



CLAPHAM COLLEGE

Report

**by the Governors of the school
for the school year 1986/7**

**TO ALL PARENTS
YOU ARE INVITED TO
A MEETING TO DISCUSS
THIS REPORT WITH GOVERNORS
TO BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 1987 AT 6-30pm**



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Dear Parents

Our Annual Report is particularly encouraging. Clapham College is now completing its second year at Battersea. The date of closure some two years away is happily not being approached in any spirit of decline. Curriculum, service to the community and personal development continue to be realised at a good level. We are fortunate to have a dedicated teaching and support staff. The presence of staff and pupils in this parish is very welcome and it is an agreeable duty to be associated with them from my point of view as Parish Priest, as Governor and as a former pupil.

Yours sincerely

Fr. Anthony Richins

WHAT IS THIS REPORT ABOUT?

This Report is being sent to you as a result of the new Education Act. It is an opportunity for the governors of the school to report to parents on the work of the school and the governing body over the past year.

You are cordially invited to come to the meeting on 8th July to meet the governors and the headmaster, to discuss the Report and to ask any questions about the running of the school. We very much hope that you will be able to come.

WHAT IS THE GOVERNING BODY?

The governors of the school are people drawn from the local community and others interested in the school.

The headteacher directs the running of the school. The job of the governors is to have general oversight over the running of the school and to do this governors at their meetings receive termly reports from the headteacher on the school and its activities as well as information from the Inner London Education Authority on policy matters, the school resources, changes to premises etc. The governors also interview candidates and review appointments for many jobs in the school and act as an appeal body in cases such as when children have to be suspended. Governors are invited to take a full part in the school.

The present governors are set out overleaf.

GOVERNING BODY OF CLAPHAM COLLEGE

CHAIRPERSON:	Rev. Fr. A. Richins
HEADMASTER/GOVERNOR:	Mr. R.W. Sparks
CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS:	Mrs. M.P. Donegan
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Mrs. T. Barber
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Rev. Fr. M. Bennett
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Rev. Fr. P. Brett
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Mr. C. Brown
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Mr. F.E. Chukwu
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Mr. J. Crean
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Rev. Fr. W. Dinan
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Mrs. S. Joseph
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Mr. D. Quin
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	V. Rev. Canon W. O'Riordan
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:	Mrs. A. Waldron
PARENT GOVERNOR:	Mrs. C. Borastero
NON-TEACHER GOVERNOR:	Mr. L. Howes
TEACHER GOVERNOR:	Mr. D. Kuligowski
I.L.E.A. GOVERNOR:	Mr. E. Langcaster

The next election of a Parent Governor will be held in September 1987.

Clapham College is, as you are well aware, a Voluntary Aided Roman Catholic Secondary School which opened, in its present form, in 1975. Due to the re-organisation of schools within the catholic sector in this area of London, it is due to close in July 1989. The aim of the school has always been to create a caring community which reflects our Lord's teaching in all its aspects. Particularly now that the school is very small there is, more than ever before, the need to be one family living our common life of faith.

The subjects on offer in the school have not been allowed to be eroded despite our declining numbers. New areas of interest are constantly under review and this desire to improve our educational provision will not cease until the school actually closes its doors for the last time. Religious Education is not just a matter for timetabled classroom periods but is, hopefully, an experience shared by all in Clapham College, both staff and pupils. Within the context of Religious Education great care is taken over the presentation of matters concerning sex and race. The main feature of any such education must be the insistence upon christian love in its widest context. The school statement on racism is attached.

The range of ability amongst our pupils is, obviously, fairly wide. We continue to offer special help to boys who have particular educational needs. As can be seen from our examination results (attached) our boys continue to acquit themselves well in public examinations.

The school's final allocation of staff for 1986/7 was 28.5 teachers and our office has been run, most efficiently, by two full-time secretaries. The cash allowance for the year was £29,000 of which £12,000 was spent on teaching and support staff. The rest has been allocated to departments for teaching materials. There has been only one change in the staffing since September, namely the retirement of Mr. R. Fountain.

The Governors have the responsibility of managing the maintenance of the building. The only real expenditure this year has been the replacement of windows damaged during the innumerable football games that go on during the day. A change of glazing company has produced a noticeable saving in this area. Your continued co-operation in the collection of the £6 Governors Fund is requested.

Our links with the community and with the police continue to be good. Our programme of Work Experience has enhanced the reputation of the school. Parish links are obviously maintained through the pupils and their families. Our two chaplains, Father Henderson and Father Sanders, are owed a great debt of gratitude for their work in the school and with many of our families outside normal school hours.

The Governors are most indebted to you, the parents, for all the support that you have given the school over the years. The prospects for the remaining pupils have never been brighter and they can look forward to high quality teaching in quite small groups. This should be of great benefit to them in their future examinations.