



House Names

We have five Houses, all strongly connected with the school's history: Bowman, Fulford, Netherfield, Saunderson and Weirfield. The colour of the tie each student wears, symbolises each House.

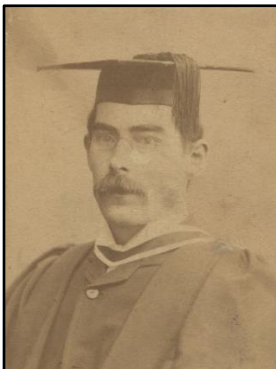
Bowman



Eric Fisher Bowman was Headteacher from 1928 until 1958.

The Bowman building housed the Headteacher's office, admin dept, cloakrooms and a number of classrooms.

Fulford



Joseph Fulford was appointed Headteacher in 1893, a position he retained until 1921.

Fulford deserves to be remembered not just for overseeing changes, but as an outstanding headmaster who raised standards to a new high level.

An attempt had been made to have Fulford Building 'listed', English Heritage reported that it was not special enough, except for a sentimental attraction to local people and they could not list it.



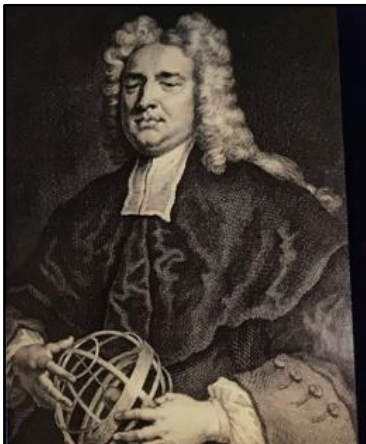
Netherfield



In 1859 a new workhouse (Netherfield was built on a sloping site on Huddersfield Road). An infirmary/isolation hospital and small mortuary was added to the site along with a vagrants block and 18 cells. During the first world war the workhouse was used to accommodate wounded soldiers.

In 1948 the institution became Netherfield Aged Persons Home and in 1974 residents were transferred and the site was taken over by the local education authority and used as the sixth form college of Penistone Grammar School

Saunderson



Dr Nicholas Saunderson, the celebrated blind professor of Maths at Cambridge, was born on the 20 January 1682 in Thurlstone and died on the 19 April 1739 aged 57. Dr Saunderson received his earliest education at this school. One of the old school buildings was named after him.

Around a year old he lost his sight through smallpox but this did not prevent him from acquiring a knowledge of Latin and Greek, and studying Mathematics. As a child, he is also thought to have learnt to read by tracing the engravings on tombstones around St John the Baptist Church in Penistone with his fingers.

Weirfield



Weirfield House was the original schoolhouse. It was home to various Headmasters (as they were always called) and other people but it was later taken over for staff use.

As Weirfield was a listed building demolition could not take place and the building was renovated into flats.