

Visit of the Duke of Kent to the Royal High School

Monday 2nd December 2019



Prince Edward, Duke of Kent visited the School on 2nd December 2019, as a delayed part of the Barnton 50th celebrations. He spent around an hour in the School, including a tour of School projects displayed in the Assembly Hall. He also unveiled a commemorative plaque recording his visit. The collection of images shown below includes a record of the event. The visit was enabled by Val Tudball, Deputy Lieutenant (and RHS Club President in 2007). The Duke of Kent is the Queen's Cousin, a nephew of George VI and Edward VIII, grandson of George V and Great Grandson of Edward VII. His Father, the future Duke of Kent, visited the School in 1925. The photos below were taken during the visit. A timeline of previous royal visits is shown on the next page.



The Rector meets the Duke of Kent



RHS Club President Ian Cowie and Deputy Lieutenant Val Tudball with the Duke of Kent



RHS Club President Ian Cowie meets the Duke



The Duke at the history exhibits



The Duke unveils the commemorative plaque



The Duke with Ian Cowie, The School Captain, The Rector and Val Tudball outside the Memorial Door

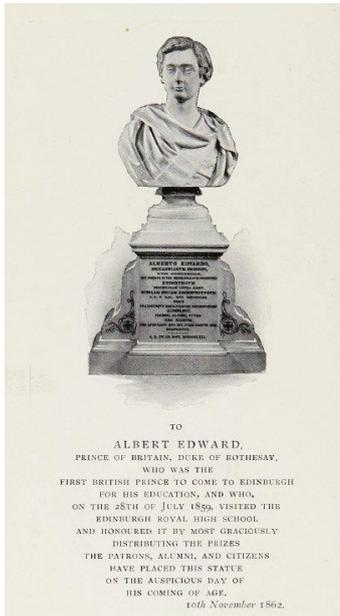
The images shown below include a timeline of the Royal visits to the School, flanked by individual images and photos from each visit.



Photo by R. H. M. Birt
Their Majesties
KING EDWARD VII. AND QUEEN ALEXANDRA
Receiving an Address from the Masters and Boys, May 1903.



Edin. Evening News Photo
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES
VISITS THE SCHOOL, JULY 1919.



TO
ALBERT EDWARD,
PRINCE OF BRITAIN, DUKE OF ROTHESAY,
WHO WAS THE
FIRST BRITISH PRINCE TO COME TO EDINBURGH
FOR HIS EDUCATION, AND WHO,
ON THE 28TH OF JULY 1859, VISITED THE
EDINBURGH ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL
AND HONORED IT BY MOST GRACIOUSLY
DISTRIBUTING THE PRIZES
THE PATRONS, ALUMNI, AND CITIZENS
HAVE PLACED THIS STATUE
ON THE AUSPICIOUS DAY OF
HIS COMING OF AGE.
10th November 1862.

Royal visits to the Royal High School, 1859-2019

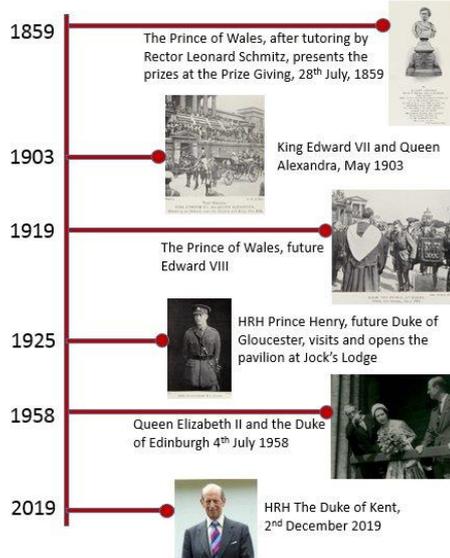


Photo: Vanity Fair
H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY, K.G., G.C.V.O.

The images above flank the timeline of Royal visits dating back to 1859, and starting top right are as follows: The 1903 visit by Edward VII (the same royal who visited in 1859): The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh with Rector Dr Imrie outside the Memorial Doors in 1956: The Prince of Wales (The future Duke of Windsor and Edward VIII) in 1915: HRH Prince Henry (The future Prince George, Duke of Kent, and father of the present Duke of Kent) visits in 1925, and opens the clubhouse at the School playing fields at Jock's Lodge. The Duke was brother to Edward VIII and George VI: The Prince of Wales (future Edward VII) presents the prizes in 1859, and two years later a bust is created from public subscriptions on the occasion of his 21st birthday. The bust sat in the Regent Road assembly hall behind the Rector's chair, and is shown in several contemporary photographs, but its present whereabouts are unknown.