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The Reunite magazine is published twice a year for alumni, past & current parents, staff, students and the wider community.

Welcome

To the 2018 Spring Edition of Reunite

It's fantastic to know this is our 19th issue of Reunite – we have really enjoyed working on this magazine and hope you all enjoy reading it as much as we do.

The Development Office has produced the Reunite magazine to keep you up to date with life at the School and to enhance further links with everyone in the Georgian Family. We are so fortunate to have such an active and engaged Georgian community, whose expertise, interest and support are integral to the success of the present day School. We are especially indebted to those who have returned to St George's to offer career advice and to share their experiences with current Georgians. The students find these visits inspirational and our colleagues also enjoy learning more about the compelling, stimulating and diverse post-school lives of our former pupils, not least if they recall them from their own lessons.

The Development Office exists to support Georgians throughout their lives and to help them connect with one another. Such connections offer many benefits, both personal and professional, so we encourage you to sign up to our LinkedIn group St George's Weybridge, Alumni & Parents; a great professional networking platform for Georgians.

Many of you already enjoy close links with the School and we are delighted with the 1872 alumni, parents and OG parents that have attended our range of events over the last fourteen months. Among these, the Annual Georgian Day when we welcomed over 300 friends and family of St George's who returned to School for a fun day of sport, lunch and activities. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at this year's Annual Georgian Day – which will include so many more exciting activities and will be taking place on Sunday 24 June.

As the pages of this magazine make evident, we take great pride in highlighting the many achievements of Georgians throughout the world.

We warmly encourage you to contact the Development Office if you have any news that you would like to share with the Georgian community in a future edition of Reunite.

Thank you for generously supporting your School. We hope to have the opportunity to meet as many of you in person as possible over the months and years ahead.

With our kind regards and best wishes The Development Team





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Fr Martin enjoying the fun run. Read more on page 8

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part of our Georgian family and would like to stay in touch. We hold your contact information because you have at some time been a student, parent, member of staff, supported the School or had contact with the School.

As a part of our community, we write to you to tell you about how your gifts help transform lives and how you can donate and help in other ways, such as offering careers advice; as well as to update you about our School news, reunions and events. We will never sell your contact information or personal details and we promise to keep your data safe and secure. If you would rather we didn't communicate with you in this way, you can tailor what you receive and the way we contact you at any time by e-mailing development@stgeorgesweybridge.com or calling 01932 839352. For full details of our privacy policy, please visit www.stgeorgesgiving.com



COMING HOME TO SCHOOL



In a snapshot of his life, Old Georgian Mike Gooley CBE recounts his path through a life of camaraderie and adventure which has shaped his ambitions and successes. His devotion to the College and particularly his love of sport and his belief in the school's vision for the future, led Mike to make the largest donation ever made to St George's.

In 1949 my parents sold up intending to immigrate to what was then Southern Rhodesia. This coincided with my finishing at St John's the Preparatory School to the now long defunct Jesuit College of Beaumont.

I was registered to continue with the Jesuits at Salisbury College, curiously also called St George's College, however my Mother suffered a huge stroke just a month before we were due to sail. As a result I did not go to school at all for a year until placed at St George's, which I found an altogether less harsh regime and settled in easily. I am currently writing my Memoirs, to be entitled 'My Trail,' and will cover off that time in more detail. Suffice to say I found myself in a happy and talented age group where we hardly ever lost a Rugby or Cricket match. Father Peter Murtough was President (the equivalent of a Headmaster today) and his dynamic and ambitious leadership

marked a time of very significant progress for SGC. In my time the School was an all-male boarding school with just a handful of day boys. They missed, or were spared, our monastic fellowship but were much more Worldly-wise. It is always a joy to reunite with those who shared the camaraderie of those days and for the most part our recollections coincide!

We all had to do two years National Service and, as my Father was a lifelong Soldier and my Brother now a Regular Officer, I decided to follow the family calling and applied to go to Sandhurst. I was commissioned into the South Staffordshire Regiment on the 19 December 1956. This invitation to join them was no doubt influenced by the fact they were renowned for Boxing and I had represented Sandhurst at Light Heavyweight, while their 'talent scout' at the RMAS was also a devout Catholic.

I was drawn to more exciting things than serving in Germany in the Cold War. Although not strictly eligible, as I was still but a 21 year old 2nd Lieutenant, I volunteered for the SAS. I was offered the Selection Course, passed it, and joined 22 SAS on operations in Malaya in November 1958. I was to serve eight years in Special Forces and become much travelled with tours in Malaya, Libya, Kenya, Muscat & Oman, Borneo, Aden and the Yemen, together with many exercises in Europe. After being put into the hands of the Jesuits, as an ill prepared border still only 7 and in Wartime, all later tests have seemed guite manageable.

Being the youngest Sandhurst graduate ever in 22 SAS and having accumulated so much Sabre Squadron service finally caught up with me. I was told I was too young to command a Squadron as older officers were returning for further tours. Although right for it I would have to join the queue and wait until after Staff College, for which I had been recommended. I was determined to be entrepreneurial and be my own boss.

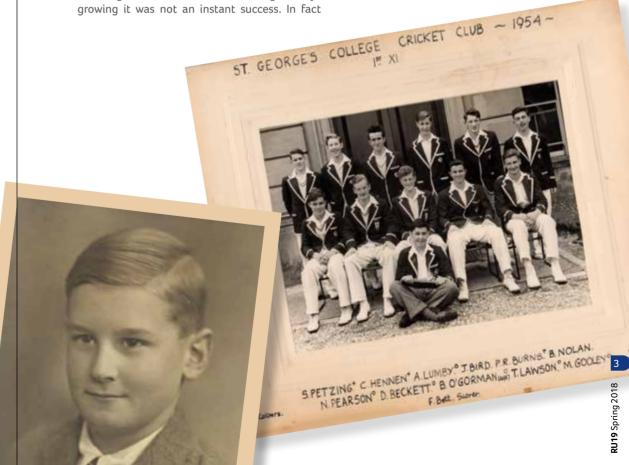
This led, after a couple of other exploits, to founding Trailfinders in 1970. Although always growing it was not an instant success. In fact

we did not show a profit until the 7th year but I never said die! I am often asked how Trailfinders came to be so successful. The shortest answer is that TF brought integrity to the travel business and have become the most trusted travel brand. Ealing Trailfinders RFC and the Trailfinders Sports Club take most of my free time. I have always been committed to the fine ethos of the game of Rugby. So good to see SGW doing so well, especially the successful resurrection of the Old Boys and Anthony Watson having such success.

I have watched SGW grow, prosper and develop, while still retaining the fundamental values and spirit I so happily recall. It has been a great success story and the new initiative of the Activity Centre is another significant landmark which I am proud to support, together with the ambition it displays.

Be a part of it.

Mike Gooley, CBE OG'54



19 April 2018

Venue: St George's College

A complimentary curry buffet and welcome drink will be provided. We would also like to 25th School Reunion on Thursday 19 April extend this invitation to the St Maur's alumnae who completed their GCSE's in both 1991 and 1990, and the St George's Class of 1992.

The St George's Class of 1993 are invited back to the College to celebrate their

19 May 2018

Venue: St George's College, 11.00am

The class of 1968 are invited to celebrate their 50 year reunion. The College will be providing a delicious three course sit down meal and there will be a cash bar. Arrival for a school tour at 11am and lunch will follow at 12 noon. Spouses and partners welcome. The Old Georgians' Clubhouse will be open for afternoon drinks.

St Maur's Reunion Tea.

9 May 2018

from 7pm.

Venue: St George's Junior School at 2.00pm

St George's is pleased to invite all former pupils and staff of St Maur's to an afternoon tea.

There will be an opportunity to visit familiar sights; including the chapel and gym, and a chance to have a look around the newly built Ark – which is for our Lower Years pupils. You will also get the chance to meet some of our current pupils and teaching staff in their classrooms.



Lost Alumni

We are seeking to reconnect with as many of our former pupils from the Class of 1968 as possible. If you know of anyone on the list below please can you get in touch with us. We would really like to ensure they receive an invitation to their class reunion.

Stephen Allen, Peter Arnold, Frederick Askew, R Babington, Robert Barr, Dennis Baynes, Simon Beech, Michael Bilous, Robert Cassidy, Chris Chandler, Julian Creighton-Williamson, Paul DeNahlik, Simon Draper, Anthony Drobinski, Terrence Faulkner, David Fitt, Tim Flood, Robin Higgins, Richard Holland, Laurence Hull, Oliver Irving, Julian MacKenzie, John Markey, Ryan Martin, Barry Mathè, BH McBurney, Barry McCann, Stephen Niel, Christopher Pike, Jonathan Pitman, Jonny Ray, Thomas Rochford, Peter Scammell, Michael Shea, Michael Sheehan, Martin Sloper, Andrew Storeck, Paul Tissier, Paul Tumilty, Anna Paulo-Hartry, Jill Chapman, Susan Robinson, Gaby Major, Margaret Hooley, Odette Lyne, Vera Major, Tessa Russell (nee Rumsey)

Over 60s Lunch

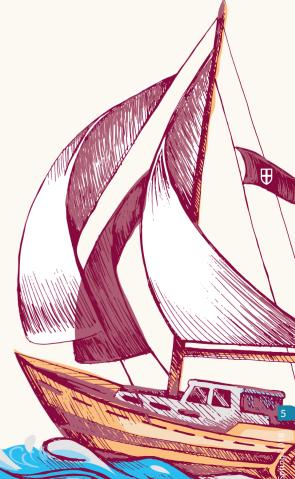
6 June 2018

Venue: Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London.

The Over Sixties lunch is one of our most popular reunions and we are delighted with the response so far. The lunch is being held in a new venue, the Royal Thames Yacht Club on 6 June from 12noon.

The cost is £45.50 and will include a three course lunch with wine. There will be a cash bar for the duration of the afternoon. We are hoping to see many new faces - especially from the Class of 1974 and 1975, and we hope this may be the first year we can get a group of ladies together.

If you would like to find out more, please visit our website www.stgeorgesreunite.com or contact Melanie on 01932 839352







ANNUAL GEORGIAN DAY RU



Our Headmistress, Rachel Owens, and Headmaster, Antony Hudson, would like to invite you and your family to join us for a day of summer festivities at the College.

Sunday 24 June 2018, 11.00am - 4.30pm

Please join us for a relaxed and fun day in the beautiful College surroundings with your Georgian Friends.

Old Georgians • Current Georgian Families • Current Staff OG Parents • OG Staff

Mass • School Tour • Hog roast lunch • Cash Bar • Classic Car Show OG vs College Cricket Match • OG vs College Tennis Match 26ft climbing wall • 90ft artificial caving system • Aerial Archery Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting • Face Painting • Bouncy Castle England vs Panama Football Match will be televised





28 June 2018

Venue: The Duck and Rice, Soho, London







It's hard to believe that 30 years has gone by since our days at St George's and St Maur's.

To celebrate we would like to organise our 30 year reunion and we'd love to see as many school friends as possible.

