

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
BRIDGNORTH,
SHROPSHIRE.

Headmaster:

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Mr. D.S. Ballantyne has been in charge of the Arts & Crafts at this School since September 1946.

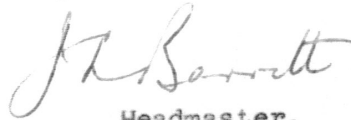
He is a stimulating teacher who has revolutionised the Arts & Crafts teaching here. Difficulties of accommodation offered no bar to his enthusiasm and he has converted our workshop and air-raid shelters into pottery workshops complete with pottery wheels, all made from scrap materials.

At the present time groups of children are producing pots which are glazed with a variety of glazes and fired in the premises. Other children are doing fabric printing and dyeing with a variety of dyes; the juniors are also making puppets. In addition to these activities, the normal art subjects are taught, including figure and life drawing and imaginative painting.

Mr. Ballantyne is a man of high ideals, an expert in all artistic subjects, unsparing of his time and willing and able to help in all school activities. His work at Bridgnorth has excited the interest of teachers and others interested in education both in Shropshire and neighbouring counties. We have regular visits from teachers and others interested in education along with classes and demonstrations for teachers.

Mr. Ballantyne would be an ideal person to stimulate and encourage Art & Craft activities in young teachers.

I should be pleased to answer any further enquiries and should be willing at any time for his work here to be seen.



Headmaster.