

The Prebendal School

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The Headmaster

Chichester

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Department of Education and Science,  
Richmond Terrace,  
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.



PRIVATE AND IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Sirs,

In accordance with Rule 2(d) of Rules 16, I am writing to inform you that Mr. David Trevor Bowring, who has been an Assistant Master at this school since the 1st September, 1968, has been dismissed on account of misconduct with a 12-year-old boy.

The incident to which I refer occurred immediately after the close of the Christmas Term 1975, when all the day-pupils and boarders had gone home, but the cathedral choristers were still in residence.

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[Redacted] DPA [Redacted] Mr. Bowring arranged for him to come to the school library, where he drew the curtains, took the boy onto his lap and handled his private parts. The boy promised Mr. Bowring that he would not speak of what had happened, but subsequently told two of his friends, who took it upon themselves to inform his Housemaster. This was done last week and the facts were brought to my attention the same day.

I duly interviewed Mr. Bowring, who admitted the offence and gave me his assurance that this incident was the only one of its kind in which he had ever been involved and that he had at no time interfered with any other boy. The facts have since been reported to the Chairman of Governors, who has endorsed the action taken, and the boy's parents have also been informed.

Mr. Bowring, who is 29 years of age and a certificated teacher (No: 65/13866), has taught in no other school since he qualified in 1968. His record until this time has been excellent, for he is a talented and dedicated teacher, who has served the school with unswerving loyalty and devotion. Since September, 1974 he has been Senior Master and in this capacity has displayed considerable ability as an administrator.

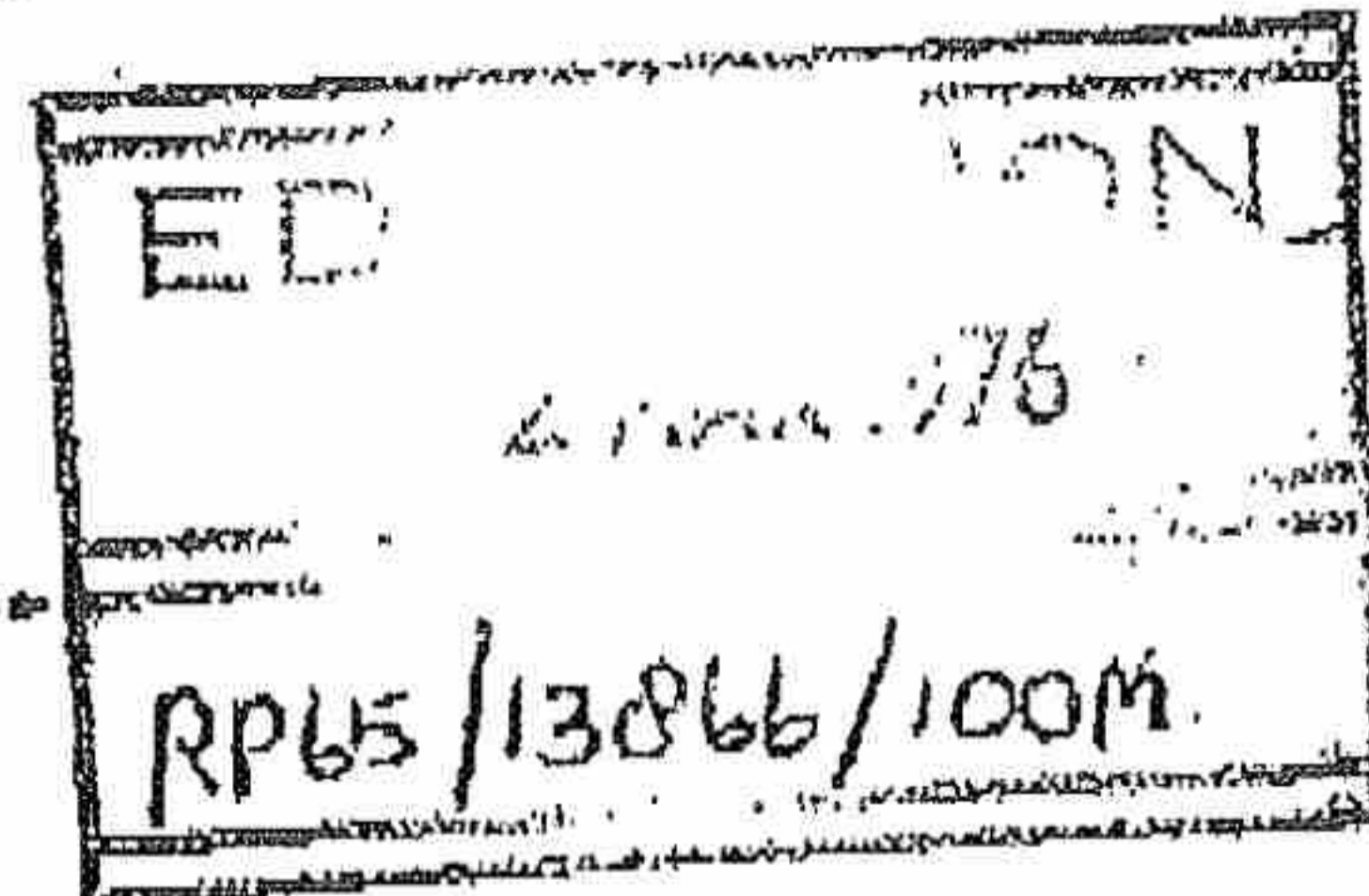
The disclosure of his misconduct has therefore come as a great shock both to me personally and to all the staff, the more so since it struck us as being so out of character, and the school will undoubtedly be the poorer for losing such an effective teacher and a congenial colleague.

For your information, Mr. Bowring's home address is [Redacted] DPA [Redacted] but I understand that he will not be returning there immediately.

Yours faithfully,

DPA

N.F. Ollerenshaw, M.A.  
Headmaster.



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*Other name given to H.M. phone 10/1/76*

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