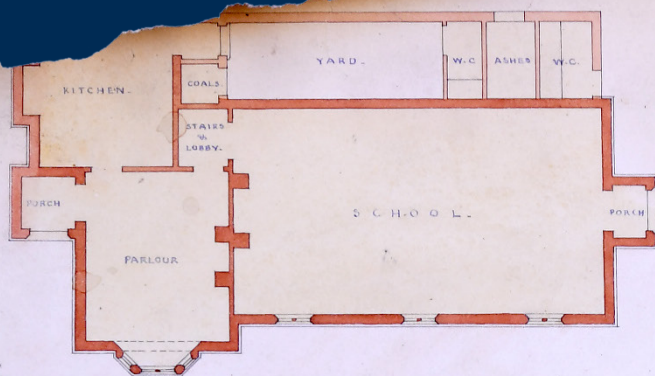


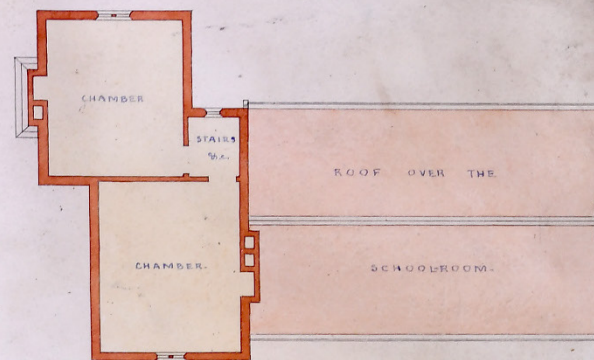
# BFSS Archives ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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# Overview of the year

We are pleased to present the sixth British and Foreign School Society (BFSS) Archives Annual Report 2019.

It has been another busy and successful year. Among the many achievements to tell you about are –

- **BFSS School Folio** – catalogued entries for plans and elevations with image attached
- **WW1 and WW2 exhibition** – in memory of past staff and students who perished in the First and Second World Wars
- **BFSS History publication** – researched and written by Phaedra Casey and Steve Hodgkinson, see accompanying publication
- **100 Women exhibition** – to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1918 General Election when women could officially vote for the first time
- **Hitchin British School** – ‘Joseph Lancaster – History Maker’ exhibition includes loan of BFSS material

Over the past year, we have welcomed six enthusiastic and dedicated student volunteers, hosted nine researchers over 19 days in our Reading Room, provided another ‘introduction to archives’ session for 2nd year Brunel history students, and received 31 enquiries.

We have continued to catalogue more of the BFSS Archives – making the archives more and more accessible to a growing audience – such as the cataloguing of the BFSS School Folio and the student applications. Evidence of the rewards of cataloguing to item level can be seen in Dr Inge Dornan’s article on the BFSS in the West Indies. Items from the BFSS Archive have also been show cased in a number of well-received exhibitions this year.

On a staffing note, following the departure of Jim Benson from the University last May, Archives have moved into the department of Information Services headed by Pekka Kahkipuro (Chief Information Officer).

## Staff

**Mandy Mordue**, Head of Archives and Records Management

**Phaedra Casey**, Archivist

**Sarah Trim-West**, Archive Assistant

This most certainly helps.  
Thank you for your prompt  
feedback. Much appreciated

UK, AUGUST 2018





# Archives

The British and Foreign School Society (BFSS) Archive is a unique collection which covers the period 1808 to 1976. It contains a wide range of materials in many formats such as official papers, letters, publications, student registers, photographs, maps, plans, trophies, clothing and furniture. It is approximately 178 linear metres.

The records include Joseph Lancaster's letters (1810-12), committee minutes and papers, financial records, handwritten student applications with supporting testimonials and correspondence, student registers, teaching practice reports, establishment and progress of the British Schools, 19th century schools (both UK and foreign) correspondence, Education Commissions returns from British schools, BFSS charities and funds, agents and inspector reports, Annual Reports, student magazines (such as the B's Hum), photographs of staff, students and buildings, teaching manuals and lesson books, portraits of principals of the teacher training colleges, clothing such as blazers, ties and sporting honours caps, furniture and memorial plaques. It also contains particularly unique and irreplaceable items such as a copybook done by slave children from a British school in Jamaica containing examples of handwriting and needlework (presented to the BFSS in 1826), individual sewing samples, sketchbooks and other personal memoirs of former staff and students, and silver 'monitorial' medals.

These records contain a wealth of detailed information on the Society and its schools, as well as the progress of education in Britain and overseas.

There is also a large selection of educational books and pamphlets, many of them rare editions, dating from the 19th century including works by Lancaster, Bell, Pestalozzi and Froebel – leading educationists of the time, and Victorian and Edwardian children's books. One collection of books was presented by David Salmon, biographer of Joseph Lancaster and former tutor and student of Borough Road College and Principal of Swansea Teacher Training College.

