand when japes are in progress. Age 15.

KERRUISH, HENRY.—A genial sportsman from the celebrated Isle of Man. Age 15.

KILDARE, ERIC.—The big, athletic captain of St. Jim's, with a heart of gold. First in class and first in the field, and a worthy son of the Emerald Isle. Age 17.

KNOX, GERALD.—A dissolute scoundrel in the Sixth, second to none in bullying and blackguardly conduct. In his position of prefect he never fails to make it warm for all juniors who cross his path. Age 17.

LANGTON, HERBERT.—One of the leading lights of the Sixth Form and a fine footballer. Age 17.

LAWRENCE, EDGAR.—Redfern's right-hand man. Age 15.

LEFEVRE, PHILIP.—One of the soundest fellows in the Fifth Form. Age 16½.

LEVISON, ERNEST.—A cunning, unscrupulous cad, with no pretensions to decency. Formerly at Greyfriars, from which school he was expelled in disgrace. His one redeeming feature is a curious devotion to Talbot. Age 15.

LOWTHER, MONTAGUE.—The irrepressible humorist and punster of the Shell, and one of Tom Merry's closest chums. Always looks on the bright side, and is most to be admired when things are at their blackest. Somewhat weak-willed and easily led, as evidenced by the occasions on which he ran away from school to take up stage-life and cinema-acting. The third of the Terrible Three. Age 15½.

LUMLEY-LUMLEY, JERROLD.—Son of an American millionaire, and one of the most daring fellows at St. Jim's, where he is known as the "Outsider." Lawless and unruly at first, he has since undergone an almost entire reformation. Age 15.

MANNERS, HENRY.—An ardent photographer and a member of that famous trio, the Terrible Three. Rather hasty at times, but a loyal chum and a real good fellow. Age 15½.

MELLISH, PERCY.—Cad, sneak, and rank outsider. One of the weakest and worst fellows in the Fourth, and is usually employed as a catspaw by Levison, with whom he has been connected in many dark doings. An utter toady and spy, not to be trusted farther than he is seen. Age 15.

MERRY, TOM.—The genial, light-hearted skipper of the Shell and leader of the Terrible Three. A first-class sportsman, captain of the junior cricket and football teams, and a born leader of boys. His nature is strongly marked by courage and cheerfulness. Age 15½. Editor of "Tom Merry's Weekly."

MONTEITH, JAMES.—Head prefect of the New House. A good fellow at heart, but inclined to be selfish and imperious. Has had many tiffs with Kildare in the past, but has recently been true to his colours. A very useful fellow on the playing-fields. Age 17.

MULVANEY, PATRICK.—A good-natured Irish senior in the Sixth. Age 17.

MULVANEY, MICHAEL.—The mischievous minor of the above. Age 15.

NOBLE, HARRY.—An Australian youth of great personal attractions and a splendid sportsman. One of the most popular fellows in the Shell. Age 15½.

NORTH, JACK.—A prefect of high repute and a firm friend of Eric Kildare. Age 17.

OWEN, LESLIE.—One of the scholarship boys who came to St. Jim's with Redfern and signalled their arrival in such an exciting manner. Age 15.

RAO, KOUMI.—The Indian junior at St. Jim's, who possesses the Oriental notion that riches will win him any object. Uses flowery language, and would go through fire and water for George Figgins, who has befriended him. Age 15.

RAY, ROLAND.—A fine, upstanding fellow in the Fourth. Good at games and a useful all-rounder. Age 15.

REDFERN, RICHARD HENRY.—A sunny, good-natured scholarship boy.

SOME FAMOUS SPORTS RECORDS AT ST. JIM'S.

Contest.	Winner.		Year.
Mile	J. H. Hopwood	5 min. 4 sec.	1870
Half-mile	P. Purkis	2 min. 17 sec.	1858
Quarter-mile	C. P. Lacey	54 sec.	1895
Hurdles	R. Talbot	15½ sec.	1915
High-jump	J. R. Browne	5 ft. 2½ in.	1904
Long-jump	H. Austin-Phillips	20 ft. 4 in.	1888
Cricket Ball	Jack Dyson	93 yds. 2 ft.	1900

THE GREATEST FIGHT IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY.

