

Scarborough Sea Wall Heritage Trail Project – Scarborough Memory

School Uniform at Scarborough High School by Mrs Davies of Greater Manchester

Mrs Davies had grown up in Scarborough and was in the town to attend a reunion of pupils who attended Scarborough's High School for Girls in the 1960s. Mrs Davies shared her memories of the rather peculiar and unique school uniform that they were required to wear.

The uniform in her early years consisted of a navy blue pinafore dress, white shirt and tie together with regulation blue knickers and blue stockings held in place by suspenders. The headwear was a beret which was compulsory at any time outside of school. On one occasion whilst walking the Marine Drive in a wind, her beret flew off into the sea. She confessed that she had a bit of a reputation for mischief and a bit of a rebel. When she got to school she was immediately asked why she wasn't wearing her beret and where was it. She said "in the North Sea Miss!" and was immediately served an 'Order Mark' for not being properly dressed.

Three Order Marks resulted in an automatic letter from the Headmistress to her parents. Within a few days she picked another one for not reacting quickly enough to the school bell which required pupils to immediately start walking to their next classes. This meant that any more misdemeanours would see a letter being sent.