## Opening up the archives:

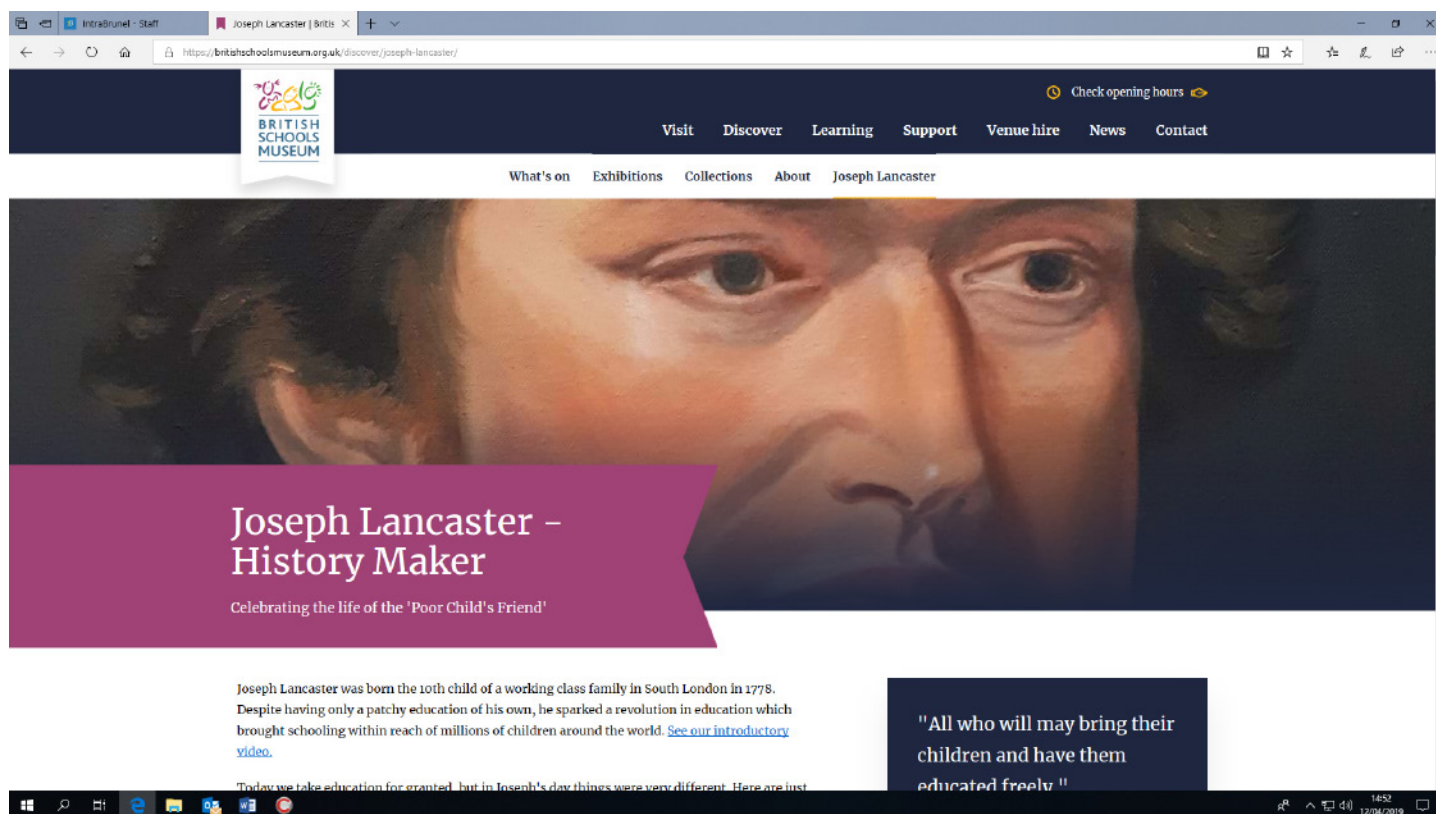
- **BFSS School Folio** – a project to digitise and catalogue a large volume of plans, elevations, architectural drawings and watercolours of British Schools and BFSS colleges.

We decided to digitise and catalogue the volume in order to make the contents more widely accessible. We believe that the items in the volume were originally individual loose items, but following a direct hit from an incendiary bomb on the BFSS central offices in September 1940 and the subsequent salvage operation, the papers were collected together and stuck in the large volume in an attempt to conserve them. Some still show charring around the edges, while others appear to have had their charred edges cut off, so they are a strange shape, and the order they are stuck in the volume is completely random.

The University's Photographer, Sally Trussler, photographed every item in the volume – some pages have more than one item per page. Then the images were processed, described and attached to CALM by the Archivist. There are now 92 descriptions and images in the catalogue which can be viewed online anywhere in the world – and the archivist no longer has to carry the huge volume up the stairs each time an image is requested!



Please take a look <https://archivesearch.brunel.ac.uk/calmview/default.aspx> and search "BFSS/1/7/2/5" or "plans and drawings".



- ❑ **Hitchin' British School** – 'Joseph Lancaster – History Maker. Celebrating the life of the 'Poor Child's Friend' an exhibition which includes Lancaster's letters and the monitorial medals from the BFSS Archives.

This is the first time that items from the BFSS Archives have been loaned to another organisation for an exhibition. The exhibition is open until the end of the year – further information can be found at <https://britishschoolsmuseum.org.uk/discover/joseph-lancaster/>.

The items will be returned to the BFSS Archives when the exhibition is closed.

- ❑ **Student applications** – we have continued with the Borough Road College student applications cataloguing project. With the help of our student volunteers, in the past year we have completed another 19 years.

Since the project began in 2012, we have completed 133 years of applications – 1 year per box. This includes –

Borough Road College – Men applications 1817-1911

Borough Road College – Women applications 1817-1853

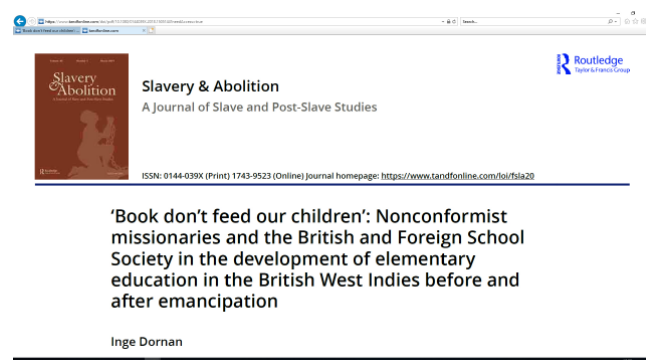
Each student application contained between 1-6 letters, all of which were read, name and date checked, carefully unfolded, old pins, paper clips etc. removed and inserted into melinex sleeves, if damaged, and a new acid-free paper folder created for each student application. Finally, each student name was added to CALM under the application year. We estimate that 10,000 student names have now been added to CALM which are key word searchable via our online CALM catalogue, and even via Google!

