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Looking back at 60 years of high school

Images that capture the history of Montgomery High School

One of Blackpool's largest high schools marked its 60th anniversary

this week.

Montgomery High School, in All Hallows Road, serves the community of Bispham and has done since 1959 when it was officially opened by Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery.

The school was one of only two linked by name to one of Britain's greatest wartime leaders.

It has grown to become one of the largest 11-16 schools with nearly 1500 pupils on role.

Delving into the archives revealed plenty of old photos of sports achievements, musical events and other special occasions. They include one photo, which is probably the earliest photo in The Gazette archives of the school, just days after it first opened. Are you in any of these photos or do you recognise anyone? It would be great to hear your memories - email claire.lark@jpimedia.co.uk



Montgomery High School under 13s soccer team winners of the Evening Gazette Cup. Pictured from from left, Neil Beesley, Paul Simkiss, Stuart Szemarajo, Chris Vila, Alex Campagnoli, Robert Taylor. Back: Peter Eaves, David Blundell, headmaster Max Denham, Kevin Bolus, Chris Wardle, Aidan Douglas, Chris Lydon, Nigel Duckworth (coach) and John Ronson



The first sods are dug in the grounds of Montgomery High School for a new conservation area in November 1988; A one hour sponsored violin session at Montgomery School in 1991. Pictured right are Diane Watson, Nicola Fry, Emma Davies, Tracy Airnes, Rachelle Ashworth, Lisa Broadbest and Helen Green.



Blackpool footballer Alan Suddick presented certificates and trophies to pupils at Montgomery High School following a swimming gala.



Boys from Montgomery High School return to a hero's welcome after reaching the final of the Dallas Cup Soccer Tournament in Texas.



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Montgomery High School band, October 1988.



Sports master Bryn Jones, of Montgomery School, talks to boys who went on a trip to Scotland in 1965.



Pupils from Montgomery High School visited ICI for a grass roots tour of the chemical complex in May 1992.



New school flag for Montgomery School in July 1970.



Pupils at Montgomery School in September 1959.