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### THE TERM

The summer term opened brightly and it was not very long before cricket and swimming were in full swing. Form I quickly became used to their new Form Mistress, who soon proved herself a competent and charming addition to the staff. However, an ominous coughing was soon heard and our hopes of a full season of cricket matches were dashed when whooping cough was diagnosed. We never seem to have much luck in the cricket term!

I do not know whether it gave the boys any satisfaction, but this germ made a very decisive attack on the teaching staff. Miss Newman, the first victim, was very ill for several weeks. The next to be attacked were Fr Francis and Matron. All three, on medical advice, were sent away for a short holiday. To the delight of her former pupils in Form I Mrs Scouler (formerly Miss Alexander) came back and helped for a week, and Fr Illtyd, fresh from his studies in Rome, helped us out for ten days. We were very sorry that he could not stay on as a permanent member of the staff.

A notable event was the introduction of riding as a school activity. An excellent riding school had just been opened in Witley and the Headmaster decided to let the school take advantage of it. Riding quickly became popular, and an unaccustomed garb and a new jargon entered into school life.

Although whooping cough prevented our entering for the annual Aldershot Musical Festival, it did not stop the Sports. The delightful weather of May and early June had given way to the traditional English summer weather, but although Sports Day was dull and threatening the rain at least held off. Mr P. Rossiter came up from Devon and lent a powerful arm in preparing the field for the day. The prizes were presented by Major General L. N. Tyler, C.B., O.B.E., who was keenly interested in all the events and spoke warmly of the competitors' ability and spirit. Murtough are to be congratulated not only on winning the inter-house sports but also on beating the school record in the inter-house relay race.

On June 10th we were honoured by a visit from his Lordship the Bishop of Southwark, who came to administer Confirmation. He

lunched with the Community. Among the guests were Mgr Iggleden (rector of the Seminary), Mgr Strand (his Lordship's secretary), Canon Hawkins and Mr F. M. Coyle, who acted as sponsor at the Confirmation. The twenty-five boys confirmed were:—

Stephen Ambrose  
Robert Barr  
Simon Baynham  
William Bemister  
Desmond Calnan  
Adrian Carroll  
Charles Coxwell  
Philip de Nahlik  
Justin Fleming  
Ian Hammond  
Denis McKay  
Andrew McMillan  
Michael Newton

Jonathan Palfreman  
Jonathan Ray  
David Ronald  
David Rossi  
Paul Rossiter  
Andrew Russell  
Michael Shea  
Peter Shields  
Martin Sloper  
Christopher Steele  
Rupert Stephens  
Patrick Taylor

The history outing for Forms III and IV consisted of a visit to Guildford and Chichester Cathedrals—a contrast between the old and the new—and to Arundel Castle and the nearby Church of St Philip Neri. Shepherding children on a sight-seeing tour is no easy task and Frs Francis, Aidan and Illtyd heaved a great sigh of relief when they had their charges safely back at school again.

The gardens planted during the spring term were assiduously cultivated, partly from a love of gardening, partly for the excuse of throwing water round the place, and partly from the fact that the area where the gardens are is not under the immediate eye of the master on duty. The proximity of lots of birds' nests may also have had something to do with it. Soon home-grown lettuces, radishes and even strawberries began to appear at the tea table.

Anthony and Brendan Moore brought back a hamster. Instead of dying within a few weeks, which seems to be the fate of all hamsters brought back to school, it thrived and developed a remarkable spirit of independence, so much so that about mid-term it escaped from its box and vanished. Michael Rowlatt's terrapins enjoyed a daily swim in the goldfish ponds and it was great fun trying to catch them and put them back in their bowl. A much less attractive pet was an adder (not of the same species as that in Fr Aidan's office), which was rather daringly but foolishly brought back from Witley Common after a

run. As soon as its presence was known it was promptly destroyed by the Headmaster's order.

We were pleased and privileged to receive a visit from Fr Mark on the day after his ordination. On the next morning he said Mass for us and gave us his blessing.

The First Form had a break in the middle of the examinations and were taken to the seaside by Fr David in the school bus. They had the luck of the weather, thoroughly enjoying themselves while those who remained at school had to put up with intermittent showers. The Second Form were less fortunate as their outing had to be cancelled because of bad weather and there was no time to arrange another before the term came to its end.

Our grateful thanks are due to the St George's College Society, who provided the funds to give two special prizes in each form.

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TWO MEANS OF LOCOMOTION