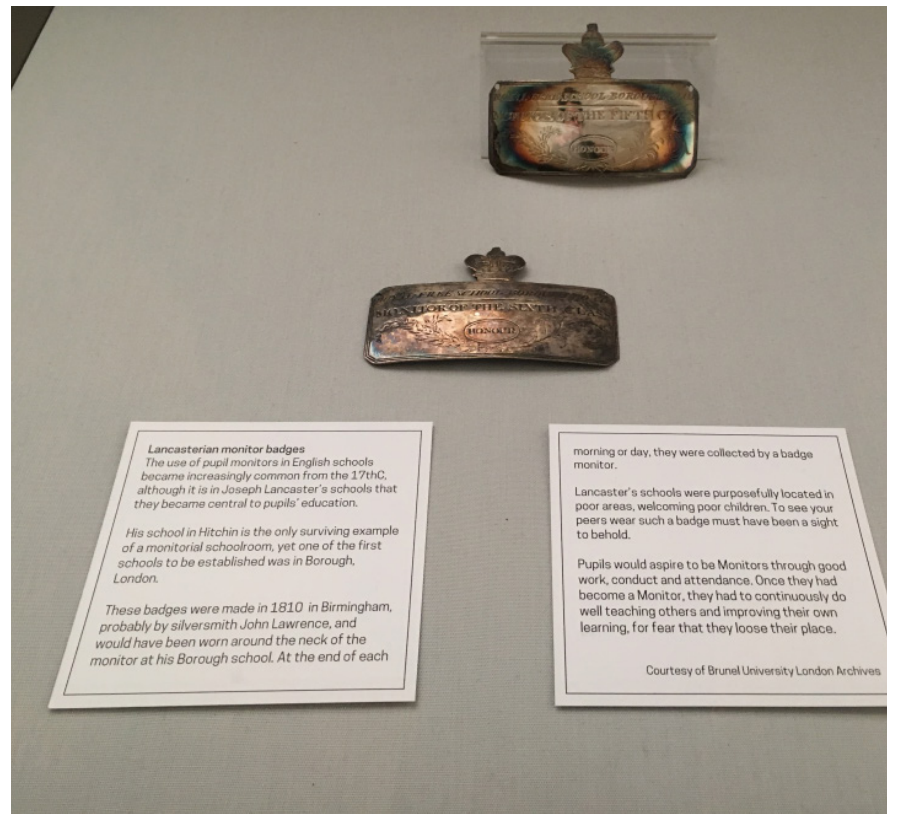
- ❑ **News from the Archives** – we have added news items relating to Tennis in the Archives for Wimbledon 2018, Movember, Archives Advent Calendar and International Women's Day. We have also supplied images to the Digital Communications team at Brunel for use on the University's Social Media platforms

- ❑ **Academic article** – We are delighted to report that one of our active academic researchers, Dr Inge Dornan (Lecturer, Social and Political, Brunel) has published her first article following her research using the BFSS Foreign Correspondence/ West Indies –

*'Book don't feed our children': Nonconformist missionaries and the British and Foreign School Society in the development of elementary education in the British West Indies before and after emancipation, in Slavery & Abolition – A Journal of Slave and Post-Slave Studies, on 2 August 2018.*

Dr Dornan conducted research using the West Indies correspondence in particular the Jamaican file and the BFSS role during and after slavery. Using information not previously available or known about until it was recently catalogued to item level (i.e. individual letters), her article challenges previously held academic thought on the subject.





## CALM archive catalogue – <http://archivesearch.brunel.ac.uk/calmview>

The archives are catalogued to professional standards at a top-level (down to file or box level) on our CALM archive catalogue. Over the past few years, we have been focussing on cataloguing the archives down to item level as much as possible, for example, individual entries for letters and photographs. For example, Foreign Correspondence – there are 1,400 letters catalogued individually.

Since the last report, we have added 120 completely new BFSS files and items to CALM with another 990 items modified (entry improved, additional information added).

To-date, there are now 4,533 BFSS items on CALM

This year, in addition to the BFSS School Folio, we have also sorted/catalogued –

- **War memorial files** – files include correspondence with family members, memorials and roll of honour for Halestrap, Condick, Wharmby, Meek, Littlewood, Whitehouse, Baynton, Curtis, Hawkins, James, Gooding, Whitelock, Smith, Crickmer and Holt families
- **Secondary sources** – although not archival records, they are a useful reference source when researching individuals and/or schools. The sources consist of obituaries, booklets, newspapers cuttings, essays etc. that were squirrelled away by former archives staff such as George Bartle, Gillian Collins – many sent in by researchers and BFSS members. There are over 400 (small) files organised and listed on CALM.

Thanks so much for sending these lists along,  
 and for your exceptionally quick reply!

CANADA, OCTOBER 2018





## Web site project – <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/Archives>

Over the last year, we have had 5,055 views of our various web pages. The number of views is down from the previous year but the War profiles continue to be the biggest draw for online traffic – with views peaking in November last year.

This year, we have added the following 'News Items' online:

### □ **Tennis in the Archives – 4 July 2018**

<https://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/Archives/News-and-events/News/Tennis-in-the-Archives>

With Wimbledon underway, we decided to highlight the many tennis photos we have in the Archive from our predecessor colleges – we included a year group photo from 1898 showing staff and students with some students holding tennis rackets; photos of the Borough Road College Tennis team in 1905-6, 1913-14 and 1942; a photo of Stockwell College team in 1922 and one from Saffron Walden team in 1939.

### □ **November – 16 November 2018**

<https://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/Archives/News-and-events/News/November>

To support, Movember – an annual moustache growing event during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues – we hoped to inspire those taking part with photos from the Archives of moustaches including WL Withers, Principal of Borough Road College 1893-1900 and a year group photo of Borough Road College students in 1900 – many of whom were sporting a moustache – including an Egyptian student.