The reunion details are:

- Thursday 28 June from 7pm
- The Duck and Rice. Soho
- www.theduckandrice.com
- £25 per person

We would like to extend this invitation to anyone who completed their GCSE's at both St George's and St Maur's in 1986. We cannot wait to see you

Your reunion ambassadors are: Chris Jansen, Henry Powell, Vikki Wardle (née Hennen), Vanja (née Strok) and Christian Devaux

Further details about all our reunions can be found on the Reunite website www.stgeorgesreunite.com and a Facebook event has been created astgeorgesreunite

Reunions in planning

Over 80's afternoon tea with the Josephites

The Josephite priests of St George's would like to invite alumni over the age of 80 to an afternoon tea in the White House. This will be a wonderful opportunity to look back at your time at St George's and reminisce together.

St Maur's drinks reception – July

Please get in touch if you would like to assist in organising an evening drinks reception.

Class of 1998 – 30 years

The Class of 1998 will be celebrating their 20 year anniversary in 2018. If you would like to assist in organising your class reunion later this year we would love to hear from you.

Celebrate 150 Gala Ball

Saturday 17 November Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London Ticket Information:

www.stgeorgesreunite.com or 01932 839352

Class of 2008 – 10 Year Celebration

The Class of 2008 will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary in 2018.

Class of 1978 – 40 years

Save the date – Saturday 24 November 2018

St George's held their very first Family 5km Fun Run on Sunday 19 November. Families, young and old together with their beloved four legged friends enjoyed a beautiful run/walk around the College's 100 acre site.

All funds received for the run were donated toward the Activity Centre Campaign and we are really pleased with the total amount raised: £1,789

Thank you to everyone who participated. This was a really fun, and relaxed morning.

Although this was a 'fun' run for the majority we are incredibly proud of our top runners and pleased to share the top 10 with you:

20:53	Arthur Owens – Current College Student
20:54	Phil Bader – College Parent
20:55	Rob Deacock – Current Member of Business Team
20:56	Francesca Clarke – Assistant Head Junior School
21:07	Will Owens – Current College Student
23:06	Paul Willis – College Parent
23:39	Jeff Johnson – College Parent
24:05	Tom Gunan
24:07	Alex Hedges – Junior School Pupil
24:09	Ben Hedges – Junior School Parent



City Networking

We were very delighted that one of our Governors, David Bicarregui, agreed to host a city drinks event for us, bringing together the Georgian community who work within the Finance, Banking and Insurance Industries.

28 guests gathered at the Happenstance Bar in Paternoster Square, London, which was an ideal location as it is centrally located for those working in or near London. David, is the Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee for St George's Weybridge, and the Chief Financial Officer for Goldman Sachs International Bank. The guests were a diverse group who all enjoyed sharing their professional life along with their experiences of their time at St George's.

David in particular enjoyed chatting with one Old Georgian about the boarding years of the 1980s and 90s and had a very enjoyable conversation with a recent leaver who had an interest in working at Goldman Sachs.

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Colette Marquez-Estevez – Current Parent, "It was very interesting and enjoyable to meet such a diverse group of people who are so proud to be linked to St George's"

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.





Thank you to everyone who attended the reunion dinner in November. The class of 1997 were reunited back in Weybridge to celebrate their 20 year reunion. 14 classmates enjoyed catching up with each other and filling each other in about themselves since leaving School. It was lovely to be joined by former members of staff Sue Marks and Alan Birtles.



Katie Dyer, "Thank you for to catch up with one another! It

"Thank you so much for organising such a fantastic night. It was great to meet you both and to catch up with old friends and teachers" **Carl Von Reibnitz**

"Just to say a massive thank you for organising the reunion event last week. Having lost touch it was good to catch up and will certainly make more of an effort to stay in touch" **Simon Corrigan**



Helen Quinn, "I would like to thank

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Helen Limbrick (née Quinn) and Charlotte Corrigan (née Webster)



Class of 2017 Christmas Drinks

The Class of 2017 were welcomed back to Weybridge following their first term away since graduating from St George's.



They were joined by Melanie and Oliver, Development Team, Michael Stather and David Green, (current College teachers), for a complimentary drink at the Block and Gasket.

"My time at the University of Warwick has been fantastic so far. I've loved developing my knowledge and understanding of the subject I love; while also being able to meet loads of new people through living in halls of residence, playing sports, joining societies and through my course. Although my course has a very high workload, it is a perfect balance of exciting new content and intellectual stimulation, and I could never have wanted to do anything different — Maths is the only choice for me.

I look back on my memories from St George's incredibly fondly - it has not only got me to where I am now; but also prepared me well for life. I greatly enjoyed being able to represent the school in a wide variety of activities, including academic, sporting, musical, and also through my role as a senior prefect. A few personal highlights of mine include: a trip to Bletchley Park as part of the Extension Programme; playing for the first time in the College Orchestra; taking part in the UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge; playing in my last ever Hockey game for the College; the 6th Form Leavers' Dinner; and a World Challenge expedition to India. In short – at St George's I've made friends and memories to last a lifetime."







Surrey Drinks

The Brooklands Hotel Lobby Bar once again proved to be the perfect venue to host our Georgian Family Social.

49 friends of St George's, which included both Junior School and College Parents, OG Parents and Old Georgians gathered for an informal social evening.

The guests were greeted by College Headmistress, Rachel Owens, Junior School Headmaster, Antony Hudson and the School Bursar Greg Cole. Caroline Long, Janice Rodrigues-Mendes and Melanie Gordon-Hughes from the Development Office were present too.

The Development Team decided to host these evenings as a way of bringing the whole Georgian family together under one roof. They are informal, relaxed and very fun. One quest is quoted as saying "as an alumnus,



these evenings are a great opportunity to chat with Current Parents and Heads of School and gives me the opportunity to keep up to date with all the exciting developments taking place. I also enjoy reminiscing about my time as a student, and sharing my experiences with current families."

We would like to arrange these evenings more frequently and hope to see many new faces at our next reception.

THE CLASS OF 2007

Back in 2017 the Class of 2007 met at St George's to celebrate their ten year reunion. We are pleased to share with you what some of them have

Victoria Pugh

At Aged 11 I started at St George's College and over the following five years completed my GCSEs, performed in a number of dance shows and made lifelong friendships.

With 11 GCSEs under my belt and completing A-levels at Esher College I gained a place at Nottingham Trent University to read Planning & Property Development BSc (Hons).

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at NTU, taking full advantage of all that university life has to offer - both academically and socially! I completed a sandwich year at East Midlands Development Agency, joined the Ski Society, worked part time as an estate agent and made a number of friends. In my final year I was awarded both the RICS East Region Prize for Best Dissertation, as well as the Wilson Bowden Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Planning and Property Development. These are achievements of which I am immensely proud. I was honoured to be asked to speak and give the vote-of-thanks at my year's graduation ceremony on behalf of the student body - a memory that I treasure. In 2011, after graduating with a first-class degree, I joined Mace's highly competitive Graduate Scheme and started my career in London. I began on education schemes as an Assistant Project Manager. Within a year I was nominated at the Woman in Construction Awards 2012 as Best New Starter.

Attendees:

Louise Adams; Joe Burston; Katherine Cuttell (née Crane); Louise Dickinson; Liam Fahy; Clare Forster; Katherine Frei; Hannah Godfrey (née Gray); Sean Godfrey; Abigail Harper; Max McKendrick; Kayleigh O'Hanlon (née Holmes); Emily Prentice (née Chester); Mark Prentice; Abbie Probert; Helen Smith



On my wedding day with OGs Jennifer Hardwick, Emma Gibson, Me, Dr Emma Cross

I went on to complete my Assessment of Professional Competence in 2013, and became a qualified member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors as a chartered Project Manager. In the following three years I also embarked on a Leadership and Executive Programme at Imperial Business College.

In 2014 I took on an international Project Management role with TUI, the multinational travel and Tourism Company. While in this role I worked in Ibiza, Cape Verde and the Dominican Republic; managing a programme of major global refurbishment and new build hotels.

I got to experience a full international lifestyle, even picking up a bit of Spanish! I returned to London Project Management in 2016 for a role at Paragon Building Consultancy, and recently became Associate Director. In 2015 I met my now husband, Jonathan, after being introduced by a mutual friend. We married in 2017, and live in Essex with our beloved West Highland Terrier, Poppy.

Louise Dickinson

I was always determined to get into theatre, but it was never presented to me as an easy choice.

I had to make my moves with stealth. My parent's discovered I'd secretly switched from Biology to Theatre Studies at my Sixth Form parent's evening; how could they argue with the charming Mr Schofield telling them I'd gained full marks in my coursework? It was foolproof. I arrived at the University of Leeds, buoyed by the success of my previous duplicity, and within the first two days changed courses again, to study English Literature and Theatre Studies. My parents gave up their dream of me becoming a doctor, and it's been ten longs years of regret since then! That's a lie, it's been hard, and continues to be, but I'm having the time of my life.

I now live in South London and work part time as an applied theatre practitioner, and part time as an actor. I run the Blue Elephant Young People's Theatre in Camberwell. The project is entirely funded by Children in Need, and is aimed at young people from low income families. We're based on an estate where there's a lot of gang culture, and so the theatre is a safe and positive space where young people can make the right choices. We recently featured on BBC Radio 2 with Sara Cox, and you can hear more about the project here (from 56 mins): http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b091j99v



My journey to this point involved an MA in Applied Theatre at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, and five years of working as a freelance practitioner. Applied Theatre is a practice that sits somewhere between theatre, political activism, and drama therapy. It's largely based on Marxist principles and uses theatre as a political tool to 'empower' the 'oppressed'. I have worked with diverse groups of people nationally, and internationally including running a story-telling workshop with young orphaned and abandoned women in Delhi, and running a physical theatre project with homeless young people at New Horizon Youth Centre, North London.

I am also an Associate Artist with emerging theatre collective Mouths of Lions. We are a group of friends from University and drama school who built a company from the ground up. This process involves a lot of working for free, but it pays off! Last year we won Best Family Show at the Buxton Fringe for Dr. Zeiffal, Dr. Zeiggal and the hippo that can never be caught. We continue to develop work and you can find out about us on our website: www.mouthsoflions.co.uk. If you own small people, bring them along to one of ours shows!!

David Gunn

Since leaving St George's in 2007 I went to Nottingham University to study medicine, and graduated in 2012. I've worked in the NHS in hospitals in the East Midlands since, and have now returned to Nottingham University to study for a PhD in Gastroenterology.

I met my wife Louise while a medical student and we married in 2015. We now have a little boy William, born in September last year.



010C pair 2010

Katherine Crane

After leaving St George's in 2007 I moved straight down to Sussex, ready to attend the University of Brighton to study Podiatry.

I thoroughly enjoyed the three year degree and made the most of the exciting opportunities that afforded themselves to me.

During my studies at the University I was able to continue with the charitable work that was so encouraged at St George's. This included using my newly learned skills in podiatry working in a leprosy clinic in Nepal, as well as taking part in Crisis Christmas (Carrying out podiatry treatments on homeless men and women in London).

Having met my, now, husband Mark while studying at University we decided to make our home Hailsham in East Sussex. After graduating in 2010 I went straight into private practice, taking over my Mother's established podiatry clinic in Twickenham. In 2013 Mark and I were married and our Cockapoo Ruby joined our family. In 2014 I purchased my second business, a beauty salon in Hailsham.



