

Preparing for Work - Boys at Work worksheet

The homes provided training for the boys and found them a job when they left their home. Some homes specialised in certain types of skills and they were called Industrial schools. The two homes in the photographs are Standon in Staffordshire and St Aldheim's in Somerset.

1. Look at the four photographs of boys being trained for work. Which of the four trades, farming, carpentry, tailoring and printing would you want to be trained in?

Why does that particular one appeal to you?

2. The boys in the print workshop at St Aldheim's are helping their home to make money for what they do.

How might the boys in the other 3 photographs also be helping their home to either make or save money?

3. Imagine you are one of the boys in the photographs and that you have become a successful farmer, carpenter, tailor or printer.

Write a letter back to the home thanking them for what they did in preparing you for work and life.