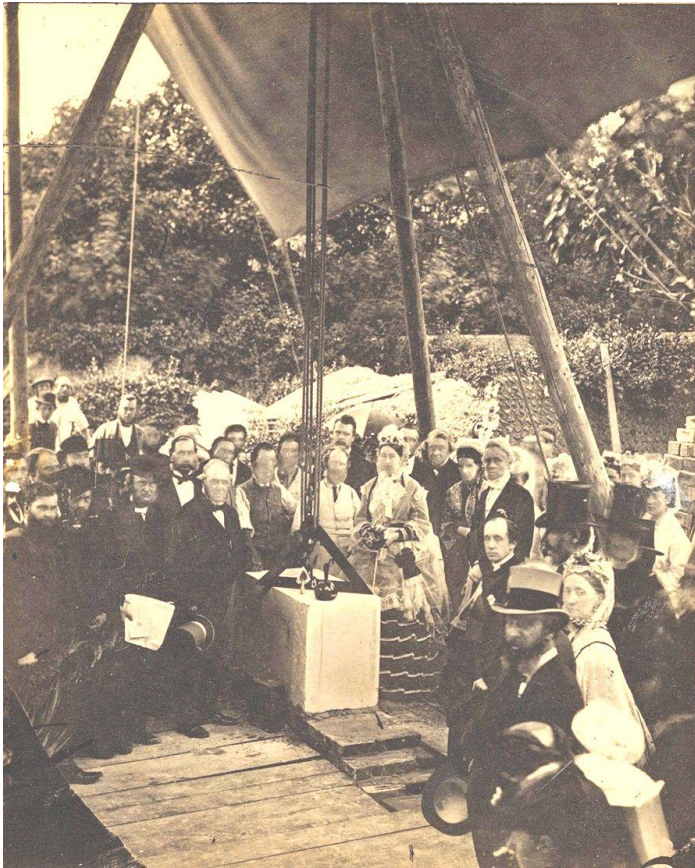
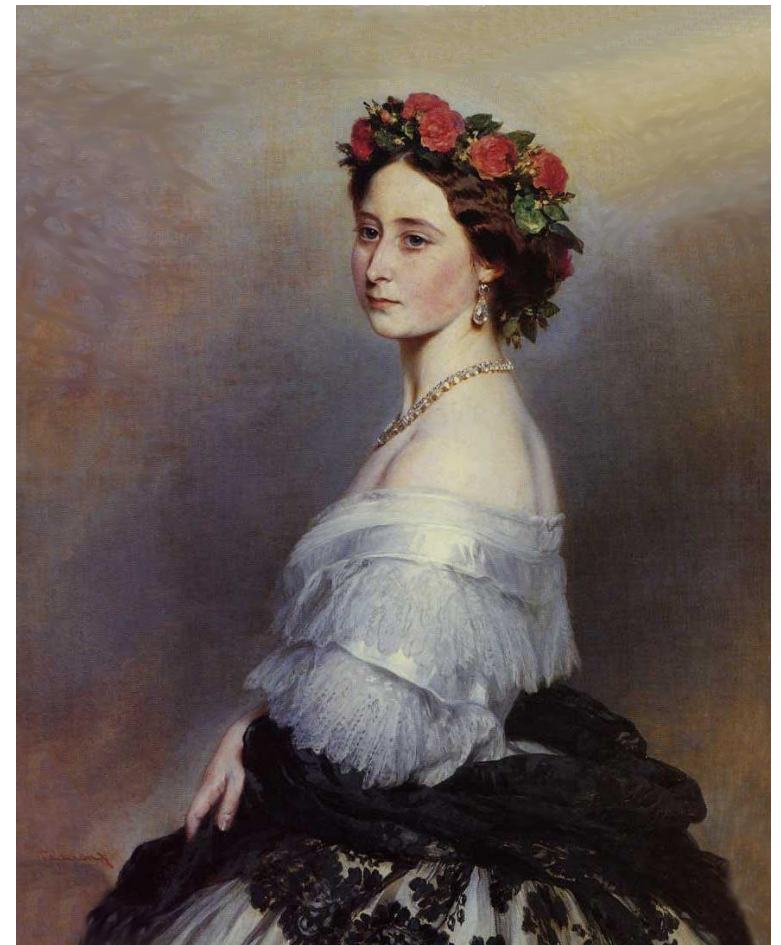


Lady Edward Cavendish and Princess Alice



The laying of the College foundation stone, by Lady Edward Cavendish, daughter-in-law of the 7th Duke of Devonshire in 1870



*Princess Alice,
daughter of
Queen Victoria,
gave out prizes at
the College in the summer of 1878.*

*Only a few months later she died of diphtheria.
The Princess Alice Hospital in Eastbourne (now
demolished) was named after her*

The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII)

On 15 July 1899, the Prince of Wales visited the Duke of Devonshire at Compton Place.