I started a podiatry clinic within the salon, and employ staff to manage the beauty aspect of the business.

In 2015 our son Jack was born and that's when life really got busy! Sport remains a big part of my life. I enjoy running and going to the gym and as a family we attend multiple rugby matches a year. My son already attends a rugby class for toddlers on a Saturday morning.

I truly believe that my time at St George's taught me how important it is to manage a well-rounded life, balancing work successes (and occasional failures!) with an ever-growing family and social circle. I am grateful for the opportunities that have been given to me and am excited to see what else the future holds.

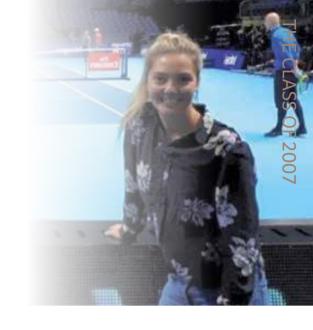
Abbie Probert

After leaving St George's College I moved to Barcelona to join one of the leading tennis academies.

I continued to play on the professional circuit gaining a world ranking in both singles and doubles and was fortunate enough to travel the world.

After two years I was awarded a full scholarship to the University of Colorado and an opportunity to represent the university in the NCAA Division I Big XI conference. During my four years at Colorado I travelled from coast to coast playing other universities and getting involved in college life. Boulder really is one of the most beautiful places on earth.

After university I was offered a job with the International Tennis Federation, the governing body of tennis, in Valencia, Spain. I managed the coach education platform Tennis iCoach an online resource for coaches worldwide. In my role I organised the ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas in Turkey, the conference saw over 600 coaches attend from around the world with presentations by leading experts.



After two years I decided I wanted to move home after many years living abroad. I now work for REBO a company devoted to making sport accessible to more people and giving communities the resources and equipment needed to lead healthy and active lifestyles. REBO ambassadors Judy Murray OBE and Great Britain's Davis Cup captain Leon Smith OBE help us achieve our mission to get rackets in the hands of more people, I love giving back to a sport that has given me so much in my life.



Abi Harper

Upon leaving St George's in 2007 I went on to study History at the University of Nottingham.

It was during this time that I followed m brother's footsteps in gaining my first senior international cap playing hockey for Englandin 2008. St George's was a huge influence of my international hockey career which has taken me all over the world including the Youth Olympics in Sydney, the Junior World Cup in Roston and throughout Europe

Off the pitch I continued my studies at City University London completing my MA in Broadcasting Journalism. My passion for sport led me to work as a producer for BBC Sport where I was lucky enough to cover the London 2012 Olympic Games. After relocating from Manchester to London, I soon realised journalism wasn't my destined career and embarked on taking over the family jewellery business alongside my brother, Adam, in Cobham.

My father has run Harper Ltd since 1976 and since joining, my brother and I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and rewards of this exciting industry. My next project will be a complete refurbishment of our jewellery store with building work due to start next year. We have been fortunate enough to supply several engagement & wedding rings to friends and Old Georgian's with the hope to see many more through our doors in the future.



Mark Prentice

I'm sure that everyone will say the same but, quite simply, I cannot believe it's been a decade since we left St George's.

It was such a huge part of my life and I have been fortunate enough to stay in touch with a great deal of friends from the school. I even married one of them! Emily Chester and I took our vows in July 2017 and we were so grateful to be able to celebrate the wedding service in the St George's College Chapel. Father Martin was the celebrant and there were over 30 Old Georgian's present.

After leaving St George's, I went to Loughborough University to study Banking, Finance & Management. The course meant I had an industrial placement year, which I spent at UBS Global Asset Management. After graduating with a 2.1 I was successful with my application for the Citibank graduate scheme, based in Canary Wharf. After two years at Citi I left and joined British Airways, where I have been ever since. The company is incredibly diverse – and the flight perks are a big plus!

St George's welcomes a new careers team on board

At the beginning of the year St George's welcomed two new members of staff, Emma Paton and Kate Freedman who will be heading up the Careers Department for St George's.

This is a new department and they are really looking forward to working with many Old Georgians and parents in the coming months. If you feel you would like to participate in one/any way and share your expertise with our students please do get in touch by emailing careers@stgeorgesweybridge.com or by telephoning 01932 839499.

The aim of St George's Careers Department is to provide inspiration to our students by way of introducing an overarching strategy and theme of 'good' careers guidance through





the 'Gatsby' benchmarks, 8 pillars providing a careers framework through which we can offer a stable careers programme which not only addresses the needs of each individual but also includes encounters with higher education, person centred holistic guidance available to every student and parent, a comprehensive work experience programme and stimulating talks and workshops bringing the world of work into St George's College, blending 'the outside in' and to help 'enable every student to be the best version of themselves!'

Oxbridge Interview Preparation

Last year parents and Old Georgians were invited to assist with an interview event for our students wanting to apply to an Oxbridge University.

Sixth Form student Matthew has written a report for us:

"I am incredibly grateful to the Old Georgians who gave up their time to help me prepare for the university interviews and exams. I particularly found their advice on the LNAT useful, advising me when the best time to take the test was and helping me to understand the nuances of the exam. One Old Georgian took the time to go through an entire past paper with me and help me understand why certain answers were right and wrong and the

logical reasoning behind it. This gave me an insight into the way that the test wanted you me think and greatly assisted the clarity that I had when preparing by myself. Also, being only a phone call, text or email away meant that I could have any questions answered in a quick and friendly fashion.

Additionally, I found the mock-interview procedure useful as the Old Georgian conducting the interview really challenged me to think carefully about how I answered questions, forcing me think more logically. This proved to be invaluable preparation for my real interview as it consisted mostly of similarly formatted questions and logical reasoning."

Matthew Richardson, U6



College welcomes special guest for Engineering Careers Talk

St George's College was excited to welcome special guest speaker Andrew Lewis, Head of Aerodynamics at Ginetta Cars Ltd., on Monday 22 January to deliver an insightful careers talk to all those students interested in an Engineering career and motorsport.

Andrew arrived at a packed out Amanda Smith Theatre to discuss his career and some of the projects he is currently working on.

Andrew spoke to the students about his route into Engineering and motorsport and how he got there. He spoke about the degree he studied, Motorsport Engineering at the University of Central Lancashire, before finding employment with BAE Systems (an aerospace company).

Much to the excitement of the students Andrew discussed his experiences working with Williams Formula 1 aerodynamics team during their most successful season in 10 years, as they finished in third place in the championship, noting that this was one of the many personal highlights of his career. Another personal highlight was one of Andrew's side projects, where he helped to produce a Paralympian's handcycle; with Karen Darker going on to win a Gold medal on the bike.

The students were fascinated by Andrew's tall and listened intently as he discussed his mos recent project, working with Ginetta Cars or their Le Mans project in the capacity of Leac Aero, developing a brand new LMP1 car; a ca suitable to race in the 24 hour Le Mans race ir the FIA Endurance Championship.

This was an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in a career in engineering or an interest in motorsport and the students left with a much greater understanding of the opportunities available to them. St George's would like to thank Andrew for coming to the College and speaking to the students.



David Haywood (06'13)

After successfully achieving one of my big sporting goals for the year by representing Great Britain at the triathlon Olympic Distance Age-Group World Championships in the Netherlands, I was inspired to challenge myself further.

Since joining the Lower Sixth at St. George's, and cycling from London to Paris one October half-term with my older brother on a whim, I've taken time most years to complete a longdistance cycling trip as a fun combo of travel and adventure.

I'd cycled from London to Rome in 2014, from Land's End to John O'Groats in 2015, from London to Paris in 24hours, London to Amsterdam in 2016, and now, with my cycling fitness peaking after a successful season in triathlon I was looking for something tougher. I first had the idea for attempting the Guinness World Record for 'Most Countries Visited by Bicycle in a Week' after doing some internet research into what cycling records existed, with the hope that something as iconic as a world record would capture people's imagination, inspiring a desire to challenge themselves and explore what's possible in their lives.

I would start my record attempt for the 'Most Countries Visited by Bicycle in a Week' in Belgium, close to the border with the Netherlands. However, as it was with a majority of borders in Europe, there's no clear boundary within the Schengen area - I didn't get my passport checked through 16 border crossings until I reached Croatia.

This does save you time, but it makes it very hard to tell which country you're actually in when you need to film and document border crossings for the record criteria. No border checks meant no border guards to sign my documents and witness my presence in their country (I needed two independent witness signatures per country), and this meant asking reliable-looking strangers to help bar staff, accommodation providers, bakery

attendants, petrol station managers, all sorts - all in 12 different languages. Languages is not something I studied at St. George's. Rising early on 12 October 2017, just before first light, I set off from Belgium and creeped back into the Netherlands to tick off countries #1 and #2. Asking some bemused builders to sign my documents I headed into the sunrise and rode south-east back through Belgium. I crossed into Germany briefly, before cutting south through the depressingly hilly Luxembourg, eventually finding the flat bike path alongside the Moselle river, all the way to France.

The next day took me through the Vogues Mountains to Strasbourg and into Germany's Black Forest. From the delightfully smooth roads of Germany, I headed south towards Switzerland and the beautiful Lake Constance.

A late evening ended in the Rhine Valley at the intersection of Switzerland. Austria and Liechtenstein with the last glow of sunlight fading over the Alps. Day 4 began with ticking off countries #7 and #8, and heading up the valley towards Innsbruck. This is where my gear cable decided to snap, leaving me stuck in an incredibly high gear for the next 100 miles until I could get it fixed. Whereas normally you would typically pedal between 80-100rpm, I could just about hold an average of 28rpm up the switchbacks of the Arlberg Pass in Austria. Launching the bike from side-to-side for each pedal stroke almost broke me. Italy soon followed though, before it was a back into Austria for a late-night encounter with the local police after I accidentally ended up cycling on the motorway. I was then mobbed by a herd of startled deer in the pitch-black as my bike route cut through a field where they were sleeping. It was an eventful evening.

My final day through Slovenia, Croatia, and Hungary had been going so well I had ambitions of continuing through Slovakia to reach the Czech Republic border, just another 40miles beyond my proposed Slovak finish line. However, with 100 miles to go before Slovakia, a bike crash left me with scrapped knees and deep gash to my right palm, which made piloting the bike difficult. I arrived in Bratislava after 204 miles that day with seven hours to go before my seven-day deadline. But with decreasing visibility in some inopportune fog, and with the state of my bleeding body, I decided to stay in Slovakia, my thirteenth country that week for a new Guinness World Record. In total I cycled 1070miles (1720km), through Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg,

France, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary and Slovakia, at 155 miles a day. It was a brilliant adventure, but I'm already planning a bigger, round-the-world bike trip before I plan to return to university for post-graduate study.

I would like to thank Spokes of Bagshot for supporting me on this venture, and I look forward to collaborating with other businesses on future expeditions.

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If any alumni or business contacts would like to get in touch with David regarding future projects you can email him at: d.a.haywood@live.co.uk



BAE Systems. I left St George's after my GCSE's in 2003 and went on to study Business Information Technology at Bournemouth University. My degree was focused to creating solutions to solve real life business problems. It covered the full life cycle of a project from understanding the client's problems to building a solution.

