

## Mission Statement and Values

Oakham School Archives exists to collect, preserve and make accessible documents and objects that illuminate to the school's pupils, staff, and the wider community, the history of this establishment.

We will collect, catalogue, and store material to industry standards in order to ensure the archive's long-term preservation. In order to achieve this, we are keen to embrace new technology and continually develop our skills and practices.

The archives strives to ensure accessibility to all including researchers, current and past students and genealogists.

We aim to exhibit material regularly through a variety of mediums and collaborate with external archives, museums and library services in order to help deepen the public's understanding of the role and history of Oakham School. We desire for the archive to be enjoyed by the many and thus outreach activities will be a core part of our service.

We strive to integrate our archives within the teaching of the school to expand upon the classroom material but also to stimulate an intellectual curiosity within the pupils. We want to ensure that the archives are a place where pupils can come and experience working life through volunteering/ service placements. Through these two avenues, pupils will develop key skills needed to succeed in their studies and careers. To achieve this, we will participate in a multitude of outreach activities including exhibitions, classroom material, displays, social media and publications.

One of our aims is to strive towards becoming an accredited archives service. As such, developments and projects that we undertake will be influenced by accreditation standards.

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