The most famous fight on record at St. Jim's is that which took place in 1899 between "Slogger" Sawyer, of the Sixth, and a fellow-senior named Simms. The latter having reported Sawyer to the authorities for breaking bounds at night, a challenge was issued and accepted, and the fight took place behind the Chapel on the morning of March 25. Nearly all the school assembled to see it, and the combat continued with unabated fury for 22 rounds, at the end of which time the Slogger stretched his opponent flat upon the ground. Both seniors were in a shocking state, and Sawyer was afterwards expelled.

who often sets up in rivalry against Figgins & Co. and Tom Merry & Co. A magnificent sportsman, and thoroughly true-blue. Age 15.

REILLY, PATRICK.—A good-tempered Fourth-Former, with a wonderful Hibernian accent. Loyal and true in all his dealings. Age 15.

RUSHDEN, PHILIP.—One of the mighty men of the Sixth. A sound sportsman and a capital prefect. Age 17.

SEFTON, JAMES.—A cowardly bully in the Sixth Form. Has narrowly missed expulsion on several occasions. Age 17.

SKIMPOLE, HERBERT.—An extraordinary junior in the Shell, with ridiculous and impossible notions. A great admirer of the works of Professor Ballycrumpet, and a staunch champion of Socialism. Has also tried his hand at inventions, thereby causing much havoc.

ST. LEGER, ARTHUR.—A rascally associate of Cutts of the Fifth. Age 16½.

TALBOT, REGINALD.—The most interesting figure in junior St. Jim's. Formerly a cute and clever crackman, he has undergone a complete reformation, and is now one of the noblest fellows in the Shell. Gained the King's Pardon for past offences by gallantly frustrating a German attempt at train-wreckage. Well-balanced in mind, unemotional in temperament, and a great sportsman. Was previously assisted by

Marie Rivers, with whom he is still on terms of friendship. Age 15½.

THOMPSON, GEORGE.—A typical junior in the Shell and an indirect supporter of the Terrible Three. Age 15½.

WEBB, GEORGE.—A sensible and conscientious prefect. Age 17.

WILKINS, GEORGE.—A study-mate and supporter of the great Grundy. Age 15½.

WYNN, DAVID.—Otherwise known as the Falstaff of the New House. A plump, good-natured junior, who lives in a realm of tuck, and is never happier than when attending a study celebration. A goalkeeper of great ability and closely allied with Figgins in all his undertakings. Age 15.

RULES.

1. Boys are forbidden to break bounds under any circumstances.

2. No scholar may absent himself from the school premises under any pretext after calling-over unless he obtains the necessary pass from a master or prefect.

3. All boys in the Fourth Form and upwards are to wear silk hats on Sundays.

4. The games of football and cricket are compulsory in the case of all juniors, who must put in an appearance on the playing-fields at least twice a week.

5. Complaints regarding the school food must be made to the headmaster in person.

6. Boys must obey orders smartly, implicitly, and with cheerfulness.

7. Sixth-Formers only are privileged to have fags. Boys in any other Form making use of such a liberty are laying themselves open to punishment.

8. Boys buying goods on credit from local tradesmen must on no account allow their liabilities to exceed the sum of ten pounds.

9. Wilful damage to the school property will be visited with heavy fines.

10. No boy is to leave his dormitory after lights out, except in a case of emergency.

11. Prefects are empowered with the right to cane unruly juniors, but on no account must any other instrument of castigation than a cane be employed.

12. Smoking in any shape or form is strongly discountenanced.

13. The use of doubtful language will not be tolerated, either in or out of the school.

14. The only boys' papers allowed in the school are the companion papers, viz., the "Magnet" Library, the "Gem" Library, the "Penny Popular," the "Boys' Friend," "Chuckles," the "Boys' Friend 3d. Library," and the "Greyfriars Herald."

15. Every boy should carry with him, in his life and actions, the high traditions of St. James' School and seek to do nothing calculated to bring a slur upon this honoured foundation.

(Signed) RICHARD HOLMES,
Headmaster.



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