The degree included a placement year in industry and its here that I really developed a love of programming. The placement year really gave me an advantage when I left university, as I was able to show I had experience in the industry when I was looking for my first job. After leaving Bournemouth I worked for five years at an online marketing company called Gravytrain building Insurance quote engines. More recently for the last 2.5 years I have been working for BAE Systems Applied Intelligence building fraud detection systems where I work with Big Data technologies. Like anything in the world of technology everything is continually changing so I am always learning new coding languages and developing my skills as new faster ways to solve problems become available.

I am a computer programmer working for A major thing I have noticed in my time at university and working in the technology industry is that as a woman I find that I have mostly studied and worked in a very male environment. At university only 4 women did my course out of 80 and at work there are 5 women working in my team out of 40.

> I think sometimes we stereotype who should do each job which is unfortunate. Whist working at BAE Systems I have been involved in a couple of meetups where young women from local schools and colleges have come in to ask questions about studying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) subjects. Usually they want to know what we do and how I got to be where I am today. The software I build at the moment helps find people who commit insurance and tax fraud and more recently I have seen how it can be used for child protection purposes. Knowing that I have helped to find criminals and bring them to justice makes me feel really great and when I show the students how it works they are instantly intrigued. I hope that you found the above an interesting read and perhaps it helps influence more young women to study STEM subjects.



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Lizzy Collier (og '11)

During my time at St George's I was always juggling multiple extra-curricular activities alongside my studies. Six years and two degrees later, not much has changed. Since finishing my A Levels in 2011 my life has consisted of debutante balls and international modelling jobs in addition to writing about and interviewing artists in the UK and the Middle East, whilst also curating contemporary art exhibitions for diverse audiences in London.

While much of my time post teaching hours at the College was spent in the Music Department, my interests were always directed towards the visual arts and I went on to study Art History. My university experience was not a usual one. I was extremely unwell throughout my undergraduate degree and probably spent more time with doctors than actually on campus. Thanks to overwhelming support from my parents, I somehow managed to commute three days a week whilst doing all it took to get better so as not to have to take time out of my studies. By some miracle after almost taking a break mid-degree, I became well enough to hand in my dissertation and sit my exams at the same time as the course mates I started with, graduating with a BA in History of Art from Oxford Brookes University two days before my 21st birthday.

Having been exposed to just how international the contemporary art world is during an internship at White Cube gallery, I immediately embarked on a second degree after being





awarded my first. My MA was in Contemporary Art and Art Theory of Asia and Africa at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. A stark contrast from the very polite, dignified environments of Oxford and Weybridge, SOAS was political, feisty and in your face. Having initially felt incredibly out of my depth, I finished one very intense year later with a distinction and a more global understanding of the world. During my time at SOAS I made the decision to focus on contemporary art history from the Middle East and North Africa, drawing on my own heritage in the Middle East (my mother is Armenian from Lebanon and my grandmother from Syria), and I have subsequently written for some of the most prominent publications of Arab art. Throughout my studies, both at SOAS and at Brookes, writing has been a constant. I have been blogging about art under the name Gallery Girl almost since the day I left the College. I continue to write frequently and while my first published art review was of the

A Level work of my fellow sixth form students in an edition of the Georgian during my final year at the College, I have now been published in such publications as Harper's Bazaar Arabia, Suitcase Magazine and the Guardian.

While studying, I somehow fell into modelling, with one of my highlights at SOAS being when I managed to talk one of my professors into starting an exam an hour early so that I could catch a flight to Sweden for a shoot. I also found myself becoming involved with the Russian balls and was the only British debutante at the Viennese Ball in Moscow in 2014. I went on to participate in balls in Vienna and London. Having perfected my ballroom skills and also acquiring a good command of Russian, one unassuming journalist from The Times even believed me to be Russian, complimenting me on my 'impeccable English', unaware that my accent is the result of a childhood spent in Surrey.

Besides studying, while at SOAS I also felt an urgent need to draw attention to the ailment (Anorexia) that I had been suffering from during my BA, and was still very much recovering from. I had previously done a charity run but realised that the money I had raised hadn't really gone anywhere. I therefore decided to shed light on mental illness using the one thing I knew well: art. I have always believed that art can speak to audiences in an alternative language, especially subjects that are difficult to speak about in words. My first exhibition Hidden Visions took place in April 2014 in Chelsea Old Town Hall in a bid to increase awareness of the effects of mental illness on young people. Thanks to a grant from O2 Think Big the show was a success and was even endorsed by a number of mental health charities.

Following my graduation from SOAS, I have been working as an Assistant Editorat I.B. Tauris, a predominantly academic publishing house. Alongside this, I continue to write and am putting the finishing touches on my next project. In March my first big scale exhibition will take place across two floors at Rich Mix in Shoreditch, London. Given my rising profile in the Middle Eastern art world, I was invited by Arts Canteen – an organisation that curates events, exhibitions and festivals that support emerging artists from the Arab World and

their diasporas in bringing their work to new audiences in the UK and beyond – to curate an exhibition. Working with UK-based education, non-profit, arts and outreach organisations, Arts Canteen facilitates the exchange of art and ideas across social and geographical boundaries.

It is an exciting yet daunting opportunity that has already seen me travel to Belgium to talk about the show. Perpetual Movement will run during Arts Canteen's Arab Women Arts Now (AWAN) Festival 2018 and will display the work of seven young female artists from Europe, the Middle East and North America who all have roots in the Arab region. Based around the conceptual framework of memory and migration, the show will consist of photography, video, painting and sculpture. The exhibition will consider the reasons and consequences of migration, and investigates the fragmented memories that are created and inherited as a result of these movements. In just six years I would never have known that I could achieve so much, and I am very much looking forward to seeing what surprises await me in the next chapter.



Peter Kornicki (og '68)

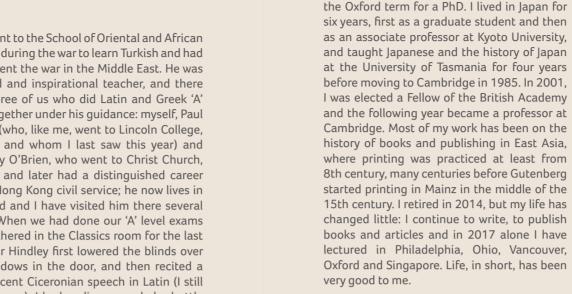
One day in 1966, I looked at the wooden boards which listed school sporting records and saw the name of a boy called J. Miller, whose record of runs scored in a single innings was still unbeaten when I was at St George's. In 1936 he had made a score of over 200, if I remember aright. Back in 1966, that was just thirty years earlier, but it seemed much further away because of the intervening years of the war, and I wondered if he had survived the war.

Now fifty years have passed since I was at St George's: at the time, it was only for boys (though there were some classes taught in the sixth form with girls from St Maur's attending as well). I was a boarder, as my parents were stationed in Cyprus at the time. My father had been a Polish Spitfire pilot and fighter squadron commander who transferred to the RAF after the war (and has now reached the age of 100). so at the end of every term we would fly out to Cyprus. There were other boys who lived overseas, mostly because their fathers were in the services, so at the end of every term there would be a notice put up giving details of the flights we were all taking. At that time, hard though it is to imagine now, most boys had never been abroad and had never been in an aeroplane. I basked in the glory of having had these exotic experiences, by referring casually to the fact that once airborne 16-year-olds like me could order champagne (which I did!).

My greatest fortune at St George's was to be taught by My John Hindley, who taught Latin and Greek. As an accomplished linguist, he had

been sent to the School of Oriental and African Studies during the war to learn Turkish and had then spent the war in the Middle East. He was a gifted and inspirational teacher, and there were three of us who did Latin and Greek 'A' level together under his guidance: myself, Paul Marley (who, like me, went to Lincoln College, Oxford, and whom I last saw this year) and Anthony O'Brien, who went to Christ Church, Oxford, and later had a distinguished career in the Hong Kong civil service; he now lives in Thailand and I have visited him there several times. When we had done our 'A' level exams and gathered in the Classics room for the last time, Mr Hindley first lowered the blinds over the windows in the door, and then recited a magnificent Ciceronian speech in Latin (I still have a copy). I had earlier smuggled a bottle of champagne into school (ahem) and he had secreted this in the fridge in the Masters' Common Room: now he took the bottle and four glasses out of his briefcase and we toasted our futures and the good camaraderie we had enjoyed for two years. John Hindley now lives near Newquay and in his nineties, but when I visited him last year he still had the old twinkle in his eye and I had to make a conscious effort not to call him 'sir', as we used to.

I went up to Oxford in 1968 to read Classics and in those rowdy and politically intense days I was very proud of the fact that in my first week I was forcibly ejected from a meeting of racist Powellites (supporters of Enoch Powell) for protesting loudly. After a year I switched to Japanese and Korean at the Oriental Institute,



I forgot to mention that I have also been in prison. Before I embarked upon my D.Phil. I was a social worker for a couple of years

took a First, and then did a D.Phil., which is

specialising in probation work. The most frightening time I had was on a dank and misty day when I entered the forbidding gates of Dartmoor Prison to see one of my clients, and then the doors slammed shut behind me. The first thing my client, who had knifed and wounded a policeman, said was, 'You do realise that I could kill you now, don't you?'

As you can guess, I persuaded him not to do this and lived to tell the tale. I am writing this in Venice, where my Italian wife's family has a small apartment for holiday use. Sad to say, my first wife died in 1995 at the early age of 41, leaving me with a nine year old son and four year old daughter to care for. Together we got through it and in 1998 I married Francesca at the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs in Cambridge. Since she is an Indologist who speaks Hindi, Urdu and Farsi, there are a lot of languages milling around at home, and our children have continued the tradition, both being keen travellers and good speakers of several languages.

Molly Tyrrell (og '13)

After leaving St George's in 2013 I went on to get a 2:1 in my Sports Science degree from Swansea University. While I was in my final year at University, alongside my studies I completed a Sports Massage Diploma. I was interested in furthering my knowledge of human anatomy and wanted to understand how massage aids recovery and injury prevention. While completing the course I quickly realised that this was something I wanted to do as a career as I wanted to help others achieve their sporting goals or simply help ease their pain.

In September 2016, I set up my own Sports Massage Business. I decided to start working for a couple of companies, to gain as much experience as possible. During this time, I worked alongside Physiotherapists, Chiropractors, Osteopaths and other Massage Therapists, all of whom added to my knowledge of anatomy, physiology and how all of these treatments affect the musculoskeletal system.

In September 2017, one year after starting my business I found myself making a huge decision: to set up my own room at Locker



27 and become a self-sufficient massage therapist. Although the prospect was daunting, I knew that Locker 27 was a fantastic opportunity for me and it could not have been a greater success.

The room is open to everyone, you do not need to be a member to book an appointment and the atmosphere of the gym is very welcoming and friendly. I hope that 2018 will continue as 2017 ended and look forward to the new adventures it may bring.





Tim Bainton (og '01)

I came to St George's College in the fall of 1999 for the Sixth Form on an "All Rounder's" Scholarship due to my tennis ability. I was familiar with the school as I would regularly visit St. George's College to train at Surrey Tennis Centre, the extremely convenient tennis centre on campus, and had been doing so since 1996.

