

PRINCE STARTS NEW SCHOOL.

The big day began at London Airport, where the Duke of Edinburgh took Prince Charles, to fly him to school. The Duke used the Heron aircraft in which he has made many flights. Prince Charles showed no sign of nerves, whatever he may have been feeling.

This is the really modern way to go to school, by aeroplane, piloted by father.

At Gordonstoun, the Prince of Wales will spend the next five years, a complete break with royal tradition. On arrival the Duke and his son were received by the kilted Captain Ian Tennant, the Chairman of the Governors. Next, the headmaster, Mr. Robert Chew, with whom was the warden, Mr. Henry Brereton. 30 years ago Prince Philip was a boy at Gordonstoun, the main reason why the Queen and he are sending Prince Charles here. The headmaster pointed out Prince Philip's old room.

A 17th century mansion houses the main part of the school but Windmill Lodge will be Prince Charles's house. To Mr. Robert Whitby, the house master, the head boy and the head of the house, the new boy was introduced. The Duke knew he was leaving his son in capable hands.

Peter Paice, the head-boy is 18. Prince Charles will wear the jersey and shorts uniform for the rest of his stay at Gordonstoun. Dugald Mackenzie, head of Windmill House, is a joiner's son, so the Prince will be living in a much more democratic atmosphere than if he had gone to Eton or Harrow. Gordonstoun puts the emphasis on fitness and self reliance no less than schoolwork. If it makes Prince Charles as good a man as his father, it will have served him and the country well.