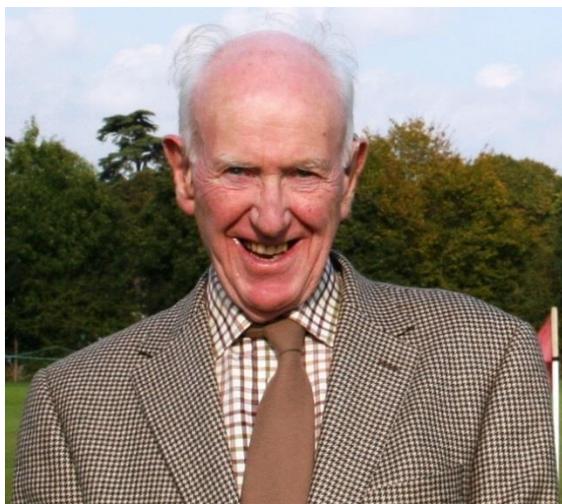


DAVID HATTERSLEY - SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, CLASS OF 1951



You were a scholar during your time at KGS; what did it mean to you? What did it mean to your family? Did you know that your family received financial support to enable you to study at KGS?

I came to KGS having been awarded one of 12 Governors' Free Place Scholarships to start in September 1943. It was an unusual time for the School, as being a pupil during WWII was very different to the pupil experience today.

What sport and other activities did you get involved in? What other interests did you have?

Not being athletic I suffered the worst of all matters associated with Hockey, rarely playing in a full team of 11. The Hockey stars were kings throughout! Initially I was more than satisfied with stamp collecting and the 2nd Stoneleigh Scout Troop whose members I can still count among my best friends today. I enjoyed Cricket to a modest standard and was of, I believe, only 2 boys from the Upper Form to join the Cadets - then part of the East Surrey ACF. This became the CCF and I went on to be CQMS (2 i/c) in 1949. I had started rowing in 1947 and gained my School Colours as a member of the 1st VIII 1949/50.

What did the financial support from the School enable you to do at university?

The curriculum was narrow and money was scarce in the early post war years; being a pupil at KGS was a good start and gave me the encouragement to seek a university education. I was awarded Surrey County Major Scholarship for 1951, spending the school year 1950/51 at Kingston Technical College studying Geology and Biology before moving on to Imperial College to study Geology in 1951.

You're still very involved in the School and a regular visitor. What do you get out of keeping in touch?

Keeping in touch is a way of life for me and I have enjoyed being involved with the School, firstly with the Old Kingstonian Association and then as a Governor until I retired from the Board in 2005. I now enjoy visiting the School as often as possible, be it for reunions, fundraising events or annual 1561 Club lunches.