### □ **Archives Advent Calendar – from 7 – 20 December 2018**

<https://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/Archives/News-and-events/News/Welcome-to-the-Archives-Advent-Calendar>

This year, after a number of attempts in previous years, we produced an advent calendar using items from Archive with a festive connection. Items included the Order of Service from Borough Road College Carol Service in 1973; the Christmas Dinner menu from December 1917 and details of the Stockwell Christmas Party on 15 December 1941.

I recently read Phaedra Casey's wonderful essay on Tom Jenkins and the BFSS, and I was wondering if there is information about Black and Minority Ethnic women teachers. Thank you so much for sending me this information it is very much appreciated.

UK, JANUARY 2019





## Social Media

We have recently started working more closely with the Digital Communication team within Brunel to use items from the Archives on the University's social media platforms, for example #throwbackthursday.

Since the beginning of March this year, the Digital Communication team has posted items from the Archives eight times, generating 39,767 views

The post, which received the most attention, is an image of students from Saffron Walden used to celebrate the official launch of the Santander Cycle scheme at Brunel. We also supplied the images to the right in support of the current examination period.

Although this is a new way of raising awareness of the Archives, it seems to have been well received by Brunel followers. We will keep you posted on how this develops over the coming year.



# In memory of the staff and students from Brunel's predecessor colleges who fought and died in World War I

<b>Addis, J A</b> Borough Road College Unknown	<b>Church, Denis Frederick</b> Borough Road College 20 September 1917	<b>Frampton, Frederick</b> Shoreditch Training College 27 October 1917	<b>Langton, John Thomas</b> Borough Road College 29 August 1916	<b>Ovens, Charles Leonard</b> Borough Road College 25 September 1915	<b>Smethhurst, William Parker</b> Borough Road College 8 June 1917
<b>Anderson, William George</b> Borough Road College 7 June 1917	<b>Clarke, Blandford Edward</b> Shoreditch Training College 11 September 1916	<b>Frost, Kingdon Tregosse</b> Borough Road College 25 August 1914	<b>Lazenby, Norman</b> Borough Road College 16/17 July 1918	<b>Palmer, Geoffrey Raymond</b> Borough Road College 29 July 1916	<b>Smith, Harry Christopher</b> Borough Road College 20 October 1917
<b>Annelly, Ernest George</b> Borough Road College 3 May 1917	<b>Cleaver, Charles H</b> Borough Road College 3 October 1918	<b>Goates, Sydney</b> Borough Road College 1 July 1916	<b>Lippitt, W H</b> Borough Road College 1 May 1918	<b>Palmer, Herbert John</b> Borough Road College 21 December 1916	<b>Southern, Matthew</b> Borough Road College 12 September 1917
<b>Armstrong, Joseph</b> Borough Road College 22 March 1918	<b>Cole, Arthur William</b> Borough Road College 22 April 1918	<b>Goodier, Thomas</b> Borough Road College 20 July 1916	<b>Lloyd, Arthur Lewis</b> Borough Road College 20 August 1916	<b>Palmer, Lancelot</b> Borough Road College 15 September 1916	<b>Stace, Amos Wesley</b> Borough Road College 18 January 1916
<b>Asbrey, Harold Wilfred</b> Borough Road College 13 August 1917	<b>Cosgrove, Albert Bruce</b> Borough Road College 31 May 1916	<b>Green, Walter Wilfred</b> Borough Road College 6 October 1916	<b>Lloyd, W V</b> Borough Road College Unknown	<b>Parker, Frederick</b> Borough Road College 27 March 1916	<b>Steele, John</b> Borough Road College 7 February 1916
<b>Ashby, Thomas Philip</b> Borough Road College 5 September 1918	<b>Cowhard, Sidney Cortem</b> Borough Road College 5 October 1916	<b>Greenhalgh, Harold Pittfield</b> Borough Road College 9 April 1918	<b>Long, Austin Theodore</b> Borough Road College 22 August 1917	<b>Parsons, Herbert</b> Borough Road College 14 July 1916	<b>Stephens, William Head</b> Borough Road College 14 July 1916
<b>Averns, R N</b> Borough Road College 19 November 1916	<b>Creed, Ernest Harry</b> Shoreditch Training College 24 September 1918	<b>Greenwood, Ernest</b> Borough Road College 4 November 1917	<b>Lowe, Ronald Charles</b> Borough Road College 18 August 1918	<b>Parsons, Thomas Henry</b> Borough Road College Unknown	<b>Stevenson, John Connel</b> Borough Road College 23 August 1918
<b>Baines, George E</b> Borough Road College 2 July 1916	<b>Crook, Henry Edward</b> Shoreditch Training College 9 November 1918	<b>Harrison, Edward</b> Borough Road College 16 April 1917	<b>Lowther, Carl</b> Borough Road College 16 August 1917	<b>Perkins, Cyril John</b> Borough Road College 27 June 1917	<b>Stribling, Lewis James</b> Borough Road College 13 November 1917
<b>Baker, George Arthur</b> Borough Road College 29 November 1917	<b>Dashwood, John Lovell</b> Borough Road College 13 April 1917	<b>Harrison, Joseph</b> Borough Road College Unknown	<b>Lupton, Frank William</b> Borough Road College 4 August 1916	<b>Piercy, Wilfred Ashton</b> Borough Road College 26 September 1915	<b>Thomas, Benjamin S B</b> Borough Road College 4 October 1918