The opportunity of being able to train every day with top notch facilities and coaches; combined with a truly excellent blend of family, friends, academic standards and faith, in reflection may have been the two most important years of my life.

I remember attending the school not knowing anyone but it was the year that St Maur's Convent amalgamated with St. George's College, which meant that there were numerous other people in the same situation. My form tutor was Ms. Frawley, who quickly installed in me a new found sense of discipline and day to day accountability. I studied English, Politics and Philosophy under a brilliant set of Teachers but two in particular became lifelong influencers in my life. These two teachers were

Mr. Witter who would routinely reprimand me for carrying on sentences and capitalising the wrong words. However, Mr. Witter's immense wit and clear love for teaching and challenging his students greatly influenced me and countless others at the school. Mr. Watters was another great influence on my life; he had the ability to communicate and inspire. I think I speak for all my peers that his Politics classes were illuminating and passionate, which must have been the case because I got an A at A-Level and surprised everyone by being the first and maybe the last to achieve 100% in my final politics A-level exam. There are so many positive memories from travelling to Portugal for tennis training, Model United Nation's, Kennedy Club, Byzantian Club, heated Friday afternoon debates, seconds and thirds of fish and chips and being first in line to raid the tuck shop, to name a few. However, it was the friends, life lessons, knowledge and maturity that I look back on and am most grateful for. As a 34 year old, who has built his life, career and family in the United States since graduating, they are days forever etched in my mind and makeup. School lunches were good but I have to admit to the occasional kebab for lunch! I had my first serious girlfriend, my first beer, went to house parties, buying vinyl, CDs and mini discs from Sea of Sound in Addlestone, nights in London and actually experiencing life.

have helped shape my adult identity. The presence of high levels of academic excellence. combined with an environment that allows students to flourish and discover themselves and their passions is the flagship of my school. My school set me up for a lifelong journey of educational learning and gave me many of the tools that have allowed me to follow my dreams. I will be forever grateful to Mr. Fry for his support at this time and for the world class coaching of Justin Sherring, which enabled me to make my dream come true. At the end of the summer term in 2001, I left St. George's to pursue my lifelong dream of playing Division One College tennis in America at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA on a full athletic scholarship. I look back on being at a University as a Foreign Freshman only twelve miles away from the Pentagon when that horrendous attack on 11 September happened. There is no doubt in my mind that this event could have sent me running back to the UK but instead, made me immediately feel a part of community and through the tragedy came camaraderie. At George Mason I enjoyed four great years and graduated with a degree in Economics with honours. I was also fortunate enough to study economics under two Nobel Prize laureates who were teaching on the faculty during my time there. Going to University in the US always left me wondering what I may have missed in the UK. While it obviously meant an enormous sacrifice to leave family and friends, it became a formative chapter in my life that helped me build a successful life in the United States.

The school taught me valuable lessons that

Upon graduating from George Mason University, I wanted to build a career around tennis but also wanted to apply my natural business acumen and entrepreneurial flair to good use. A decade later, after tons of hard work, luck and passion, I have founded and still run one of the most successful sports management companies in the country. The company is Blue Chip Sports Management and, despite the diversification of the company through the years, I am still able to stay involved in tennis. Our main focus is the ownership and third party management of Sports clubs. We have over 100 employees and are continuing to grow and encounter new and exciting opportunities. As part of pursuing

my education journey I graduated with MA in Business Management and an MPS in Sports Industry Management from Georgetown University, Washington DC.

I have been fortunate enough to leverage my success as a player, coach and business leader to be one of the most influential and respected voices internationally in the Sports, fitness and health club industry. This has enabled to travel all across the world in various capacities within the Sports industry as a coach, executive, speaker and commentator. I have been published in numerous industry magazines as well as being featured on the cover of the July 2017 copy of Club Business International, which is distributed in no fewer than 80 counties, and as the resident "Ask the Expert" in the February 2018 copy of Club Solutions. On December 23, 2017 I published my first book (Mr. Witter will be both impressed and shocked). The book is called The Complete Coach and is available on Amazon in the UK and Barnes and Noble online.

My passion for the process of building and sustaining a business has enabled me to start a few smaller boutique companies as well as invest in and advise some Washington D.C area startup companies.

I reside in Washington DC, with offices in both Alexandria and Fairfax, Virginia. Helen, my beautiful wife, who also works in the Sports world, is a committed advocate for diversity and equality in Sport. Her design for the cover of The Complete Coach marries her support for me and her future in design. American football and basketball seats at the best games are fervently sought after but I still passionately care about Crystal Palace, despite being 4000 plus miles away from the hallowed turf of Selhurst Park.

Writing this article fills my heart with wonderful times at St. George's School. If my teachers and friends are visiting DC please get in touch. I promise you good food, a safe place to stay and most important we can share memories of wonderful times together and discuss opportunities for the future. Thank you for everything St. George's College. I look forward to hopefully one day enrolling my own children at the school.



Sharoo Izadi (og '03)

After leaving St George's in 2003 I went on to complete an undergraduate degree in **Psychosocial Sciences and** a postgraduate degree in Psychology.

My first experience of working in the field was as an Assistant Psychologist at a NHS substance misuse service in North West London.

During this time I was lucky enough to be supervised by the Vice Chair of the Faculty of Addictions at the British Psychological Society. I went on to work as a frontline substance misuse practitioner and eventually became a Criminal Justice Lead in East London.

In 2012, I was headhunted by Vital Signs, a consultancy that advises organisations like NHS, Addaction and Turning Point on best practice in the treatment of addictions.

Being a consultant meant that I could effect change at a strategic level and feed back what I knew wasn't working 'on the ground'. I learned about commissioning, policy, clinical governance and the political landscape of addiction treatment in the UK.

Alongside this, I started developing my own therapeutic approach to addressing a range of day-to-day habits, based on the concepts I saw working in addiction treatment. I started pitching my approach to a more mainstream, 'personal development' audience. In January 2016 I delivered a workshop at The School of Life, entitled 'Making Changes that Last' and I was invited to join the faculty. During this time I also started working with Amy Winehouse Foundation, providing therapeutic support at Amy's Place, their recovery house for young women.

In the summer of 2016 I was contacted by a journalist who had heard about my work. She said she wasn't happy with her drinking habits, but that she didn't want to give up alcohol altogether. She'd tried some support groups but they'd felt too 'severe' or abstinence based for her needs.

We agreed to meet weekly in a coffee shop for casual discussions about how she could improve her relationship with alcohol. The idea was that she would write a series of articles about her experience of working with me in The Pool, an online magazine for women.

When her final article was published I was inundated with requests for one-to-one sessions. In response, I set up a private practice in Marleybone with a waiting list. I was also contacted by the press and featured in The Telegraph, Psychologies, Red Magazine, and on BBC Live Lounge.

in Five' at Southbank Centre for Women of the World 2018.

I have fond memories of my time at both St Maur's and St George's, and many of my dearest friends are old Georgians. I'm grateful to the college for always supporting my development, not least because I wasn't very academic and I couldn't do sports to save my life.

In addition to promoting the book in the run

up to its release, I have also been invited to chair a panel on mental health entitled 'One





After school, I studied Biomedical Science at University of Southampton. I sold my horses, thinking that I would never have time to combine everything but within only a week I was pretty miserable and found myself trawling the for sale ads on the internet. It was there I found my current horse. He is called 'The Little Frenchman' and is much smaller than the horses I had had before, but seemed to fit the bill perfectly. I graduated from Southampton with the top First Class Honours in my intake despite some major setbacks, including breaking my back guite horrifically just before my finals. I also managed to compete at International level eventing alongside my degree.

I am now nearing the end of a three-year PhD scholarship with Arthritis Research UK in Southampton, so hopefully soon I will be Dr Goring! I research the role of the vasculature in the progression of degenerative bone diseases such as osteoporosis.

Alongside my work, the past year has been my best year ever for my riding. I was most recently crowned the 'Horse and Hound Amateur Rider of the Year'. This prestigious national award is given to someone who balances a full time job with top-level equestrian sport. It was very exciting to collect the award at the Horse and Hound Ball at Ascot Race Course, I knew I was one of the three finalists, but had to wait until after the dinner to find out I had won! Sticking true to form, I had a massive pitch the next day in Stevenage to potential investors so had to leave the ball and go straight back there in a taxi to work! I also won a fiercely contested National U25 Open Eventing Championships last season and had some very exciting trips abroad for international competitions.

My typical day starts with an early morning ride before work and tending to my miniature Shetland 'Teddy the Shetland' (who amusingly has somehow gained more than 67,000 Instagram followers if you haven't seen him already!) I then drive the 57 miles to work from Weybridge to Southampton where I am based both in the hospital and in the labs, which are on the campus. My work has taken me to some really exciting places in the past year including USA, Austria. Germany and Switzerland. I remember doing public speaking for exams such as my ESB at school and the thought of it filled me with dread. Thankfully, I seem to be getting the hang of it now and I have surprisingly won New Investigator prizes for my work and speaking at every national or international conference that I have been to, which I honestly never thought I would say when I was at school! Unfortunately the reality of nearing the end of my PhD means that I often finish very late, so by the time I arrive at the stables my horses look at me as if I am absolutely crazy. They are almost shocked these days when I ride them in the daylight! I am normally riding until about 10pm at night and train most days.

We are just preparing now for the 2018 eventing season, where I hope to step "The Little Frenchman" up to the highest level of the sport which is known as advanced eventing. He will be the smallest horse in the world currently competing at this level. I have a great support team and group of sponsors, so it is set to be a very exciting year!

I am also the scientific advisor to Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony Charity, which has amazingly just raised its first £1million, so it is set to be a very exciting year for the charity too. The charity aims to fund vital research into bone cancer (osteosarcoma). It was started by a great friend of mine who sadly lost her battle to the disease in 2016. If you haven't heard of it, definitely look it up. It would also be great to hear from any of you who might happen to research osteosarcoma.

My teachers at St George's as well as close friends might remember that my dream when I was at school was to become a vet. For a variety of reasons, this did not happen and at the time and I was pretty devastated.

Things don't always work out as planned and I think this made me even more determined as I started on my second choice of degree, which ironically, could not have worked out better. Riding horses is very much the same as both you and the horse have to be on top form to achieve and the stars don't always align! When everything goes right though the injuries, cold winters and setbacks are soon forgotten.



Note from the Chair of the OGA

The Old Georgians' Association sports clubs have been and will continue to be the lifeblood of regular sports and social interaction between Old Georgians, parents, OG parents and staff of St George's Weybridge. These clubs rely on a number of essential ingredients.

The organisers – those Old Georgians, parents and Staff that gladly sacrifice their time to provide the opportunity for all stakeholders in the Georgian Family to participate in the various sports the OGA currently support.

The venue – We are heavily reliant upon the goodwill of St George's in providing the OGA with facilities that are the envy of many of the clubs we play against.

The Players – To succeed every club needs participants that enjoy playing their sport in a committed, fair and competitive manner.

The Supporters – This group so often provide the great atmosphere attending rugby, cricket and hockey games regardless of the weather conditions and enjoying a pint or cup of tea in the Club House afterwards.

