

Norfolk Record Office Information Leaflet 32

Schools in Great Yarmouth

All records are in the Norfolk Record Office unless otherwise specified.
Document references are given in brackets.

1. The Grammar School

Great Yarmouth Grammar School was founded in 1551 and occupied part of the site of St Mary's Hospital on the east side of the Market Place. It lapsed in 1757 but was refounded in 1862.

Records: Admission registers, 1863-1959, and other records (D/ED 9; Y/ED 163-268).

2. Children's Hospital

The Children's Hospital was founded in 1634, also on part of St Mary's Hospital site. It was a charity school for the training of poor children.

Records: Admission registers, 1682-1887, and other records (Y/L3; Y/ED 163-6).

3. The Bluecoat Charity School

This was founded by Yarmouth Corporation in 1713.

Records: Admission registers, 1713-68, 1850-89, and other records (D/ED 19; Y/ED 269-320).

4. The Friendly Society School

Great Yarmouth Friendly Society was instituted in 1769. In 1793, it established a school for the support of ten boys.

Records: Admission registers, 1793-1840, and other records (Y/L 6/1-5).

5. Yarmouth Gaol

Records: Schoolmaster's Journal, 1853-62, at Great Yarmouth Library, Tolhouse Street, Yarmouth, NR30 2SH (telephone (01493) 844551).

6. Church Schools

In the nineteenth century most schools were founded and run by religious groupings, either the Church of England or Nonconformist churches.

Records: References in Norwich Diocesan Society records (DN/NDS)
Building Grant plans (P/BG)
Priory National Schools (PD 28; DCN 59/44)
British School Managers' minutes, 1897-1906 (Y/TC 88/11)
References in Free Church records (see lists FC)

7. School Boards

School Boards were set up after the 1870 Education Act. They did not aim to replace Church schools but to supplement them in the provision of elementary education for everyone. Yarmouth School Board included Gorleston and Southtown. Runham Vauxhall, surprisingly, had its own Board at first even though there was only one school there. It was taken over by the Yarmouth School Board in 1890.

Records: Yarmouth School Board minutes, 1875-1903, with other records (Y/ED 1-5; Y/TC 78/1-5)
Runham Vauxhall School Board minutes and other records, 1876-90 (Y/TC 79).

8. Great Yarmouth Borough Council

The Borough Council Education Department took over the functions of the School Boards in 1903 and had responsibility for education in the Borough until 1974.

Records: Education Committee minutes, 1903-65 (Y/ED 6-47,495-502)
Records of individual schools transferred by the Education Committee (Y/ED 329-870).
Records of individual schools transferred by Head Teachers (Y/ED S/1-115 and D/ED 9, 19, 20).
School of Art Committee minutes, 1854-94 (Y/TC 86/5).
Technical Education Committee minutes, 1897-1903 (Y/TC 3).
East Anglian School for the Deaf and Partially Sighted, 1912-c. 1985 (Y/ED 121, 321-3, 828-846; Y/ED S/76,7; Y/TR 278; C/ED 37).
Gorleston Remand Home, 1934-40 (Y/ED 325-8).
Melton Lodge Orthopaedic School, 1929-60 (Y/ED 414-7).
Juvenile Instruction Centre for Girls, 1935-7 (Y/ED 413a).

9. Norfolk County Council

Following local government reform in 1974 Great Yarmouth lost its County Borough status and responsibility for education passed to the Education Department of Norfolk County Council.

School records transferred by the County Council: these include the pre-1974 records that they inherited from the Great Yarmouth Borough Council (C/ED). The Norfolk Record Office has a Card Index to its school records. This is the

easiest way to find if records of a particular school have been deposited. Yarmouth schools listed in the card index (apart from those already mentioned in this leaflet) are:

Alderman Leach Secondary; Church Road Infant; Claydon Secondary (formerly Gorleston Girls Secondary); Claydon High; Cobholm Junior; Edward Worledge Infant, Junior, Senior; Greenacre Infant, Junior, Senior; High School; Hospital Secondary School; Nelson Junior; Northgate Infant; St Andrew's Infant; St George's; St James'; St John's; St Mary's; St Mary's Roman Catholic; St Nicholas' (Priory); St Peter's; Stradbroke Infant, Junior; Styles Secondary; Trafalgar Road Board School.



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