

The Wokingham Society installs its latest Blue Plaque at St Crispin's School

The official installation of a blue plaque at the entrance to St Crispin's School in London Road, Wokingham, took place on Wednesday 22 January 2014. The plaque was sponsored by the Wokingham Society and is the latest of 16 plaques placed on significant buildings around the town of Wokingham.



Pupils, staff and governors of St Crispin's School, with members of the Wokingham Society

St Crispin's is celebrating sixty years since its foundation and the plaque highlights the national importance of its original design and features. It was built by the Ministry of Education and was a prototype for post-war school buildings, with the emphasis being on cost-effectiveness, fitness for purpose and timely delivery. The design was more concerned with providing the best possible teaching and learning environment for staff and students than with extravagant external decoration. This concept extended to the furnishings and fittings and, included the provision of murals to enrich the public areas of the school. A key publication on school buildings said: *"It has probably had more influence than any other British school built since the war"*.

Peter Must, Chairman of the Wokingham Society, says:

‘We are delighted to help the School celebrate its 60th anniversary and we hope that, by providing a blue plaque to mark the event, we will assist in reminding local people of the pivotal role that the School played in the post-War provision of affordable and amenable educational buildings’.