

# Extracts from Don Arnold's Letter

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"I joined the staff of Deal Secondary Boys School, as it was by then, in 1951, and continued teaching there until the summer of 1982, so I saw many changes."

## The Remedial Unit

"In the early 1950's, there was a unit of four classrooms and four teachers, known as the "Remedial Unit". It catered for pupils who had fallen behind the mainstream in their studies. I was one of the teachers; we all taught basic subjects - e.g. Maths, English, History and Geography and then our specialists of Science, Art & Craft, R.E and Rural Science".

## Pre ROSLA

"Pre. ROSLA, woodwork rooms were in the main building and Metalwork and Tech. Drawing were in the Hamilton Rd. area, adjacent to the Junior Yard. In your photo, "A" was the metalwork room and "B" was for Tech. Drawing and think that a classroom for R.E. was also in this block. Basic Motor Maintenance was also taught in this area, but I am unsure of the details.



## Clubs in the ROSLA Block

The projects area of the ROSLA block saw many activities. The School Sailing Club, which I founded and ran, Pre ROSLA, built several sailing dinghies and a powered rescue boat in the area. The club was taken under the wing of the Downs Sailing Club at Walmer, who allowed us to keep the boats on their plot and use their facilities.

There was also a thriving Canoe Club, under the supervision of Mr. John Cavell and they built a number of fibreglass canoes in the projects area.

The Metalwork department, under Mr. Len Whitehead, ran a model engineering club which specialised in working model steam locos. The department cooperated to build a decorative security grill for the main entrance to the ROSLA block.

The buildings on the edge of the playing field, backing on the Mill Rd. houses, were classrooms for maths and Music."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Arnold". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.