

# Sources for the history of schools in Lambeth

## Introduction

Lambeth Archives holds a variety of sources for researching the history of education and schools in the area.

There is in depth material on only a small fraction of all schools that have operated in the area. The best summary of all schools and surviving records is Cliff Webb xxx The earlier records of many ex LCC/ILEA schools are at London Metropolitan Archives. Lambeth did not become an education authority until 1989. Broadly it is up to individual schools to determine the fate of their own records. A number of the records here came as salvage after school's closures.

A complicating feature of researching schools is both their change of name and their movement from site to site over time.

## Publications

### Books and pamphlets

This collection contains school prospectuses; inspection reports, timetables and ephemera such as events programmes and school magazines from many of the primary and secondary schools. For a small number there is a published history.

### Illustrations collection

Includes external and internal views of school buildings; children at work and play and some class photographs. The majority of the photographs are in black and white and were taken between c.1906-1995. The postcard collection contains images relating to schools. They include views of class groups; pupils working in classrooms; exterior views of schools, with some also showing school children and street scenes, that include a view of particular school.

### Periodicals

There are indexes to local newspapers under the names of individual schools for the period c 1970-1999. There are also occasional short runs of school magazines.

Street and trade directories list schools by category ie private, LCC and the latter by the administrative division the LCC or ILEA put them in.

The subject number for schools is 71 and for education is 65

## Archives

Original records are held for the following schools.

Aspen House School, Kennington

Park Gardens	c.1930-1995	LBL/ED/AH
Ashby Mill School	1914-1997	LBL/ED/ASH
Caldecot Primary School,	1914-1997	LBL/ED/CAL
Dick Sheppard School	1955-1999	LBL/ED/DS
Effra School	1955-2002	LBL/ED/EF
Hyde Farm School	1965-1995	LBL/ED/HF
Mostyn Gardens Primary School	1936-1995	LBL/ED/MOS
Santley School	1937-1997	LBL/ED/SAN
St John the Divine Primary School	1872-1987	LBL/ED/StJ

Camberwell British School (charity Primary)	1838-1873	IV/33
Camberwell Mutual Instruction Society	1864-1887	IV32
Carlisle Chapel Sunday School;	1858-1963	IV/136
City of London Girls' School diaries	1843-1961	IV/72
Holy Trinity School	1896-1985-	IV/232
Immanuel Cof E School, Streatham	1860-1961	IV/229
Lyham Road Board School (Wandsworth Road area)	1873-1912	IV/197
St Luke C of E School, West Norwood	1925-1984	IV/244
St Leonard's Church of England primary School	1990-1995	IV/246
St Martin's in the Fields High School for Girls, Tulse Hill	1701-1957	IV/230
St Mary's Infants' School, Lambeth	1875-1974	IV/231
Streatham College for Girls,	1907-1913	IV236

### **Log books 1872-**

Log books were kept by headteachers of schools and are a vital source of information on both education and social conditions.

Under the Revised Code of Regulations, 1862 the headteacher of each school was required to keep a daily log book of occurrences at the school.

Factors affecting staff, and in particular pupil attendance, were a major preoccupation of headteachers. They note causes for falls in pupil attendance, with references to disease, severe weather and work.

Other information included depends on the circumstances of the school and the attention to detail of the headteacher. They might also include attendance statistics, lists of teaching staff, the curriculum, dates and results of visits by H M Inspectors, activities and events associated with wartime e.g. evacuation preparations and prize giving.

### **Admission registers 1850- \***

School admission registers are an important source of information on individual pupils in schools in the late nineteenth century and twentieth century. They contained information about the child's school career in a standard register. However, the information value depends upon the thoroughness of individual headteacher.

Usually the columns in an admission register allowed entries to be written about the following for each pupil: Date of Admission; Full name of child; Date of Birth; Address: Name of Parent or Guardian; Name of Last School; Particulars of leaving the School, which includes references to further education or employment. There is also a space is provided for the Head to make remarks on individual pupils.

### **Punishment books 1905-\***

The archives contain punishment books for only three schools in Lambeth: Aspen House, Caldecot and St John the Divine.

The punishment book recorded corporal punishment and not other types of punishment such as detention. They include the following details: date of punishment; name of pupil; offence; type of punishment metered out and signature the of teacher who gave administered the punishment.

### **Administrative records**

These include records such as estate and school managers' meetings and correspondence showing how a particular school was managed.

\*Note that some of these records contain personal information and are therefore subject to the Data Protection Act 1988, which restricts access to them. Please enquire about any records you are specifically interested in.

## **Photographs**

These show individual classes and/or the whole school. They can also include photographs of school plays, sports day or other school events such as official openings.

## **Ephemera**

In some school archives ephemera also includes photographs. Other types of records that have been listed under 'Ephemera' include: press cuttings; scrap books; videos and school magazines.

## **Other archive collections: Schools and education**

Some of the small collections of personal papers contain material relating to the school lives of the individuals who created them. Amongst the personal papers you will find school reports; examination certificates and school prizes.

Drainage plans, which are arranged by street name, can give useful information on structures and changes to them