Gresham's raises £8,000 for new WWI memorial to feature 15 missing names

Gresham's has raised £8,000 for a new memorial stone, which includes the names of 15 students and staff who were omitted from the original memorial.

In 1918 Gresham's teacher George Murrell announced that the school's Chapel would be remodelled and a new stone would be created to feature the names of students who had been killed in the Great War. However, the names of 15 students and staff members were not included on this stone.

Now, 100 years later, Gresham's has raised £8,000 for a new memorial stone, which includes the names of 15 students and staff members who were omitted from the original memorial.

Gresham's Head of History, Simon King, said, "The names were omitted with the mistaken belief that having only been in service for a year or two, they would survive. It was a terrible mistake and the names of those who died in the war should be remembered."

The names of the 15 students and staff members included are:

- Alexander Albert
- John Balfour
- John Black
- John Brown
- John Cane
- John Clark
- John Cooke
- John Donaldson
- John Eagles
- John Forsyth
- John Gourley
- John Hamilton
- John McArthur
- John Murray
- John Simons

Gresham's Headmaster, Douglas Baylis, said, "The effort has been made to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Chapel. We have been lucky in being able to retrieve the names of these students and staff members, and it is important that their names are remembered."

The new memorial stone will be unveiled on Saturday 24 November 2018 as part of the school's Open Morning.

About Gresham's

Based in beautiful Norfolk, Gresham's is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school with a very proud history of educating children since 1555.