

Karl Biscoe



1957 – 1962 (Clive)

I started at the school in 1957 in Clive House and left after “O” Levels in 1962, having decided on a career at sea in the Merchant Navy. I joined Shell Tankers as a Deck Apprentice and was sent to Plymouth for my early training, accompanied by two other Dukies! I qualified as a Deck Officer in 1967 and following further periods of study, qualified as a Master Mariner in 1972. As part of my Shell development, I spent some time working in the head office at Shell Centre, but returned to Fleet service in 1983 and was promoted to Captain in 1986. My Shell career lasted 45 years. Since retirement in 2007 I have been involved with the Shell Fleet Association; the Society of London Ragamuffins (helping disadvantaged young people in London) and as a Governor at a local primary school. I was invited to join the TDA panel as a member of the OBA Central Committee (past Chairman 2010). I am married and live in Tunbridge Wells and have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. My main aim as a TDA member is to see it merged with the OBA for the benefit of the school and future pupils.