Fortunately we have these ingredients in abundance and I would like to thank all of the people who are involved in OGA sports. In addition to the above I am very thankful that



we have Paul Stubbs our Treasurer and Miriam Geraghty our Secretary providing a significant amount of organisation behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the OGA and the Club House.

We have a fabulous foundation to further expand our sports activities. Currently the OGA play Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Golf and Tennis in a number of leagues and Old Boys competitions.

We want to provide more opportunities for the Georgian Family for example Netball, Rowing, and Ladies Cricket. I want to hear from people who have the vision, desire, drive and enthusiasm to set the ball rolling and start these sports clubs. The tenet for OGA sports is that everyone connected with St George's Weybridge is welcome to contribute in whatever way provides them with the greatest satisfaction.

Tony Jansen, OGA Chairman (OG '83)



Rugby

With a new coach at the helm (ex-England international Ben Johnston) and an influx of youthful talent from the recent College leavers, the 2017/18 season is proving to be another successful campaign.

With each season comes its new challenges. Gone are the days of easy games and walkover victories, with every week being a tough (but enjoyable) contest against firmly established rugby clubs. Not to be intimated, OGRFC have risen once again to the raised bar and have shone in a very competitive league featuring the likes of Old Whitgiftians.

As always, we are so grateful to the College, our sponsors Trailfinders & Roberts Radio, and of course the amazing fan base who come wind, rain or shine to support the team and infrequently outnumber opposition spectators (home and away)!

We hope that we can continue to entertain on the pitch and are most certainly always looking to welcome new faces into the club to play or get involved in any way that they want.

Alex Willis, OGRFC Chairman (OG '06)



Max Deal (OG '17)

"Playing alongside my brother has been a brilliant experience so far this year and one that I had not experienced before. Most the time Joe and I play 6 and 7, which has been very surreal and enjoyable. Playing alongside Joe has been one of my greatest rugby memories".

Joe Deal (OG '13)

"This season it has been great to have some fresh, younger players coming into the squad to help support OGs as they look to secure another end-of-season promotion. Playing alongside my brother, Max, has been extremely rewarding and proud experience for not just us as players, but also for our family. There is a real sense of community within the club and I can speak for the rest of the squad when I say that the support we receive week in, week out, regardless of the (weather) conditions is greatly appreciated".





Louie Dunmore

"All the Old Georgians were massively inclusive and made us feel very welcome, regardless of our age. It's a great set-up made up of mainly ex-pupils and I've thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team".

Joe Davie

"Joining OGs Rugby has certainly been an enlightening experience made easier by the established members of the club making me feel incredibly welcome".

Eoghan Sweeney

"Thinking back to my rugby at St George's got us to Twickenham for the 2011 Daily Mail

Francesco Grosso

"It is great to play rugby with some of my they have finished at the college and would

Ali Stanley



The Class of 2017 are well represented in the OGRFC with the following players: Louie Dunmore, Joe Davie, Rory O'Neill (all pictured), together with Max Deal, Cameron Adams, Joe Duggan, Jamie and Connor Kelly, Will Arkell, Joe Terry and Will Cooke.



The Band of Brothers - Class of 2011 - Left Ali Stanley, Ben Goldie, Francesco Grosso and Eoghan Sweeney



Michael Davie (OG '80) and Andrew Percival (OG '78) who are both Old Georgians and OG Parents, supporting their sons on the side lines.

Cricket

OGs and St George's has a long association, will be opponents on President's Day.

will be bringing a wide experience to the task and focusing our efforts. We are fortunate to have such an attractive programme for favoured position.

Brian O'Gorman (President OGA)



It was an absolute pleasure to have been asked to Captain the Old Georgians' Cricket Club for the 2018 season and one I had no hesitation in accepting. It's an exciting time for sport at the College with the new activity centre on the horizon and with the consistent successes of the OGs Rugby and Hockey clubs, hopefully the Cricket Club can follow.

Our main aims/ targets for 2018 are three-fold.

- It is our continued desire to gain entry into the prestigious Cricketer Cup and, having won the Cricketer Trophy in 2016, we are in a strong position to press our claim for a spot in 2019 with a good campaign this year.
- We want to increase our competitiveness in our traditional fixture list, whilst ensuring we continue to play within the outstanding spirit of the game that the OGs are known for.
- We also want to engage the school more, with students, teachers, gap-year students and recent leavers all encouraged to participate in as many fixtures as they can.

I believe these goals are well within our reach and will only help strengthen the cricket club places to play than at SGC and it would fantastic to see as many OGs as possible coming down to watch the lads in action throughout the summer.

Finally, I'd like to thank Brian and the OGA for the opportunity to take on this new role and look forward to a fantastic 2018 summer at the College

Mike Arnot (OG '02), Captain

Old Georgian Cricket Fixtures 2018

Sunday May 13 at 11.30	Sunday July 1	Wednesday July 18 at 11.30
OGs v Emeriti	Possible Cup	OGs v Old Wimbledonians
Sunday May 28 at 14.00	Saturday July 7 at 11.30	Friday July 20 at 11.30
OGs v The Dead Bats	OGs v Old Amplefordians	OGs v The Troubadours
Sunday June 17 at 11.00	Sunday July 8 at 11.30	Sunday July 22 at 11:30
Possible cup – draw yet to take place at 11am	OGs v The Grasshoppers	OGs v Isipathana
Sunday 24 June at 11:00	Saturday July 14 at 11.30	Sunday August 5 at 11:30
Annual Georgian Day	OGs v St Andrew's University OB	OGs v Sussex Martlets (President's Day
OGs v St George's College at 11.00 OGs vs Cranmorians (Club House Pitch) at 2pm	Sunday July 15 at 11.00 Possible Cup	



I am starting this Reunite article with an appeal to all Old Georgians playing hockey at other clubs.

Your OGHC is having another storming season. The Men's 1s play in the National conference East, two teams are at the top of their leagues, and other teams are in the runners up position. Nearing the end of the 2017/18 season, the OGHC will experience promotions again; last season two teams were promoted, as happened in the previous season also!

Consequently, this appeal is going out to OG players in other clubs. Please consider joining your College mates at the OGHC next season. All these promotions mean that we need more quality players. In addition, we are increasing our Ladies teams from 2 to 3, (and possibly another men's team), meaning that the OGHC continues to play in leagues of various skill levels. This enables players to enjoy the sport to suit their personal circumstances. We will be playing in Summer Leagues, so why not join in the fun?

As Reunite goes to press, our Vets won against East Grinstead, putting them top of the London league. This is the first season that we beat Reading HC! These opposition clubs, including Surbiton and East Grinstead, field ex GB players. Yet the OGHC Vets is now the top team in the most competitive Vets League in the country!

After a very strong set of results since Christmas the men's 2s are in promotion contention into the London Premier league. Captain OG Andrew O'Sullivan is leading a solid team, who enjoy competitive hockey on a Saturday followed by an excellent social scene!

The Mens1s were moved from the West to the East Conference of the National League. Here the opposition is the big London clubs. It has been a situation of win one lose one. Captained

by Thomas Doran (OG '04), the pressure is on constantly.

A real success is our Ladies1s. Winning nearly every match, usually with a goal difference of 4 or more, they are going to get promoted. Many College girls play in both teams in the OGHC. Captain Emma Kramer (08) and the ladies dedicated professional coach, Sarah, plan to add another team next season, having had to apologise to some players for not having enough spaces in some games.

Royce Waters increased his squad of coaches by adding, not just one but two, GB players to the squad. These focus on the juniors, building the future of the club. Here, ex GB international Steph Elliott trains the Dragons on Sundays and evenings, as well as participate in loads of youth leagues. The OGHC is committed fully to prevent the older Dragons from migrating to other clubs and bringing through home grown talent into the senior sides.

On a weekend in January all teams won. Such a fantastic result means that the Chairman must buy everyone a drink at the End of Season dinner party. So alcohol will flow freely on April 21st our FOS festivities

Lastly the OGHC are delighted to be supporting the College with the Development of the new Activity Centre. Over the coming months the OGHC will be running many fund raising events to help support this fantastic addition to the already impressive College facilities!

Noel Doran (OGHC Chairman) noel07798678910@aol.com www.oghc.org





Netball

I am Alex and a 2017 Old Georgian. As previous Captain of the St George's 1st team I was asked to gather an OG netball team to play at the Clash of the Dragons on the 16 December and it was a brilliant experience that I look forward to doing every year.

Our OG team played the current 1st team and it was a tight and competitive game with the 1st team captained by Siri Wrigley, were the winners! It was an uplifting and exciting day to be a part of as old friends were reunited and teams were brought back together to play again for another time. We enjoyed the great atmosphere with brilliant support and St George's providing warm and welcome refreshments.

It was great to be part of the first OG Netball match and hope we can encourage more girls to participate in this 'Clash of the Dragons' in the years to come.



Netball has grown so much over the last few years at St George's. I am so grateful to College staff, Claire Yeoman and Tallisa Haynes who made my time at St George's by providing me with the best training and coaching.

Netball and sport continues to dominate and I am now at Birmingham University studying Sports Physical Education and Coaching Science and made the Netball squad playing in their second team.

Alex Oldfield (OG '17)



Golf

Old Georgians have been playing golf together for nearly 60 years.

The Old Georgians' Golf Association has played in the Grafton Morrish since 1966. This is an Old Boys tournament with qualifying rounds played in May. The finals are held in Norfolk and are played at Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk (Brancaster). Forty eight schools compete in a knockout format for the Grafton Morrish trophy. In October 2017 we managed to reach the quarter finals being beaten by Epsom who went on to win the trophy. We have plenty of talented golfers and our objective is to win this trophy in the next five years.



Connor Coles (OG '13), Aidan Annandale (OG '13), Tom Kirkby (OG '14), Franno Annandale (OG '13), James Hart (OG '13), Max Murphy (OG '13), Torsten Wrigley (OG '13) and Ellie Conroy (OG '13)



Siobhan Das Bachran (OG '83), at the Greg Norman course in Vietnam



In 2018 we have been invited to play in the Russell Bowl a competition for Catholic Schools. We will be playing against Worth, Ampleforth and Downside. In 2018 we have arranged a golf day at New Zealand on Wednesday 13th June. All Old Georgians, parents, past parents and staff are welcome to join us please contact tom.parrish@btinternet.com and he will provide full details of the day.



Matt Willis (OG '07), Simon Willis (OG '81), and Jon Willis, (OG 77), taken on the 1st tee at Bude GC

Activity Centre Building and Appeal News



St George's

Caroline Long, Director of Development (OG '89).

WEYBRIDGE

It's hard to believe that it is now four years since initial discussions took place around a table comprising of the Heads, Bursar and members of the Board as various projects from the School's masterplans were considered to make long term campus improvements. We all knew the one project that stood out; a new and



much needed sports hall. It would also be the perfect way to celebrate our very special 150th Anniversary in 2019 – which then seemed years away! Much has happened during the intervening years. The vision became a plan and along the way we sought the views of many people from Georgian families, experts and professionals; both in sports provision and building design. So many have helped us get to this point, from our architects, Scott Brownrigg, to our Board, staff and of course those individuals who believed so much in St George's and this project that they provided substantial, transformational donations to enable us to move forwards and make the dream become a reality.



