

TOP OF THE BOY

PRIME MINISTER

SOMERVILLE GAUDY

1. You will depart from Chequers at 1545 in your official car and the Garden Room girl Miss Debbie Sansford.
2. You will arrive at Somerville at 1630 and will be met by Mrs. Craig, who is the Principal of Somerville, and Dorothy Hodgkin, your old tutor.
3. You are expected to stay for about an hour. Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Chancellor, who will have spoken at 1415 is looking forward to seeing you.
4. It is not necessary to wear a hat.
5. A Mrs. Maria Perry, a fellow Somervillian, is going to present you with a cassette that she has recorded of Queen Elizabeth I speeches. This is just to warn you that this is happening. You do not know the lady.
6. I attach a programme of all the Centenary events just for your information (Flag A).
7. You will probably arrive at Dorneywood rather early but the Whitelaws will be there. I believe that Mrs. Whitelaw will be in a long dress despite the fact that it is an informal dinner, so I have packed one for you.
8. Mr. Thatcher will leave separately from Chequers and will be at Dorneywood not later than 1930.
9. I attach a copy of the Whitelaws' guest list (Flag B).

6 July 1979

NOTE FOR THE FILE

1. It is not necessary for the Prime Minister to wear a hat. There will be some that will but many that won't. Mrs. Craig, the Principal of the College, will be in a cap and gown because of the presence of the Chancellor, Harold Macmillan.
2. Mrs. Craig has requested that the Prime Minister arrive at 4.30 and leave at 5.30 p.m.
3. A room has been set aside with a telephone for the ³gladen room girl.
4. A space will be left outside the main entrance for the Prime Minister's car and Ray Parker will be in touch with the local police about the details.
5. I told Mrs. Craig that the Prime Minister would like to have a chat with Mr. Macmillan and any contemporaries who will be present. Mrs. Craig will accompany the Prime Minister during the visit.

ej.

13 June 1979

PRIME MINISTER

Somerville Gaudy

You said this morning that you wished to attend the Gaudy in the morning on Saturday 7 July, arriving from Chequers. The programme is as follows:

1130 Annual General Meeting
1230 to Buffet lunch
1400
1415 Speeches

I am slightly nervous that if you attend this part of the Gaudy they will invite you to speak. But if you are happy to go ahead, I will write to the college saying that you do not wish to go to the Garden Party after all, but would prefer to attend the above. I suppose you could leave before the speeches which would make sense because, if not, it really means spending most of the day in Oxford, returning to Chequers to change and retracing your tracks to Dorneywood. My own feeling is that it would waste a good deal less of your time just to attend the Garden Party. You could still go to Chequers after your visit to Cambridge on the Saturday.

11 July 1979

Will "do" *eg.*
the garden party!
me

~~Handwritten scribble~~

23 October 1970

Mrs Barbara Craig MA
Principal
Somerville College
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Thank you for your letter of the 12 October.
I shall be delighted to become an Honorary
Fellow of Somerville which I regard as a
great honour. I much enjoyed seeing you and
all the others at the Gaudy Dinner.

Margaret Thatcher

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This is a personal matter - perhaps you would
file it.

Handwritten signature

From THE PRINCIPAL

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F.

12th October, 1970.

The Secretary of State for Education
and Science,

Curzon Street,
LONDON W.1.

Dear MP Thatcher,

I am writing to tell you that the Governing Body at its first meeting of this year expressed a wish to elect you to an Honorary Fellowship of the College.

It will give us very great pleasure if you will accept this close association with your old college. We shall be delighted to welcome you at any time when the College is open.

I should also like on behalf of us all to thank you very much for having spared the time to come to the Gaudy Dinner and to address it.

Yours sincerely,
Barbara Craig

S/State

This type of honour has arisen in the case of Ministers and the Permanent Secretary has advised that it is quite in order to accept. £

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19/10

Accept -
delivered etc.
M.



10 DOWNING STREET

Caroline

I see that MT is going to the Somerville Gaudy. I happen to have come across the attached papers when she was made a Fellow of Somerville in 1970 which could be put in your file. Also, I think that the Gaudy referred to in the letter was the last time she went.

Abw

6 June 1979



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Somerville College

I have had a word with Richard about this and we are both rather anxious that you should not, after all, attend ~~the~~ Centenary Guady on 7 July. You are going to be very busy at that time and your visit to Cambridge on 6 July (Friday) is still in the diary and when so much is on it does seem inadvisable to rush from one part of the country to the other. Would you please agree to refuse this now?

ES.

*I think I must
drop it. especially
if I go to Cambridge*

10 May 1979