<b>Baker, Reginald Bertram</b> Borough Road College 3 May 1916	<b>Davis, William</b> Borough Road College 18 October 1916	<b>Harrison, Ronald</b> Borough Road College 10 November 1917	<b>Lydamore, William Fraser</b> Borough Road College 1 July 1916	<b>Pitt, Bernard</b> Borough Road College 30 April 1916	<b>Tolliday, Charles F</b> Borough Road College 3 April 1917
<b>Barnes, Sydney George</b> Shoreditch Training College 4 July 1916	<b>Day, Charles Spencer</b> Borough Road College 25 April 1918	<b>Heeps, Frank Bratton</b> Borough Road College 29 June 1918	<b>MacNaught, Thomas</b> Borough Road College 12 March 1915	<b>Price, W H</b> Borough Road College 11 September 1917	<b>Tregunna, Thomas Shenton Kelway</b> Borough Road College 6 September 1916
<b>Beverley, Cecil Adler</b> Borough Road College 17 October 1918	<b>Dearing, Charles Alfred</b> Borough Road College 16 April 1918	<b>Holroyd, Clifford</b> Borough Road College 3 May 1917	<b>Marston, Sidney George</b> Borough Road College 25 September 1916	<b>Rees, Arthur Owen</b> Borough Road College October 1916	<b>Tremeer, Sidney Charles</b> Borough Road College 17 May 1917
<b>Brewin, Thomas Blakesley</b> Borough Road College 26 May 1915	<b>Dixon, Leonard Frederick</b> Borough Road College 21 May 1918	<b>Hopkinson, William Ewart</b> Borough Road College 6 June 1915	<b>Martindale, Stanley</b> Borough Road College 4 September 1916	<b>Reiss, Stephen Lacy</b> Borough Road College 13 October 1915	<b>Turner, A T</b> Borough Road College 27 August 1917
<b>Britten, Harry Champness</b> Borough Road College 23 February 1915	<b>Dodderidge, Reginald William</b> Borough Road College 3 October 1918	<b>Hornbrook, Richard Kelly</b> Borough Road College 30 November 1917	<b>Milnes, Herbert Albert Edwin</b> Borough Road College 4 October 1917	<b>Robinson, A C</b> Borough Road College Unknown	<b>Vinicombe, Lionel Frank</b> Borough Road College 29 June 1916
<b>Brooks, Albert John</b> Borough Road College 27 September 1915	<b>Drew, Frederick William</b> Borough Road College 5 November 1916	<b>Howarth, Edgar</b> Borough Road College 1 July 1916	<b>Mitchley, Sydney Robert</b> Borough Road College 12 October 1916	<b>Robinson, Eric Leslie</b> Borough Road College 23 May 1917	<b>Ward, Tom</b> Borough Road College Unknown
<b>Brown, George Percy Stephenson</b> Borough Road College 26 September 1917	<b>Duke, John H</b> Borough Road College 22 April 1918	<b>Jeffree, Johnson Vivian</b> Shoreditch Training College 10 August 1918	<b>Moore, John</b> Borough Road College 26 October 1917	<b>Ross, Adam</b> Borough Road College 11 September 1917	<b>Watson, Walter William</b> Shoreditch Training College 1 September 1918
<b>Brown, Louis Foster</b> Borough Road College 14 May 1918	<b>Dunn, William</b> Borough Road College 24 March 1918	<b>Jenkins, Sidney Oswald</b> Borough Road College 22 August 1918	<b>Morris, Walter</b> Borough Road College 2/3 October 1918	<b>Sadler, Charles Edward</b> Borough Road College 1 July 1916	<b>Wheatcroft, Albert Ernest</b> Borough Road College 10 September 1916
<b>Brundritt, Norman William</b> Borough Road College 29 May 1916	<b>Elliot, J O</b> Borough Road College 10 October 1916	<b>Jones, Robert Nelson</b> Borough Road College 31 July 1917	<b>Nutter, Geoffrey</b> Borough Road College 6 February 1917	<b>Salmon, Reginald Thomas</b> Borough Road College 12 May 1917	<b>Whitby, Harry Alden</b> Borough Road College 10 July 1916
<b>Buckby, Harry Fisher</b> Borough Road College 17 May 1915	<b>Favell, Arthur</b> Shoreditch Training College 18 May 1916	<b>Kesling, Albert Ernest</b> Borough Road College 16 May 1915	<b>Ore, Joseph Frederick</b> Borough Road College 7 October 1916	<b>Scott, James Thompson</b> Borough Road College 5 October 1917	<b>Wood, Joseph</b> Borough Road College 26/27 September 1917
<b>Casey, George Gordon</b> Borough Road College 8 November 1914	<b>Fell, William John</b> Borough Road College 8 September 1916	<b>Kelly, Percy Ewart</b> Borough Road College 26 April 1915		<b>Sephton, Reginald William</b> Borough Road College 17 November 1916	
<b>Chadwick, James Henry</b> Borough Road College 4 May 1917	<b>Fisher, Raymond</b> Borough Road College 19 June 1915	<b>Kennedy, William</b> Borough Road College 13 October 1915		<b>Slight, William Hubert</b> Shoreditch Training College 26 September 1917	
<b>Chalmers, John Cyril</b> Shoreditch Training College 16 October 1916	<b>Fountain, Herbert J J</b> Borough Road College 16 January 1920	<b>Keys, William</b> Borough Road College 9 May 1915		<b>Smart, William Thomas</b> Borough Road College Unknown	
<b>Church, Charles</b> Borough Road College 15 September 1918	<b>Fox, Harry Norton</b> Borough Road College 23 April 1917	<b>Knighton, James</b> Borough Road College 1 July 1917			