Members of the College Corps lined the route.

Two days later, a Guard of Honour was mounted for the Prince at Eastbourne station, pictured.

His Royal Highness was impressed and requested that the pupils be given an extra few days' holiday.



The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII, then the Duke of Windsor)



The Prince of Wales visited the College in June 1931 as part of a day-long tour of Eastbourne.

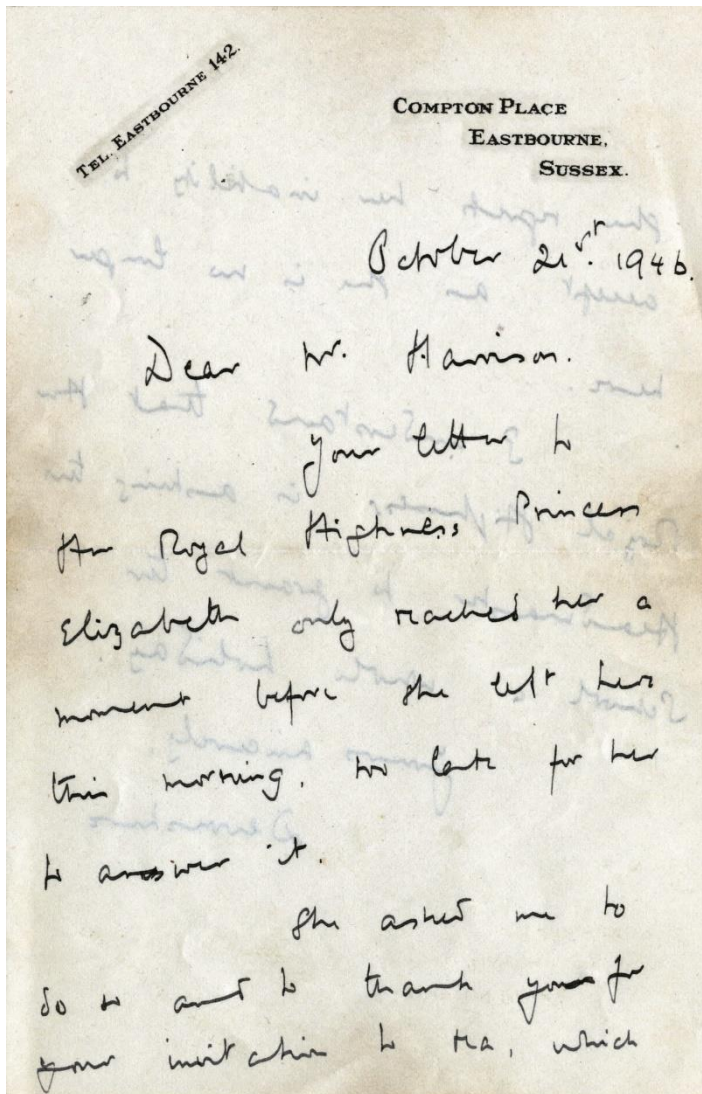
He arrived by plane on a field now occupied by the District General Hospital.

The Prince was escorted by Headmaster Gordon Carey during his visit.

*Emerging from
Big School after
taking tea with
the 1st XI
cricketers*



Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret



During their stay with the Duke of Devonshire at Compton Place in October 1946, the Princesses were invited to tea at Pennell House by pupil Robin Harrison.

The Duke replied on their behalf to say that they were unable to come, but that they had requested that College pupils be given a whole-day holiday.

This was much to the annoyance of Headmaster John Nugee; however, he felt he could not refuse a Royal Command.



