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In 2024, Boulden House will mark its 100th year as the home of the Junior School at Trinity College School. Throughout the year, the inhabitants of Boulden House – 105 students from Grades 5 through 8, plus a staff of 17 – are finding ways to celebrate this special place. They're inviting us all to join in, and consider what makes Boulden House such a unique space, where foundations are laid for lives of purpose and service.



Boulden House through the eyes of our current students

When we asked our current Junior School students to tell us what they love about life in Boulden House, the answers flew in. From co-curriculars (or “co-cos” as the children know them) to supportive teachers, and from library books to lunch, there are just so many great things about the Junior School. As Grade 5 student Kendall Trew says, “It’s the best!”



LIFE IN THE CASTLE

“What I like about the Junior School is that it looks like a castle.”

– **Finlay Gordon (Grade 7)**

“I don’t know why but I just feel good when I walk in the building.”

– **Fenton Rodrigue (Grade 7)**

“The library is fun and has good books.”

– **Amelia Thomas (Grade 7)**

“I like the classrooms because they have games, computers, a sofa and bean bag.”

– **Eric Zhu (Grade 5)**

“I love Trinity because Trinity has a lot of recess. I think recess is good for everyone’s mentality.”

– **Hector Canakis-McLauchlan (Grade 7)**

“I love the nice cleaning crew.”

– **Nolan Stephenson (Grade 8)**

“I love the lunch that they make in Osler Hall.”

– **Foster Deacon (Grade 7)**

LEADING WITH KINDNESS

“What I love about Boulden is it’s a relatively small community so we get to know everyone.”

– **Ammar Al-Ali (Grade 6)**

“The people in Boulden are very welcoming and when you walk into the school you get a nice greeting.”

– **Louisa Moeller (Grade 7)**

“I feel welcome when I walk in this building because people don’t judge each other.”

– **Dylan Craig (Grade 7)**

“People are nice and people get my funny jokes.”

– **Oliver Ingram (Grade 6)**

“What I really like about the people in Boulden is the support from the teachers, who are always there for you. I really love feeling like part of a community.”

– **Eliza McKenzie (Grade 6)**

“I love everyone in Boulden House because they are always so sweet and kind.”

– **Evelyn Wang (Grade 5)**

“I like how all the people, teachers and students, are very kind, and our cooperation.”

– **Isabelle Klassen (Grade 5)**

“I love the inclusiveness of the people in Boulden, no matter grade or age. We have great teachers that really care about us.”

– **Jalen Yeung (Grade 5)**

“I love the kindness and support that I get from the people at Boulden House.”

– **Dinny Day (Grade 8)**



Roses are red
 Violets are blue
 I love Boulden
 and you do too!

Poem by Pippa Deacon (Grade 5)

TRYING NEW THINGS

"I love T-Band (Tottenham Band). I love poetry and creative writing in English. I LOVE school trips."

- **Julia Lannon (Grade 8)**

"I love science because every other Friday we go outside."

- **Char Horsbrugh-Porter (Grade 8)**

"I love the fun activities that we do in SE&RL (social-emotional and relational learning) because there is so many different things that we do."

- **Dov Halparin (Grade 6)**

"Something I love right now in the present is Off-Grid Week because it's a great time to try new things and spend time with people you know and don't."

- **Drolma Lai (Grade 6)**

"I love the music room the most in Boulden House. The music room is like a friend to me, whenever I go there, all my stress and worries fly away."

- **Alicia Lui (Grade 8)**

"I like the art room because it's a place where you can express yourself in different ways."

- **Madison Dainard (Grade 7)**

"I love how the people make groups such as the AARD (Allies Against Racism & Discrimination) and the GSA to support the diverse community that we hold here at Boulden House."

- **Karl Thiebaud (Grade 7)**



Boulden House: A vision of the future

Head of Junior School Jennifer Reid asked current students what life in Boulden House might look like 100 years from now. They envision a future where expanding technology meets with a renewed appreciation for the natural world... and some exciting new additions to the TCS uniform!



Artwork by Eliza McKenzie (Grade 6)

“People can teleport to class. Lots of VR. Invisible lockers.”

- **Chloe Wang (Grade 6)**

“In the future there’s a school on Mars. We can go there every month.”

- **Ish Modi (Grade 8)**

“I think people will get to go to school in flying cars.”

- **Violet Eros (Grade 7)**

“There will be no tables or chairs. We will be in floating desks.”

- **Piper Andersen (Grade 5)**

“The chairs will be made of silver. The roof will be glass.”

- **Evelyn Wang (Grade 5)**

“I think the art room will have holograms displaying different art.”

- **Julia Lannon (Grade 8)**

“History lessons will be about stuff happening right now.”

- **Tima Skliar (Grade 8)**



Artwork by Addy Tymec (Grade 7)

“I think we will have holograms or AI as teachers.”

- **Kate Thiebaud (Grade 8)**

“I think people will look like a cyborg and maybe sound like one.”

- **Malachi Oliver (Grade 5)**

“There will be lots of nature in the building, water about three inches or six inches on the floor, everything floats. You can spawn things.”

