

SCHOOL FOR PRINCE CHARLES

Gordonstoun is the royal choice; the school in north-eastern Scotland, to which the Duke of Edinburgh went himself. This is where Prince Charles will be in the next summer term, and be treated the same as all the other 400 boys. Indoors and out, Gordonstoun stresses initiative, character, self reliance, and of course fitness. Those who discover that they have special talent get the chance to develop it.

When Prince Philip was there he took part in amateur dramatics (apparently amused about it) and captained the cricket eleven.

Eton was expected by most people outside the royal circle to be the school of the future King. This is pre-eminently the choice of the Establishment, the key into the Cabinet, perhaps the foremost school in the world. But probably, had the Prince of Wales gone there, it would have widened the gap between the Royal Family and the People.

To Chess, the Eton of Prep Schools, Prince Charles went in November 1957. As the Duke was there too as a small boy, the son is following the educational pattern of the father. His arrival made it a memorable day for the Prince and the school, though the boys took it in their stride. That day was just over four years ago. Prince Charles is said to have enjoyed every minute of his time there, and has grown into early adolescence as fine a boy as his parents could have wished. He is now 13, and no doubt looking forward to moving to a senior school.

Gordonstoun is only a cycle ride from the sea; naturally seamanship instruction is very popular. It's pretty sure that Prince Charles will enter into this part of his training with zest. He's no stranger to the sea, and has the advantage of a father who learned the ropes when he was at Gordonstoun. The Duke often takes his son sailing. Next August Prince Charles may be taking Uffa Fox out for a spin....Meanwhile good luck at the new school.