The Princesses emerging from All Saints' Church during their stay in Eastbourne

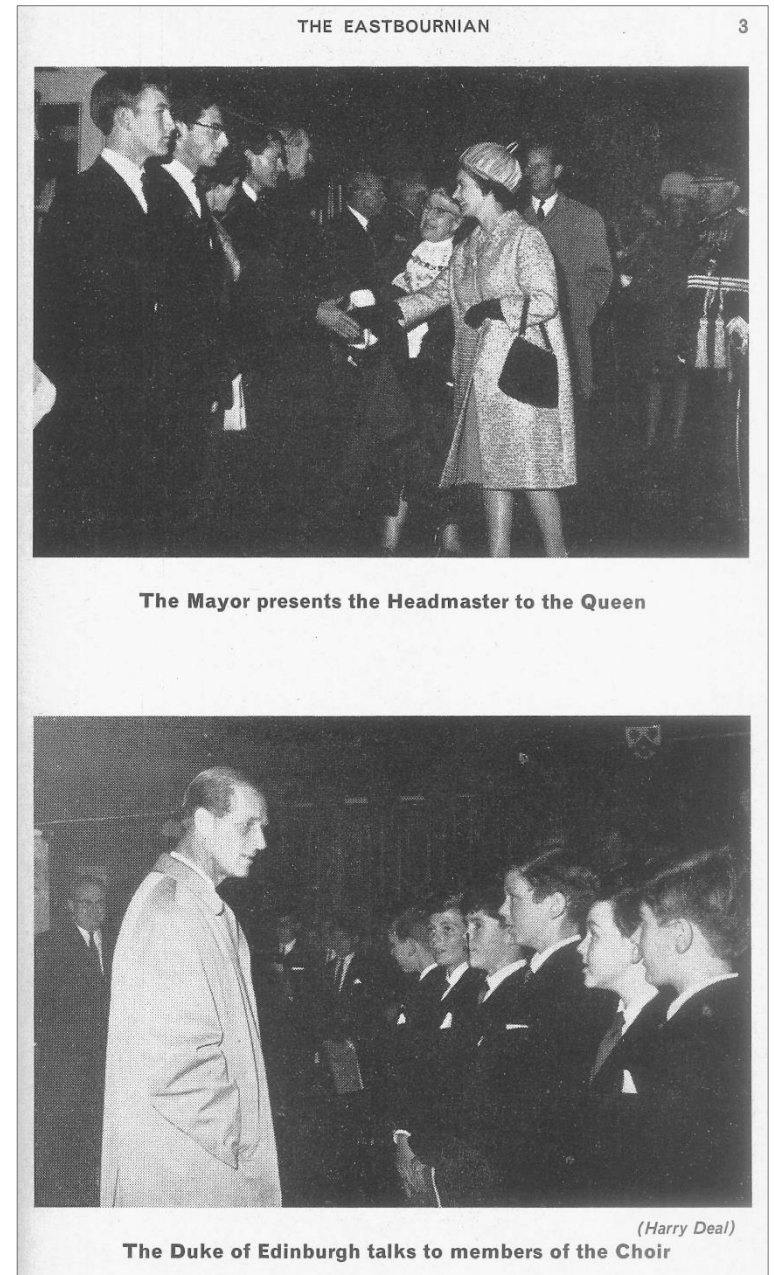
Queen Elizabeth II



HM The Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh visited the College in October 1966.

She unveiled a plaque by the Memorial Gate to commemorate the forthcoming 100th anniversary in 1967 of the founding of the College.

Headmaster Michael Birley's daughter Joanna presents a bouquet to the Queen



The Mayor presents the Headmaster to the Queen



The Duke of Edinburgh talks to members of the Choir

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia



The Emperor was exiled from Ethiopia following Italy's invasion of his country in the 1930s. He settled in Britain and in 1938 paid a private visit to the College (he was staying at the Grand Hotel) and attended evening chapel.

Douglas Bader

Bader lost both legs in a flying accident in the 1930s. Despite this, he had a distinguished war record as a pilot in the RAF during the Second World War.

Bader was the Speech Day guest at the College in 1962. He told the boys: *'What you have learnt here at Eastbourne College is right. Never forget it!'*



Prime Ministers



Harold Macmillan, former Prime Minister, with Headmaster Michael Birley, Speech Day, 1967

The Rt Hon SG Holland, Prime Minister of New Zealand, attended the College Speech Day in 1953. He reminded the boys of the achievements of another New Zealander, Sir Edmund Hillary, who together with Tenzing Norgay, conquered Everest



Field Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of El Alamein



'Monty' was guest of honour at the 1948 College Speech Day



Springboks Rugby Team

In September 2015, the South African rugby team, the Springboks, trained on Memorial Field before taking part in the Rugby World Cup.



College head groundsman Richard Maryan and his team spent months ensuring that the pitch met international standards.

The Springboks team manager later commented that *'the training facilities at Eastbourne College ranked amongst the best we've ever had'*.

The Webb Ellis trophy which was on display on College Field