



# Press Release

03.03.17

## Bassingbourn Village College memorabilia on display

Ray Jude was transported back in time when he visited the latest community display at Royston Museum – 53 years to be precise.

The former first head boy of Bassingbourn Village College popped into the museum on Saturday for the launch of the latest Community Exhibition, *Bassingbourn Village College Then & Now*. The display shows just how much the college has changed since it was opened in 1954 with photographs of the first students alongside those currently there.

Bassingbourn Village College opened in 1954 with 315 students and a full-time staff of just 35 led by Warden F.W.P.Thorne. There had been numerous developments to the site since then and the current college now boasts 605 students with over 70 full and part time staff under Principal Duncan Cooper.

The exhibition was enhanced on the launch day with additional photographs of students from the 50s right through to the present day. Old textbooks, college role and Governors' minute books were also available for browsing – the latter showing that school issues really haven't changed much over the past half century, with timings of the school buses and student discipline still under discussion.

Current Year 7 students Ami Tobin, Jorja Hird and Avuyile Mdzinwa were on hand to chat about their experiences at the college and were delighted to hear of the antics of Ray and his friends when they were students there.

Bassingbourn Village College Then & Now runs until 29<sup>th</sup> April at Royston Museum. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10am-5pm. Admission is free.



**Photo: Former head boy Ray Jude with Bassingbourn Students at the opening of the exhibition in Royston Museum.**

Bassingbourn Village College, South End, Bassingbourn, is an 11-16 comprehensive academy school. Rated as a Good school by Ofsted, in 2015 75% of students achieved five GCSE at A\*-C (incl Maths and English). Founded in 1954. 600 pupils. Principal: Duncan Cooper.

[www.bassingbournvc.net](http://www.bassingbournvc.net)