

Form IV S – 1957

I stumbled over a photo of Form IV S taken in June 1957. What's more, the whole class had added its signatures to the reverse side in the exact standing/sitting order. If I now remember right we all did that for each other. Incredible that fourteen year-olds can be so far-sighted!!

Note that the "S" in the form name stood for "Science" -- i.e. emphasis on maths/physics/chemistry/biology. Most of the members were drawn from form 3A of the previous year. Most of 3B became IV A ("arts" = emphasis on literature, history and geography - that's probably why Henry Curry -who taught geography- was the form master).

Most of 3C became IV G (General = woodwork/metalwork). Form IV A branded us (IV S) "illiterate barbarians", a description which, knowing our antecedents and also theirs, we bore with conscious pride - rather like the "Old Contemptibles" of WWI. No repentance is offered from this side!

Dramatis personae sunt:

Back row (left to right)

Geoff Grey, John Rodway, Quentin Lucas, Dennis J. Halsall
Bob Howie, David ("Cass") Castleton, B.J. (Brent?)
Coleman, P.R. (Peter?) Ranson, Brian Dicken.

Second row (Left to right, standing)

Vic Oliver, P. (Peter?) Hesp, Stephen Ford, Frank
Feinberg, David ("Coolie") Coolton, Martin ("Chuck")
Hanson, Jeff Tottman, J. (John?) Butterworth.

Third row (Left to right, seated)

J. Holmes, D. (Dave?) Watkinson, Peter Moule, John
Babbage, Mr. Peter Radford M.Sc. (form master IVS/
chemistry) Stuart Mosedale, Michael A. ('Prof') Perry,
Arthur Crowther, Martin Burgess.

Front row (cross-legged)

Malcolm Barlow, A.A. ("Tony") Green, Richard J. Bradbury

Hope this all helps,
Cheers,
Mike Perry.