

## HERITAGE TRAIL

## GRIFFYDAM SENIOR SCHOOL

**Griffydam Senior School, School Lane**

Griffydam School opened in 1915 for pupils aged 5-14 years. Pupils transferred to here from the Wesleyan Day School when it closed.

Children from Griffydam, Newbold, Coleorton, Peggs Green, Swannington, Thringstone and Osgathorpe attended the school. Pupils could transfer to the grammar school in Coalville at 11 years if they passed an exam. Others stayed here until they reached 14 years of age.

During the war evacuees from Birmingham and London came to the school. In 1939, there were 221 pupils. The school did not have running water supplied until 1939.

Prior to that, drinking water was obtained from Griffy Well, which was a short walk from the school.

The Head Teacher for 22 years until 1948 was Mr Elcock (known as Daddy Elcock). Click [here](#) for further information about the school.



After 1948, pupils aged 11 and over were transferred to secondary schools in Coalville and Hugglescote.

The school became an Infant and Junior School. Pupils from the Infant School on Top Road (built 1936) were transferred to School Lane. The Head Teacher was Miss K. Wright.

In 1954, the 59 pupils moved back to the former infant school on Top Road. The school continued as an annex to Coalville Grammar School until 1962.



● Can any of our readers identify the faces on this class of 1940 at Griffydam Senior School, taken in 1940? Spruced up for the photographer, every lad except the big fellow on the right has apparently dipped into his dad's Brylcreem and, apart from one, they all wear jackets. And nine out of the 14 girls wear that adolescent passion-killer, the gymslip.

1940 Photograph Taken From The Coalville Times 19.1.96