

King Edward VI's, Norwich School Chapel

Location : The Close, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 4DD

Further Information : <http://www.norwich-school.org.uk/>

General Information

The buildings occupied by Norwich School date back to the foundation of the Cathedral when in 1096 Bishop Herbert de Losinga established his Benedictine Priory and, shortly afterwards, an Episcopal Grammar School in the Cathedral Close. In 1547 King Edward VI's Grammar School was formed moving to its current buildings in 1551 which included the Chantry Chapel of St John the Evangelist (founded in 1316 by Bishop John Salmon). Since this time the Chapel has been part of the school buildings. The majority of the glass is plain although six windows do contain stained glass panels mainly depicting shields.

South Window 1

Shield carrying the latin motto "Par Fama Labori", which literally translates as "Fame/reputation is equal to the toil" i.e. if you want to have a good reputation you have to work hard. It comes from the poetry of Horace (Quintus Horatius Flaccus) and has been taken out of context. In the poem Horace is telling someone that his fame will never correspond to the effort he has made!

South Window 2

The shield bears the words "Da Gloriam Deo" (Give Clory to God) which is the motto of The Worshipful Company of Dyers, one of the Livery Companies of the City of London. The Dyers' Guild originated in the twelfth century, when it was a trade association. It received a Royal Charter in 1471. Today it is now mainly a charitable institution which is affiliated with the School.

South Window 3

Shield

South Window 4 / North Window 2

Shield bearing the school motto : "Praemia Virtutis Honores" i.e Honours are the reward of virtue.

North Window 3

Image bearing the inscription: "King Edward VI's Grammar school was found in 1547 under the Great Hospital Charter."

