

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL

AT THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MAIDSTONE.

December 39.

I am sure that by this time, all parents know that the arrangements for the Evacuation of the School were not in the hands of the School authorities. We had no choice in the matter of places of safety, billets or even buildings for class work. We had to go where we were sent and do the best with the accommodation provided for us by others.

All we could do was to make the best of what was given to us and work for improvement. I have no doubt in my mind, and I have reason to believe that many parents agree with me, that nearly everyone concerned has indeed made the best of things, and I am glad to be able to report that there has been a steady improvement in the conditions under which we are called to work.

We have now a full war time programme in operation throughout the School. The Vith, Vth and Removes will shortly move into an entirely satisfactory building.

Although we have done less class work than usual this term, I am receiving most encouraging reports of the progress made by the boys, since our six-day programme came into force. In most ways we have already made up for lost time.

All of us, masters and boys alike, have been through a strenuous time and I think that a short rest is needed.

There will, therefore, be no School after Friday December 22nd, and we shall not begin again until Tuesday January 9th. Even this gives us a shorter break than usual but if parents think it too long, they may instruct their sons to report at Maidstone Grammar School on January 1st or January 5th.

We are all regarding our exile as our own particular contribution to the National War effort and therefore we look with confidence to the parents for their continued support.

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