

HERITAGE TRAIL

GRIFFYDAM SENIOR SCHOOL

Griffydham School opened in 1915 for pupils aged 5-14 years. Children from Griffydham, Newbold, Coleorton, Peggs Green, Swannington, Thringstone and Osgathorpe attended the school. Pupils could transfer to the grammar school in Coalville at 11 years if they passed an exam. The Head Teacher from 1928 to 1948 was Mr Elcock see photo.

In 1939, the school accommodated evacuees from Birmingham and London see chart. After 1948, pupils aged 11 and over were

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Oct 3rd 1939
Allocation of school duties for the year 1939-40

Rank	Teacher	Status	Class	No. on Register
<u>I.</u>	Elcock E.E.	CHT M	3 rd Year Senior Mixed	29
<u>II.</u>	Preston Douglas W.	CA M	2 nd " " "	31
<u>III.</u>	Lumsden Elizabeth K.	CA W	1 st " " "	41
<u>IV.</u>	Atkinson Barbara M.	CA W	St. IV & V Junior "	35
<u>V.</u>	Harris Frances	UAW	St. IV & V " "	30
Total				166

With the absorption of evacuated children and two of their teachers the present arrangement is as given below.

I	Elcock E.E.	CHT M	} 3 rd Senior Mixed	39		
	deley Catherine	^{1st 2nd} _{Senior}				
II	Preston Douglas W.	C.A. M			2 nd Yr. " "	40
III	Lumsden Elizabeth K.	C.A. W			3 rd " " "	36
IV	Lucas Anne	C.A. W	1 st 2 nd - Handicapped children	25		
V	Atkinson Barbara M.	C.A. W	St. IV & V Junior Mixed	41		
VI	Harris Frances	U.A. W	St. II & III " "	40		
Total				221		

transferred to secondary schools in Coalville and Hugglescote and the school became an Infant and Junior School. Pupils from the Infant School on Top Road (built 1936) were transferred to School Lane. The Head Teacher was Miss K. Wright.

In 1954, the 59 pupils moved back to the former infant school on Top Road. The senior school continued as an annexe to Coalville Grammar School until 1962.

It subsequently became an engineering works until it was redeveloped in 2013 by the present owners.



School football team taken in 1928.
Mr Elcock is on the right.



Class Of 1940

From Left To Right

1st Row: Eric King, Gordon Clemence

2nd Row: Mary Toone, Margaret Sanderson, Mary Kilby, Thelma Bath, ??, May Moorhouse, Jose King, Hetti Hall, Connie Rowell

3rd Row: Alan Williamson, Roy Harrison, Henry Wells (Evacuee), Eric Rowell, Herbert Hodges, Lesley Webster, Walter Sibbets (Evacuee), Roy Clemence, Dennis Thursford (Evacuee)

4th Row: Francis Harris (Teacher), June Thursford (Evacuee), Lorna Ashbridge, Daphne Hull, Greta Stewart, ??, Edna Hodges