- **Ella Zingraff (Grade 6)**

“I think that in 100 years the whole school will be an outdoor classroom.”

- **Finlay Gordon (Grade 7)**



Artwork by Quinn Lowry (Grade 6)

“I think students will learn outside 50% of the time (not just for science) due to the benefits of being outside.”

- **Max Vojnov (Grade 8)**

“A VR set for the playground, and maybe they could have a rollercoaster.”

- **Eric Zhu (Grade 5)**

“I think in the future we will have a zoo in the school.”

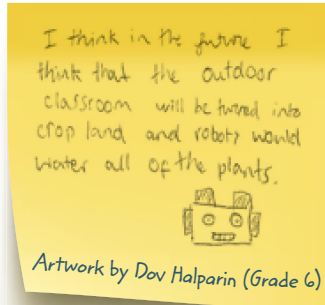
- **Jace Zhang (Grade 7)**

“I think the uniform would have a solar panel.”

- **Robert Kennedy (Grade 5)**

“Everyone will wear metal pants.”

- **Hudson Charron (Grade 5)**



Artwork by Dov Halparin (Grade 6)

“The co-cos will be in VR so no one gets hurt.”

- **Matthew Hassard (Grade 6)**

“Co-cos Future: Flying, food fighting, paintball, sky diving.”

- **Grady Mendum (Grade 8)**

“In the future I think we will be playing quidditch.”

- **Oshio Obomighie (Grade 7)**

“The food will be made with a food 3-D printer.”

- **Noah Thompson (Grade 7)**

“The building will be rebuilt, and you will have your own meals being brought to your group. Everything will be beets because they are healthy.”

- **Addy Tymec (Grade 7)**



Artwork by Kate Kennedy (Grade 8)

“I love knowing that over the years Boulden will continue improving so the children who come after me can get the education and experience everyone deserves.”

- **Cora Montagano (Grade 8)**



Artwork by Addy Tymec (Grade 7)



Artwork by Noah Thompson (Grade 7)

A brief history of Boulden House



Graham Orchard

LENT TERM 1915

Headmaster Graham Orchard establishes a junior department, led by L.C. Stanford, with separate dormitory space, classroom, sports teams, reading room and table at meals for the 16 students under the age of 15. Dr. Orchard tells the School's board of governors, "I hope, within a few years, to ask you to provide a separate building for them."



Architects lay out the new Junior School building (dated 1923)



Plaque on the wall of the memorial Junior School, dedicating it to "the glory of God and to the memory of those educated at the school who died in the Great War"

1918-1919

Fundraising begins for a building that would be a memorial to Old Boys who "had given their lives for their country in the Great War." The new edifice is designed by Henry Sproatt with early drawings by Frank Darling 1866.



Construction progresses

APRIL 1923

Ground breaks on the new building following an arduous five-year process of fundraising, hampered by the post-war economic downturn. Revd. Charles Howard Boulden, first head of the Junior School in its new home says, "It's hard yet to realize that it will so soon be 'the place we hang our hat.'"



Dorothy and C. Howard Boulden

SEPTEMBER 1924

The new Junior School, home to 60 students, opens under Boulden's guidance. Dr. Orchard tells the board, "With this beautiful new building...I feel, though I have been 11 years at the School, that I am only just beginning my work."



Memorial Junior School

NOVEMBER 1924

The Archbishop of Algoma presides over the dedication and blessing ceremony, "likening the building of the new edifice which was about to be opened to the building up of character which must be the chief and constant aim of a school such as this."



The 1938 Junior School with Ralph Yates at centre, and just behind and to the right, his successor, Charles Tottenham

1933

With the challenges of the Great Depression, enrolment dips to less than 30. Headmaster Philip Ketchum '16, who had been a staff member of the Junior School, is forced to close the building and move its students and staff into the Senior School. Two years later, Ralph Yates is appointed to lead the newly re-opened Junior School and Dr. Ketchum sets about drumming up enrolment through advertising, scholarships and a reduction in fees.



The annual Junior School picnic in 1957

1941

Ralph Yates steps away from teaching and Charles Tottenham (later the Marquis of Ely) is given leadership of Boulden House (as the Junior School would later be renamed), a position he will remain in for the next 40 years.



1997 "Tottenham House" Junior School department, led by Pam Dew (centre back)

1981

Tottenham retires. As the trend moves away from boarding for younger students, the Junior School is once again closed due to declining enrolment. A group of young students, known as "Tottenham House" and under the guidance of Pam Dew, forms a Junior School department, while Boulden House is used to house art and social sciences programs for the Senior School.



From left: Stuart Grainger and Barb Piccini cut the ceremonial "ribbon" to open the Barbara Winsor Piccini Outdoor Classroom at the Junior School the year following her retirement in 2018

1999

Barbara Winsor Piccini is hired to work towards a rebuilding of the Grade 5 to 8 program. The Junior School fully re-opens in Boulden House, eventually expanding to its present size of about 100 day students.