By February this year, the old sports hall had been demolished and the site cleared and ready for building work to begin. There is a wonderful sense of excitement and anticipation around the College as we now start to see this momentous

building rise from the ground. The Activity Centre build is due to be completed at the end of 2019 and we look forward to seeing the building progress over the coming months.



Another part of the masterplan and the Activity Centre project, was to replace the now demolished left hand end of G Block changing rooms (known in the past as the Sixth Form Centre) to allow the space for the Activity Centre, with a new satellite changing building. Visitors to the College will notice works being carried out in front of the netball courts by the Indoor Tennis Centre. The new Farm Pavilion will provide much needed student and staff changing facilities for this area of the campus located within easy reach of the Astros and cricket/rugby pitches. The Pavilion will consist of 6 new changing rooms, 2 for adults and 4 for students with multiple toilet cubicles to service home and visiting teams, a student shelter and a compressed air boot cleaning facility. Farm Pavilion will be completed in May 2018.



Activity Centre Appeal News

In October last year we launched our most exciting and ambitious appeal to raise £10 million pounds towards the Activity Centre to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. With £6 million already raised we are reaching out to the wider Georgian Family to join together to help reach our ambitious target. Georgians across the globe received a brochure which included lots of information about the vision for sport at St George's, celebrated our sporting history and gave more detailed information about the building itself. Alongside the brochure our Celebrate 150 Activity Centre film created an evocative overview of Georgian sport. Our aim is to encourage as many Georgians to join in and support at whatever level you can.

Thank you to each and every one of you who have contributed so far. With every envelope, every online donation or phone call received to make a gift to the appeal there is always excitement and gratitude.

During the appeal we held a number of events and would like to thank everyone who attended the first 5k Family Fun Run, the Activity Centre launch event which included a very popular climbing wall and caving activity and attracted over 600 Georgians and our Founder's Day Challenge; a 24 hour giving day in honour of our Founder Constant Van Crombrugghe.

THANK YOU

To everyone who to everyone who has generously supported the Activity Centre Appeal since we launched on the 16 October 2017. Some facts and figures...

RAISED VIA £9,211.29

£387,953.82 raised inc pledges for the

FOUNDERS' DAY CHALLENGE target was £3k!

Fun Run 1 raised

Number of donors since launch on 16 Oct

Over the last 14 months...

Georgians have attended our events!

activity centre



Overseas Georgians

Georgians keep in touch...

alumni, parents, OG parents, past staff. Thank you for keeping in touch!



Howard Appleby (OG '77), Rachel Owens, Headmistress, Brian O'Gorman, President OGA

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The Glass Floor

If you have found yourself recently in the company of Greg Cole, St George's Bursar, you were sure to have become engaged in the most enthusiastic conversation about the Activity Centre, and most particularly the glass floor - which Greg is very excited about. A glass floor? I hear you ask?

Yes, while this floor fulfils all the technical requirements of a modern sports floor, it offers so much more. A professional court for every individual sport can be switched on individually via a touch screen. This truly is the floor of the future ... and what's great is that we will be the very first school in the whole of the UK to have one!

Greg is delighted to be leading this project and Melanie met with him to find out more!

"It was back in about 2013 when I was discussing our upcoming sports hall projects

with a fellow bursar. He told me to me that they had looked into the idea of a glass floor for their sports hall but in the end they just couldn't afford it – initially I thought he was kidding me! He sent me some information, which sat unread for many months as it sounded ridiculous that a glass floor might be a credible option. However, once I started researching it I realised what an exciting idea this could be.

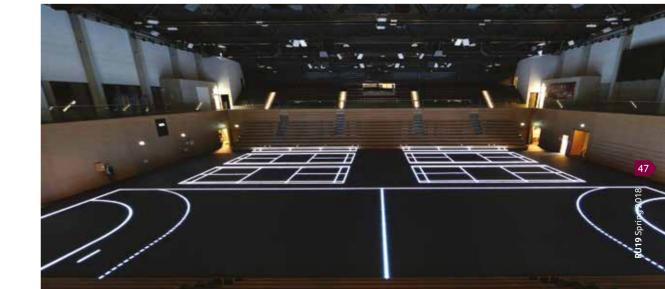
The beauty of the concept is that not only does the floor perform to the highest level of sprung sports flooring, and displays only the court you want to use, but it is incredibly tough and also easy to maintain. The idea that we could have a top-of-the-range sports floor without all the hassle of covering it for exams, fairs, assemblies, concerts, parties etc. is incredibly exciting. And not having to cover it means so many personhours are saved in the maintenance team and the floor is available to the students for much longer. Plus we don't have to spend money on 7 tonnes of carpet tiles and then take up all our sports storage with them!

The floor is produced by ASB Glassfloor, based in Munich, who are the world leaders in glass squash courts. As a result of experiences doing clever things with glass they started to develop a glass sports floor and have to date installed 35-40 glass floors around the world. Most of these are in private houses, but there are some notable public installations, including the BT Sport studio in London (the first in UK) and more recently a huge handball arena in Dresden. They partner with one of the largest glass companies in the world, Saint-Gobain, to manufacture the glass floor panels. When installed the floor resembles a kind of hard rubber compound and it isn't until you get down onto your knees you realise it is glass. The surface is not smooth like a window, it has tungsten carbide beads etched into the glass to provide grip, although because these are tiny it is, perhaps counter-intuitively, a more forgiving surface than sliding or falling on a wooden floor. Each panel is amazingly flexible (check out Youtube) and sits on an aluminium cradle which is mounted on spring loaded legs to give the whole floor the best possible sprung floor performance. Any colour or pattern can be applied underneath and what colour we choose is currently a hot topic – for now we are thinking blue but nothing has been decided yet.

In the UK ASB are represented by a company called Dynamik who are a sports floor and walling specialist. Frankly we made them work to convince us that the floor was going to be a viable proposition, not least as we would be 'early adoptors'. We visited the very first UK installation at BT Sport early on, to speak to the users and try it out for ourselves – not least to throw some hockey balls onto it to really see if it was tough!

We also insisted on trialling a section of floor over the Christmas term 2016, as our chief concern was the durability of the floor in a school environment. We placed the panels in the main corridor just inside a main entrance where there is a very high student and visitor foot fall from outside and in - literally thousands of steps per day. Despite enduring all manner of traffic, the floor was unmarked at the end of three winter months. This despite the best efforts of the Head of Facilities to scratch or break it on the last day by dropping exam chairs, tables and even bottles, and dragging furniture across it to simulate normal school use. In fact the only thing that will break a panel is contact with something harder than glass, such as a diamond tipped drill bit. This gave us enormous confidence that the floor would withstand the full range of uses to which a school hall is put over a considerable time.

To take our due diligence further, in 2017 a small team of us, including our Olympian and Head of Girls' Hockey, Dan Shingles, visited Munich and met with the ASB team.



While there we visited the school in which the first ever glass floor which installed in 2010. We were able to speak with the staff and students there (who love it) and Dan gave it a big thumbs up from a sporting perspective (texting back to the Sport Department that it was 'sick'!). We were fortunate to see a broken panel, and to be reassured that in the early stages it simply looks different and can still be walked or played upon until the panel can be replaced – another potential risk eliminated.

We have most recently in February 2018 visited the second UK installation, at Oxford University Sports Centre, which is currently underway. We took along with our builders, design consultants and key members of our Facilities Department to learn from Oxford's experiences of installing the latest version of the floor.

With all this good news there has to be some bad, and that's the money. It is certainly expensive, at £1.5 million, but I strongly feel the benefits are worth the expense. This cost will include the glass floor for both the main sports hall and the dance studio. The reason for installing in the dance studio is because this is adjacent to the hospitality zone and a folding partition will open the studio to create additional space for events. With a glass floor, it will be easy to transition from dance to dinner and back, providing a much greater range of opportunities for entertaining in the Activity Centre. Other benefits are that the floor should last us 70 years, compared to a normal wooden sports floor which will need to be completely resurfaced every twenty years or so, and there will be no periodic maintenance required, simply keeping it clean on a weekly basis. The ability of the floor to display individual lines will allow us to offer a wider range of courts than we might otherwise choose, not worrying about line congestion, and will make it much easier for younger children to learn the court markings of new sports. We are including for example as well as additional practice netball, basketball and volleyball courts.

LED lighting strips run in aluminium tracks under the floor (above the underfloor heating), and these lights will then shine through the panels displaying the individual sports lines very sharply. If one of these LED lights were to malfunction single panels can be easily lifted by our own staff and replaced within a couple of hours. The lights will be controlled by staff using a touch screen display enabling various combinations to be used, such as badminton at one end with basketball at the other.

As previously mentioned, if we had a traditional wooden floor we would not be able to utilise the space so easily for non-sport related functions. It would take about 10 person-days just to cover and uncover the wooden floors with a protective layer to use the hall for things like exams, assemblies, open mornings and dances. Tables and chairs can be set up, and stilettos for a dance can be worn.



"I firmly believe that we are perfectly positioned to seize a great opportunity. More schools will be looking at this technology in the future – if they can afford it – and we will be leading the way and will be years ahead of many of our competitors. It will certainly make St George's a talking point and I would expect to be visited by lots of other schools, sports centres and businesses. Already we have received interest from Sport's National Governing Bodies including England Hockey and Netball. It is all part of a piece in helping build the profile of our amazing school, and inspire us to be the best we possibly can."

I have received so much positive feedback from parents, Old Georgians and members of the community because they share my excitement for the idea that it is possible to have the very highest performance combined with the most practical surface. We have an amazing building design but we must remember that the floor is the one thing every one of our students will use and it should be the very best, and the very best is what we need everyone's help to get!



Join me in this excitement and help donate towards this amazing project

For further details on how to donate please visit www.stgeorgesgiving.com



Achievements

James (OG '93) and Emily Stather (Current St George's Junior School Teacher since 2007)

If we were to look back on our last year, and were asked to summarise our achievements in 2017, it would be fair to say that it was a "challenging" year! This is because we had set ourselves a personal target to participate in at least a challenge a month, throughout the year, to raise funds for the Woking and Sam Beare Hospice, in memory of my Mum, who spent the last few weeks of her life in 2004, being cared for by an amazing team of nurses and doctors.



The list of our achievements are shown below and we are both enormously proud of what we were able to complete:

were able to comp	nete:
December 2017	Woking and Sam Beare Santa Fun Run 5K
November 2017	MoRunning 5K, Battersea Park
October 2017	Great South Run – 10 miles
September 2017	25K Thames Bridges Trek, 2 Mile Swim Serpentine, Eton Dorney Super Sprint Triathlon
August 2017	1 mile Sea Swim around Burgh Island
July 2017	10K Newham Run finishing in the Olympic Stadium, Climbing Scafell Pike, London Sprint Triathlon, 100-mile cycle Prudential Ride London
June 2017	Blenheim Palace Super Sprint Triathlon
May 2017	10K Bobby Moore Fun Run, Eton Dorney Super Sprint Triathlon, Eton Dorney Triple Triathlon – 3 Triathlons (Sprint, Super Sprint, Super Super Sprint) in 1 day
April 2017	10K April Fools Run, 5K Gung-Ho Obstacle Run (with the kids)
March 2017	10K Weybridge Run, 5K Woking Run (Emily only), Hampton Court Half Marathon
February 2017	10K London Winter Run, Thorpe Park Half Marathon (James only)
January 2017	Eton Dorney Super Sprint Duathlon

Two of the big challenges that we completed were the London Prudential Ride 100 and the 2 mile Swim Serpentine, which have inspired us to continue our efforts and attempt to run the Virgin London Marathon in April 2018.