# In memory of the staff and students from Brunel's predecessor colleges who fought and died in World War II

**Allen, Reginald Hayden**  
Borough Road College  
3 May 1941

**Allen, William George Henry**  
Borough Road College  
7 June 1944

**Baynton, Cyril**  
Borough Road College  
25 November 1943

**Bury, Ronald Stancilffe**  
Borough Road College  
5 November 1944

**Clayton, Ralph John Henry**  
Borough Road College  
15 February 1944

**Condick, Dennis Henry**  
Borough Road College  
18 October 1944

**Crickmer, Percy Mayes**  
Borough Road College  
6 January 1944

**Curtis, Colin Hubert**  
Borough Road College  
20 January 1942

**Fair, Dennis Reginald**  
Shoreditch Training College  
25 March 1942

**Fleury, Reginald Harold**  
Shoreditch Training College  
22 October 1940

**Fullerton, William Arthur**  
Shoreditch Training College  
30 May 1942

**Gooding, Thomas Robert Terence**  
Borough Road College  
12 October 1944

**Grove, Norman Franklyn**  
Shoreditch Training College  
17 March 1944

**Halestrap, John Phillip**  
Borough Road College  
4 March 1945

**Hamilton, Thomas Arthur**  
Shoreditch Training College  
21 February 1944

**Haskett, Bernard Godfrey**  
Borough Road College  
14 February 1943

**Hawkins, Kenneth**  
Borough Road College  
29 November 1943

**Holt, John**  
Borough Road College  
26 August 1944

**Hutton, James Smith McPherson**  
Borough Road College  
26 October 1944

**Jeary, Geoffrey George**  
Borough Road College  
2 July 1942

**Jones, Ralph Neville**  
Shoreditch Training College  
10 December 1943

**Mockeridge, Ronald George**  
Shoreditch Training College  
1 November 1942

**Newcater, Owen Edward Parry**  
Borough Road College  
23 April 1944

**Palsley, Ronald**  
Shoreditch Training College  
26 May 1943

**Partridge, Kenneth Arthur**  
Shoreditch Training College  
27 November 1941

**Purton, John Richard**  
Shoreditch Training College  
14 March 1944

**Quarendon, Roy Maxwell**  
Shoreditch Training College  
8 November 1942

**Rastall, Deryck Stephen**  
Shoreditch Training College  
23 August 1943

**Shaddick, Allan Arthur Cecil**  
Shoreditch Training College  
28 August 1941

**Smith, Frederick Martin**  
Shoreditch Training College  
15 December 1943

**Smith, Harry Clapham**  
Borough Road College  
10 April 1945

**Smith, Stanley James**  
Shoreditch Training College  
24 October 1942

**Tarn, Robert William**  
Borough Road College  
4 June 1943

**Taylor, Harry Ernest Houldsworth**  
Borough Road College  
20 June 1944

**Tipple, Richard Olley**  
Shoreditch Training College  
1 October 1940

**Webb, Lawrence Edward Victor**  
Shoreditch Training College  
20 March 1943

**Wharmby, William Ronald**  
Borough Road College  
14 July 1944

**Whitehouse, Jack**  
Borough Road College  
25 June 1942

**Whitelock, Ralph**  
Borough Road College  
6 October 1942

**Williams, John Indoe**  
Borough Road College  
29 June 1944

**Willis, Anthony Marshall**  
Shoreditch Training College  
21 January 1943



# Enquiries

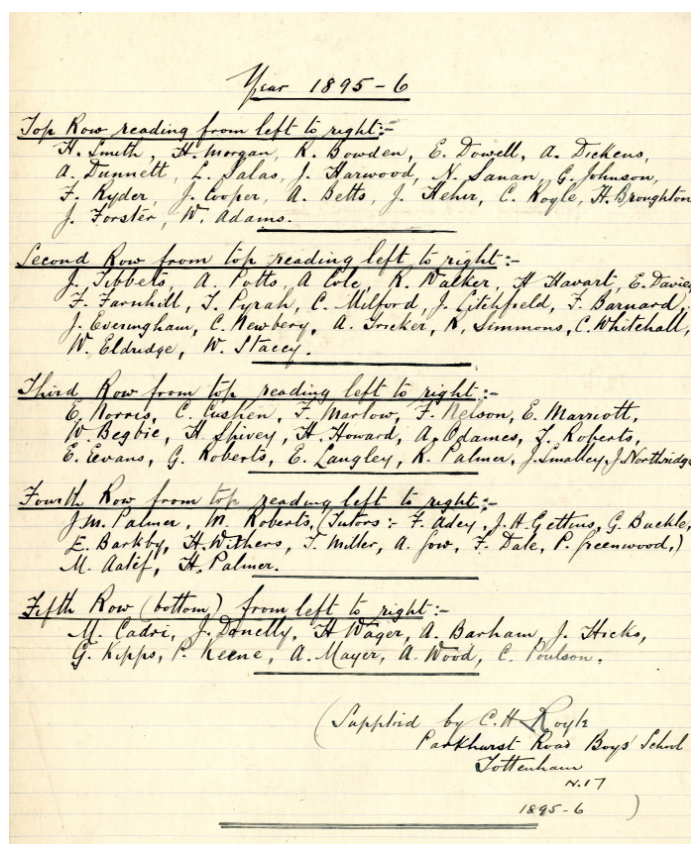
Since last year's report, we have received 31 enquiries. These equate to seven British Schools, twelve Borough Road College (College itself, staff and students), five BFSS general queries, three BFSS artefacts, three Saffron Walden College (staff and students), and two Stockwell College enquiries.

