

Hampshire: The new term at Cheam. A familiar story though never really popular with generations of schoolboys ^{boys} For ^{everywhere} ~~sad-eyed~~ mothers - a goodbye in more senses than one - as their sons are launched on the road to manhood ^{and wide open space.} ~~and final independence...~~

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 Yes, these are familiar scenes - ^{wherever the school and} ~~whether it is one of Britain's oldest~~ ^{whatever the school.} ~~Preparatory Schools - or the tiny council school round the corner.~~

Those treasured toys will be tucked away in ink-stained desks - a holiday reminder that life is not ^{school-} ~~only~~ ^{just} one long round of arithmetic and English.

Another excitement on the first day of term is to look over the new boys. At Cheam - this made headline news for one newcomer was Prince Charles...

~~The Headmaster~~ ^{One of the two headmasters} (~~and his wife~~) greets the Royal Mother and Prince Charles - who was wearing a black tie - in mourning for his Great Great Uncle - King Haakon of Norway. Greetings, too, for a famous Old Boy - the Duke of Edinburgh. So Cheam School received its most distinguished "new boy" - Prince Charles - Heir to the Throne.