



The **Neale-Wade**  
Association



The March Grammar and Neale-Wade Former Students Association

The Neale-Wade Association celebrates its centenary this year. The Association was formed in 1919 as March Grammar School Old Boys' to raise funds for a school memorial plaque to commemorate those from the school who had died in the Great War. The plaque now hangs in Hewitt Hall in the Neale-Wade Academy alongside a further plaque recording the names of former students killed in subsequent conflicts.

Members of the present Association travelled to Ypres in Belgium on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> to attend a moving service in St. George's Memorial Church during which a new school plaque to commemorate all former students was presented by the Association and dedicated. The church was built as a memorial to the tens of thousands of British Empire troops who lost their lives within the Ypres Salient battlefields. Many former students of Neale-Wade may well recall visiting St. George's on Battlefield Study Tours undertaken by the school. During the trip Association members also visited the graves of former Old Boys and laid poppies of remembrance.

St. Wendreda's Church have also kindly welcomed the installation of a similar plaque which will be dedicated later in this centennial year.

The Neale-Wade Association welcomes former students from March Grammar School, Neale-Wade and March High School to their centenary reunion programme of events. Readers can find out more by visiting their website [www.nealewade.org](http://www.nealewade.org)



Former Association Presidents Mrs Christine Thorpe and Mrs Coral Cornell with retired Vice-Principal of Neale-Wade attend the dedication service.



The memorial plaque presented to St. George's Church



Visiting the grave of a former student of MGS