ENQUIRY REF NO	DETAILS OF ENQUIRY	TYPE OF ENQUIRY (1)	TYPE OF ENQUIRY (2)	TYPE OF ENQUIRER	LOCATION OF ENQUIRER
ENQ2018/35	William Thornton, teacher	British School	Family history	External	UK
ENQ2018/36a	BFSS Annual Reports	BFSS	Academic research	External	UK
ENQ2018/36b	BFSS monitorial medals, information and photos	BFSS	Academic research	External	UK
ENQ2018/36c	BFSS artefacts list, information	BFSS	Academic research	External	UK
ENQ2018/40	Gillian Collins, information for obituary	Saffron Walden College staff	Academic research	External	UK
ENQ2018/41	Prince Saunders	Borough Road Collage student	Academic research	External	USA
ENQ2018/49	Pembrey British School	British School	Local history	External	UK
ENQ2018/50	Borough Road College student list	Borough Road College students	Academic research	Internal	UK
ENQ2018/51	BFSS Annual Report	BFSS	Academic research	Internal	UK
ENQ2018/52	BFSS Foreign Correspondence Jamaica	BFSS Foreign Correspondence	Academic research	Internal	UK
ENQ2018/54	Clavering, British School	British School	Local history	External	UK
ENQ2018/55	Stockwell Training College student	Stockwell Training College student	Family history	External	UK
ENQ2018/56	Borough Road College students 1890/91 including Egyptian student – photo	Borough Road College student	Family history	External	UK
ENQ2018/61	Peckham, British School	British School	Local history	External	UK
ENQ2018/64	Borough Road College student	Borough Road College student	Family history	External	UK
ENQ2018/65	BFSS committee 19th Century	BFSS staff	Academic research	External	UK
ENQ2018/66	Borough Road College war dead	Borough Road College students	Local history	External	UK
ENQ2018/69	British schools list	British School	Academic research	External	UK
ENQ2018/71	BFSS Foreign Correspondence Haiti	BFSS Foreign Correspondence	Academic research	External	USA
ENQ201873	Borough Road College student	Borough Road College student	Family history	External	UK
ENQ201873a	Borough Road College student	Borough Road College student	Family history	External	UK
ENQ201874	Stockwell Training College student	Stockwell Training College student	Family history	External	UK
ENQ2019/2	British Schools in Swansea	British School	Academic research	External	UK
ENQ2019/3	Borough Road College War memorial	Borough Road College students	Local history	External	UK
ENQ2019/4	Borough Road College student 1976	Borough Road College student	Biography	Internal	UK
ENQ2019/5	Jessie Dunlop Saffron Walden College Principal	Saffron Walden College staff	Family history	External	UK
ENQ2019/8	Borough Road College campus	Borough Road College	Media	Internal	UK
ENQ2019/12	Borough Road College Thai students	Borough Road College students	Academic research	External	Thailand
ENQ2019/13	Wrentham British School	British School	Family history	External	UK
ENQ2019/14	Borough Road College buildings	BRC buildings	Media	Internal	UK
ENQ2019/20	Borough Road College campuses	BRC buildings	Academic research	Internal	UK



In the first Annual Report in 2014, we reported that we had received 74 enquiries for 201/143. The number of enquiries has dropped year on year, and probably most significantly since the launch of the CALM catalogue online in 2016 – giving researchers the ability to find resources themselves.

One interesting enquiry we received this year, relates to Chaophraya Thammasakmontri, a student at Borough Road College between 1896-1899. The enquirer wanted to know what he studied to see if it had had an impact on his future career as the Minister of Education in Thailand. An initial search pulled up no information but a second search conducted on another name by which Chaophraya was known, Sanan Devahastin na Ayudhya, proved successful. We were able to forward scanned images from student registers, pages from two of our Commonplace books, an individual and senior group photo.



Another interesting enquiry relates to Miss Dunlop, a member of staff at Stockwell College from 1891 until 1922 when she retired as Principal. We were able to send a scanned copy of a photograph, and various entries from The Educational Records – a BFSS publication.





# Visitors to the Archives

This year we have received a number of academic researchers to the Archive. It appears that family and local historians are increasingly able to do their research from home, using our online resources, topped up with making use of our remote research service when required.

We welcomed nine researchers over 19 days. The majority of the academic researchers were from the UK, while the others came from North and South America.

RESEARCHER	SUBJECT	ITEMS VIEWED	NO OF DAYS	FROM
Academic	BFSS teaching	The Salmon Collection; Foreign Correspondence Canada; monitorial sheets; The Educational Record (BFSS publication)	3	Canada
Academic	James Thompson (BRC alumnus) and the BFSS in South America	BFSS Secondary Sources on James Thompson, including theses. BFSS Annual Reports.	2	Mexico
Academic	Education reform, especially monitorial schools and Joseph Lancaster	BFSS Foreign Correspondence USA, Canada, South America, West Indies; The Philanthropist (BFSS publication); BFSS Minute Books	6	USA
Academic	Early BFSS staff and buildings	BFSS Annual Reports	3	UK
Academic	Interplay between the novel and instructive literature (school books, educational journals, etc.) in Victorian Britain	The Salmon Collection; Borough Road College Common Place books	1	UK
Academic	The BFSS and the "conscience clause"	BFSS Agents in Wales series; BFSS Annual Reports	1	USA
Academic	Pupils in early monitorial schools	BFSS Annual Reports	1	UK
Academic	How Churches, individual Christians and different parts of the Christian tradition helped shape the higher education system we have in England today, with reference to teacher training and universities or their antecedent institutions.	The Salmon Collection	1	UK
Academic	Education in Victorian London	BFSS Annual Reports, Histories of BFSS / Borough Road College	1	UK



We have given presentations and tours of the archives to batches of 2nd year Brunel history students again this year, many of whom had not visited an archive before. Approximately, 50 students attended over three sessions.



# Archive Volunteers

Over the past year, we have been very lucky to host six excellent student volunteers.

In July last year, we welcomed Emma and, at the beginning of this year Crystal, a postgraduate student. Sadly, however, we did lose Samina, Ijaz and Liam, who stopped volunteering to concentrate on their final year studies.

We are enormously grateful to our volunteers for their hard work over the last year – without their hard work, dedication and support we would not be able to have achieved so much. The volunteers have continued to work on sorting and cataloguing student applications under the supervision of the Archivist. This year, the volunteers have managed to complete another 19 years – making a total of 133 years since the project started in 2012.

NAME	DAY/TIME
Samina Amand, 3rd Year History student	21/11/2017-21/1/2019
Ijaz Karim (Jaz), 3rd Year History student	22/11/2017-30/10/2018
Liam O'Donovan, 3rd Year History student	15/11/2017-22/11/2018
James Farmer, 3rd Year History student	16/11/2017 –
Emma Smith, 2nd Year History Student	17/7/2018 –
Crystal Prescod, MA History student	24/1/2019 –

We would like to wish Samina, Ijaz, James and Liam the best of luck with their final exams and future careers.



I am a second year student at Brunel University studying BA History.

