

# HEAD MADE BOY DRESS AS GIRL

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A HEADMASTER of a private school ordered a 12-year-old boy to dress up as a girl in bra, mini-skirt, lipstick and high heels, because he thought the boy's hair was too long.

And the headmaster, Mr Arthur King, of Luton Road, Barton, Beds, said last night: "This could bankrupt me. It was an innocent prank but now it has been made public it has been misconstrued."

"The school was just getting on its feet after a long struggle."

Mr King founded Broadmead School in Luton 20 years ago and now has 100 pupils.

## Only a trim

The boy's father, Mr K. P. Ralston, a company director, of Pickford Road, Markyate, Herts, said he had taken his son Trevor away from the school.

"His hair only needed a trim. It was not bushy" he told me.

"I think it was a stupid joke in exceptionally bad taste that went further than Mr King intended."

"I am undecided about whether to take further action, and I hope this incident does not harm the school as Mr King is doing good work for the children."

Mr King told three girls in Trevor's class to bring some of their clothes to school.

Between the English lesson and spelling, Trevor had to change into football shorts.

Two of the girls, Linda Marshall and Pearl Adams, then helped him into tights, bra, mini-skirt and high heels. Then his giggling helpers

applied lipstick and eye-shadow.

Trevor was paraded up and down for a minute or two in front of the class. They had a good laugh and he then went back to change his clothes.

And since the incident Mr King has been calling him Jane.

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# Head will tell why boy wore mini-skirt

A PRIVATE school headmaster is to call a meeting of parents to explain why he allowed a 12-year-old boy to dress up as a mini-skirted girl.

Mr. Arthur King, aged 64, said yesterday: "The incident was an end-of-term bit of fun because the boy's hair was getting so long."

"But it went further than I intended and has been misconstrued."

The boy, Trevor Rolston, of Pickford-hill, Markyate, Herts, has been a pupil for about six years at Broadmead School, Luton, Beds.

## BIT OF FUN

He wore a 'bra, tights, mini-dress, high-heeled shoes, lipstick, eye shadow and a ribbon in his hair.

His father, company director Mr. Kevin Rolston, immediately withdrew him from the school when he heard of the incident.

Mr. King has run Broadmead School for 20 years. From his home at Luton-road, Barton, he said:

"I asked the boy twice if he would like to dress in a girl's frock and he said he didn't mind. He is a boy who likes a bit of fun and can take a practical joke."

"I never ordered him to dress up and certainly did not tell the girls to bring all the items of clothing which they did."

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