

## History Timeline

### 16th Century

"A school for little boys" existed in Church Street buildings.

1584

Grammar School endowed in Steyning by William Holland, Alderman of Chichester. On his death he bequeathed land and property to endow the school in Church Street. Stipulated maximum of 50 students, lest the teacher be "overwhelmed by the multitude".

1614

Reverend John Jeffrey appointed headmaster of the Grammar School.

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1617

Dr John Pell mathematician and inventor of the division sign student of the school.

The school declined to the extent that there was barely one pupil per year while the headship remained in one family for a period of 60 years.

18th &  
19th  
Century

1839-77

George Airey Headmaster revives school, recruiting students from across Sussex.

The school revived by 35 boys (17 boarders and 16 day boys 2 "not stated") were present. Ages 10-17

1906

1910

New buildings added. A laboratory, workshop and classrooms.

School taken over by County Council

1912

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New classrooms were built after the land of the original endowment had been sold.

133 boy pupils

1921

A bomb dropped on the east side of Chantry Green. The library ceiling collapsed in the middle of a 6th form teaching period.

1943

1930's

New laboratory, art room and fully equipped gymnasium were added. Fees for day boys were 5 guineas, boarders 21 guineas a term.

Shooting Field Secondary Modern School opened by His Grace the Duke of Wellington. Providing education for nearly 400 boys + girls. "It looks a little like a modern factory".

1953

1950

The school became a Voluntary Controlled School under WSCC Education Authority. Under the terms of the 1944 Education Act the school continued as a selective Grammar School for boys who passed the "11 plus" tests. All tuition fees were discontinued.

The Grammar School amalgamated with Steyning Secondary Modern School to form the present school, serving all abilities for both boys and girls, aged 11-18 from a very wide catchment area which is predominately rural. The Boarding House continued to expand.

1968

1966

Coombe Court demolished. Bennetts House built to accommodate 50 boarders in response to growing popularity of boarding

1975 Church Street site used for Years 7 & 8. Previously used for 6th Form and 4th and 5th forms-equivalent to present Years 10 & 11.

1975

1968

Comprehensive school

First computer in school.

1978

Late 1978's

Designated a community school

Development of the Sports Centre

1990/91

1984

Cuthman Centre opened

	1994	Sixth Form Centre opened. Named the Russell Centre in honour of Tony Russell, Deputy Head, who died suddenly.
Girl boarders admitted	1995	
	1997	School awarded Technology College status
Schools Curriculum Award	2000	
	2002	School Achievement Award
New teaching block of 10 classes opened at Shooting Field.	2002	
	2003	School awarded the Bishop's Commendation
New PE area and changing room area at Shooting Field. New Art Tech Block, Music and Dinning Facilities at Shooting Field	2005	
	2006	Artificial Turf Pitch Opened
Specialist Vocational Status	2007	

**21st  
Century**