

## Appendix 1. Thames Valley School Badge, & The School Song.



The School Crest, Motto and Song were devised in the first year of the School. The upper half of the shield bears a crown and three seaxes, the arms of the County of Middlesex, our founder; the middle part represents the waves of the Thames Valley, our name; and the lower part is plain to be emblazoned with the record of future achievements.

HANC EXORNA means literally "Adorn This"; it is a Latin translation of a Greek phrase, quoted by the Roman writer, Cicero, from a play called "Telephus" written in 438 B.C. by the great Greek playwright, Euripides. The words were originally addressed to a young Spartan:

"You have Sparta as your birthplace;  
Do honour to her name."

The five verses of the School Song trace the history of this motto and apply it to our country and school.

*"Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit"*  
Perhaps these memories will some day give us joy

### HANC EXORNA

1. Amid the Grecian mountains  
Where loud Eurotas roiled  
And lovely Lacedaimon  
The Spartan plain controlled,  
Word of the Poet came  
That stirred her youth affame,  
"You have Sparta for your birthplace  
Do honour to her name."  
Hanc Exorna!
2. But when lordly Lacedaimon  
Had yielded place to Rome  
And the banner of the victor  
Floated o'er her humbled home,  
Great Cicero's silver pen  
Recalled to his countrymen,  
"Where'er your lot and birthplace,  
Do honour to her name."  
Hanc Exorna!
3. Now Rome's Imperial Eagle  
Soars o'er the world no more,  
But Freedom, Truth and Honour  
Stand stronger than of yore,  
Across the gulf of time  
Still ring the words sublime  
"You have England for your  
birthplace,  
Do honour to her name."  
Hanc Exorna!
4. But among the vales of England  
There is none to us so dear  
As where Thames River Broadens  
To leap his latest weir,  
'Tis here we nurture fame  
And to all the world proclaim,  
"Thames Valley is our birthplace.  
Do honour to her name"  
Hanc Exorna!
5. We scholars of Thames Valley  
Have here our race begun,  
And may we do it honour  
Before that race is run.  
'Here where the present flowers  
The future now is ours,  
As we play life's game by one clear rule -  
to "Honour This" our School.  
Hanc Exorna!