Having previously volunteered at Brunel Special Collections, I became aware of an opportunity to volunteer at Brunel Archives in 2018. Due to my interest in the documents held by the archives (as featured within the online catalogue) and personal aspirations to eventually work in archives and record management, I felt this was an invaluable prospect.

Since starting as a volunteer, I have principally been working on a listing and cataloguing project involving nineteenth-century female student applications. This process has been a significant learning experience. I have, and continue to, develop my skills in palaeography; handling; listing and cataloguing. My newfound competence in such areas, as a consequence of working with these materials, has been useful for my academic studies and will vastly benefit my future career. It has also been rewarding to have assisted in making these important historical records more accessible to the public.

Overall, I have found volunteering at Brunel Archives to have been a very positive experience and have greatly enjoyed working alongside a welcoming, supportive team of staff.

**EMMA SMITH, VOLUNTEER**



I began volunteering at the Brunel Archives coming from a situation in which I knew very little about the process of archiving. As a student studying Military History my modules offered nothing about the field, but I was very aware that I wanted to learn more and volunteering here afforded me this opportunity. Besides learning about the process of cataloguing old documents, I was able to learn from experienced archivists about handling delicate papers and materials and the skills needed in this process. What was also fascinating was learning to understand old handwriting which will definitely be an asset should I come into contact with handwritten primary source documents.

Overall the experience has been a rewarding one and it has cemented my decision to eventually enter this field. I hope, one day soon, to be able to begin a degree in Archiving and what I've learnt here will definitely be put to good use.

**CRYSTAL PRESCOD, VOLUNTEER**



To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1918 General Election, the first time women could vote, this exhibition celebrates 100 pioneering women who have helped shape Brunel into what it is today.





# Exhibitions

## 100 Women

Towards the end of last year, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the 1918 General Election, the first time women could officially vote in a General Election, we installed an exhibition celebrating 100 pioneering women who helped shape Brunel into what it is today.

We included women from both Brunel and predecessor colleges in the one hundred. In connection to the BFSS, we chose the following women: –

Anne Jemima Clough	Promoter of higher education for women; First principal of Newham College, Cambridge; Borough Road graduate 1849
Dr Gillian Collins	Former principal of Saffron Walden 1965-1977, former BFSS member; Brunel Honorary Graduate 1998
Sue Curley	Former Head of Alumni Relations, Brunel; Brunel Honorary Fellow 2012; BFSS member
Eglantyne Jebb	Stockwell College graduate; Co-founder of Save the Children Fund
Kathy Smallwood-Cook	West London Institute of Higher Education (formerly Borough Road College) graduate; 1984 and 1988 Olympian; Olympic medallist
Tryphenia Sparks	Stockwell College graduate; cousin of Thomas Hardy
Professor Linda Thomas	Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor Quality, Brunel; BFSS Trustee
Dr Iris Turner	Associate Lecturer in Geography, Brunel; BFSS member
Juliet Weale	Former Secretary and Registrar, Brunel; former BFSS Trustee



## Who do you think you are? Student Experience

In July 2018, we installed an exhibition in the university library – we used the title *Brunel – Who do you think you are?* with a nod to the popular television programme.

The exhibition on the ground floor of the library included one cabinet with surrogate copies of items from the archives showing the development of the Brunel campus since the 1960s, and the other cabinet with surrogate copies of items from Brunel's predecessor colleges, including Borough Road College.

The cabinets are in a very busy area of the library and often used by students as another work surface so we used surrogate copies rather than originals.

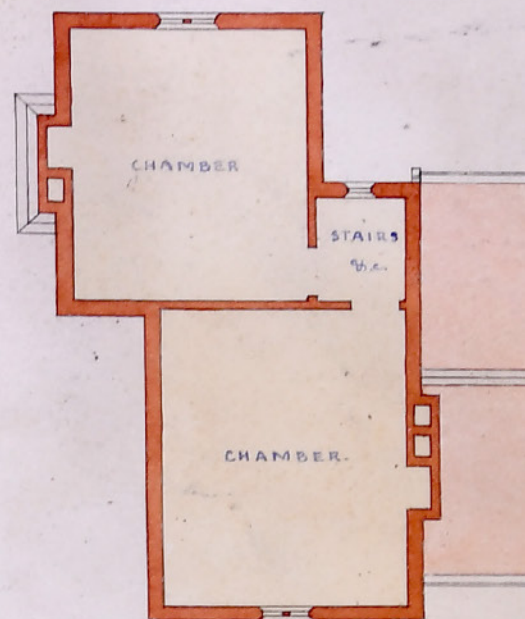
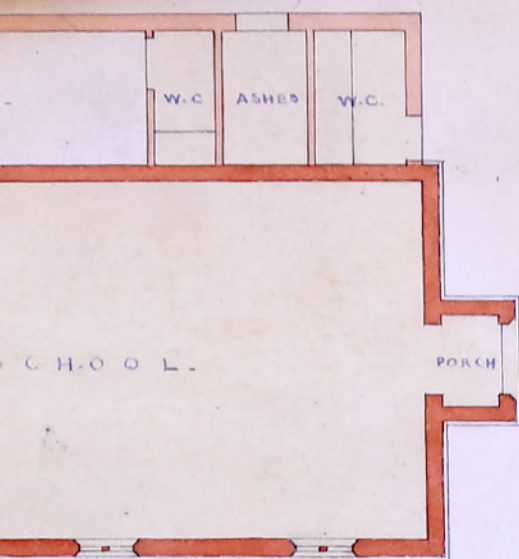
The exhibition has been very well received, and there is usually someone looking at it whenever we walk past.



## Looking forward – 2018-2019

In the coming year, we hope to:

- Digitise and catalogue Principal Burrell's album, a scrapbook of photos, invitations, and other treasures from Borough Road College c. 1910
- Complete student applications project
- Catalogue records relating to the BFSS's relationship with other 19th Century charitable organisations – Ragged Schools, Workhouse School and Orphanages



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