By running this marathon, we will have risen to the challenge of completing the London Classics – one of the world's greatest sporting challenges. This unique challenge requires us to run the Virgin Money London Marathon, cycle 100 miles in the Prudential Ride London - Surrey 100 and swim 2 miles at Swim Serpentine, the open water swimming festival. Everyone who completes this iconic trio of events receives a specially designed London Classics medal engraved with the words 'Et ego Londinium vici' (I too have conquered London)

and will be listed in the London Classics Hall of Fame. There are only 569 people in the world who have currently been awarded the medal.

We have been fortunate enough to secure a charity place, enabling us to continue our fundraising efforts for the amazing Woking and Sam Beare Hospice, and would be delighted if you would to like to sponsor us. Any donations would be hugely appreciated http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/jamesemily-stather-bok-PRLS-2017-42501488.

Finally, just as we thought our madness was coming to an end, we have also decided to enter the Staffordshire Ironman 70.3 in June, to bring our fundraising efforts to a close with the biggest challenge to date!

Ollie Brown (OG '03), GB **Commonwealth Powerlifter**

Congratulations to Ollie who will be making his Commonwealth Games debut. Ollie will be joining the other para-powerlifters in Team England's squad to compete at the Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre, Australia, in April.

"I started Powerlifting just over five years ago at a small club in Woking, after being inspired by the amazing fea ts of the competitors at the London Paralympics and particularly the swimmer Ellie Simmonds. I am now part of the GB World Class Powerlifting Squad training at Loughborough University. Having already competed at both the European and World Para Powerlifting Championships for team GB, being selected to represent my country at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia does feel very special. I am really looking forward to giving my absolute best at the games, particularly with the Tokyo Paralympics also on the horizon. St George's has a strong sporting heritage and I was always given every encouragement, whatever the sport. I wish everyone every success in any sport they might wish to pursue"



Celebrations

Nathan Raj (OG '15)

Congratulations to Nathan who has taken up a placement at Keysight Technologies on a year out from University.

Nathan is currently reading Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Sheffield. Keysight Technologies is an international Electrical Test and Measurement company. It was formerly known as HP.

He has been working with the sales team that sells the company's EDA (Electronic Design Automation) tools. Nathan is also going to be helping with their remote technical support team and in the service centre diagnosing and repairing instrumentation. Nathan has just got back from a week-long training event in Germany. Nathan secured his placement after hearing someone from the company giving a talk at Sheffield University. Several interviews later and he got the job.



Where will Nathan like to be in five years from now? He's not sure, but he has been talking to several of the people he has been working with and he is starting to develop an interest in business development, finance as well as engineering. So any Old Georgian, working in those fields please do get in touch with Nathan - he would love to network with you!

Michael Clayden (OG '73)

Michael has recently been appointed as Head of Finance at C & | Marine Ltd, a leading manufacturer of top quality boat covers, yacht canopies and upholstery, just outside of Chichester in West Sussex. Michael has also been involved with the Chichester Rugby Club for over thirty years and he is the team's official photographer. He has also qualified as an STA swimming teacher and lifesaver at the tender age of 62 and spends a lot of time at the Petersfield Open Air Pool – age is just a number!



Matthew Edwards (OG '74)

Matthew joined St George's College in 2006 as a Chemistry Technician. After twelve years of dedicated service Matthew retired earlier this year.



John Le Maire (OG '46)

John Le Maire celebrated his 90th birthday on the 8 February. As a surprise his son, also John Le Maire (OG '69) and wife Iill (who are both OG Parents) brought Dad back to St George's for a tour of the school. A chance encounter was enjoyed between the guests and Fr Jude McHugo where many memories and stories where shared and enjoyed.

Happy 90th Birthday!

John shared with us some of his memories as a school boy:

"When I went to St George's in 1940 things were very different from what they are today. There are now so many more buildings - we boarders only had the White House and the Red House (not even a joining lower Kean Block)!

During the hours of darkness all windows had to be blacked out and as soon as the air raid siren sounded we had to make our way to the air raid shelter situated on the hill. At the same time one of the Josephites made his way up onto the roof of the White House for "incendiary bomb duty". During the war all of the teaching staff were Josephites.

Living conditions were not great! Heating was minimal resulting in many sore and chapped legs as a result of (having to) wear short trousers (even in the winter) - this is where

Matron, the only female on the staff, came into her own. We were only permitted one bath a week and then with a maximum of five inches of water!

On Sundays we dressed in our pin striped trousers and black jackets and we were obliged to attend the Old Chapel – twice! There existed a system of weekly cards being issued - one for general behaviour and discipline and the other for class work. Pink was good boys (I seldom received these), green was border line acceptable, buff was not acceptable and white was a very serious matter indeed resulting in at least a visit to the Headmaster and possibly

There was a dairy farm which produced not only milk but also a wide variety of vegetables. The senior boys were encouraged to join either the Army Cadet Force or the Sea Cadets.

Heft St George's in 1946 and after a spell doing compulsory Military Service in the Army spent my entire working career with Midland Bank in the International Section (my speciality being French) retiring in 1986. I have been happily married to my wife Adele since 1950 and have three sons – John (OG '69), Christopher (OG '70) and Paul (OG'74). John's three sons Tim (OG'98), Nick(OG'99) and Oliver(OG'03) all also attended St George's".

Births

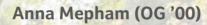
David Gunn (OG '07) and his wife Louise welcomed little William Edward on the 22 September 2017.



Weddings

Victoria Pugh (OG '07)

Victoria and Jonathan married at Claridge's in London on the 7 May 2017, which was Victoria's late mothers birthday (Lesley Pugh). They enjoyed a honeymooned in Deauville, France – returning home two weeks later to a big party to celebrate in Shenfield, Essex.



- Charles

Anna Mepham and Fraser Aitken were married on 30 September 2017 at St James' Church, Weybridge with the reception held at Silvermere. They had over 100 guests both from the UK and Fraser's native South Africa, many were Old Boys/Girls including my father and four brothers.

Old Georgians in attendance were: Brian Mepham (OG '51); Simon Mepham (OG '85); Philip Mepham (OG '87); Christopher Mepham (OG '89); David Mepham (OG '95); Jemma Mepham (née Milton OG '96); Richard Wildenberg (OG '52); Jacqui Kershaw (née Tierney OG '00); Alex Kershaw (00); Emma Petersen (née Boyens OG '00); Jane Walker (OG '00); and Bethany Biggs (née Dick OG '00)

Old Maurians in attendance were: Tiffany Ball (née McCready OG '96); Rebecca Magill (98); Hannah Sheridan (née Plant OG '98); Dana Demin (OG '98); Lucy Duncombe (OG '98); Michelle Beadle (née Adams OG '00); Nicole Izod (00); Danie Smith (née Alexander OG '00) and Nicola Mansfield (OG '00).

Clare Webb-Jenkins (retired staff) and Laura Milton (current staff) were also present.



Michael Willis (OG '49)

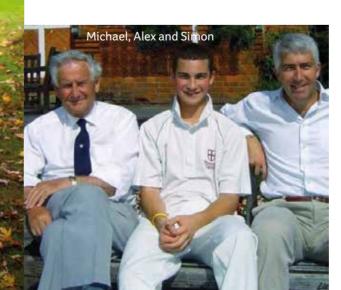
1932 - 2017

Dad was born in Coulsdon, Surrey on the 22 May 1932 and he and his brother Jeremy joined St George's as a young man in the early 1940's.

During his stay at the College, Dad immersed himself in every aspect of school life, including numerous acting roles, but his passion was always the sports field. He represented the school with some distinction in Rugby, hockey and cricket. I am reliably informed that he was a combative back row forward on the rugby pitch, a goal poacher extraordinaire on the hockey fields and a devilish leg spinner on the hallowed cricket square. His photos in the late 40's bear testament to his successes.

After leaving SGC, Dad went to Guys Hospital to learn the art of dentistry which eventually took him to Berlin as an army dentist where he met Mum. They married in 1957 and returned to England in 1959 with the first of their children, Sally.

After spending a few years back in Coulsdon, where three more budding Georgians arrived, they moved to beautiful Bude, in North Cornwall which was to be their home for the next half a century.





The last of the Willis tribe duly arrived and Dad settled in to running a smallholding on the outskirts of Bude first thing and last thing during the day, whilst running a busy school dentist practise in the middle. No mean feat!

Ever the sportsman, Dad soon became a very accomplished golfer, playing low single figure golf all his life and a more fierce competitor you couldn't hope to meet. Many a time I waited to get a sympathetic slow down to allow me to win, but it never happened.

Dad had to take an early retirement from dentistry but continued to live a full and happy life in Bude, watching his family grow, culminating in him spending time with his great grand-daughter Ana.

Dad made regular visits back to the college to watch us play various sports and kept a very close eye on all SGC matters. My son Alex's successful relaunch of the Rugby club a particular source of great pride for him

Dad passed away peacefully on the 19 October 2017 after a couple of tough years battling illness

He was a true Georgian. Compassionate, caring and a great Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad as well as being a true gentleman.

Written by Simon Willis (OG '81)



Desmond O'Sullivan 1956 – 2016

Des O'Sullivan was at St George's in the 1970's. He was a member of the College's first Tennis team where he partnered John Carlin (a notable journalist and author). He was academically gifted and won a place to study medicine at Magdalene College Cambridge.

Whilst there he played tennis for the University (the Grasshoppers) and was elected as a member of the Hawks Club. He went on to Kings College Hospital London for the second part of his medical education. He earned a London University Purple for tennis. After qualifying as a doctor he worked as a hospital doctor for only a few years before he joined Sandoz pharmaceuticals (later Novartis). He stayed with the same company until his retirement on medical grounds.

At his memorial service he was described as one of the great unsung heroes of transplantation medicine as a result of his work with the drug cyclosporine. During his career he travelled extensively. He married in 1993 to Louise also a doctor and they settled in the Bath area where they lived in a magnificent stone manor house.

They had three beautiful children Conor, Orla and Niamh. Des continued to play tennis and enjoy other hobbies such as choral singing and yoga until his illness prevented this. He sadly developed Huntington's disease and after a long and valiant struggle against this disease died in the Bristol Priory in August 2016. He is survived by his wife and children and by his

brother Michael and sister Deirdre and many nieces and nephews. Thankfully none of his children carry the Huntington gene and all of them are enjoying University.

James Dow (OG '68)

James Dow died on the 24 December 2017. Our thoughts are with his wife Valerie and their family during this sad time.

In 1963 James took part in the Upper School Play, Aladdin and his wonderful lamp.

Tim Dougall (OG '66)

Tim Dougall died in September 2017. Loving husband of Glynis, a brother and uncle who will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Molly Woodget

1924 - 2017

Molly was born and spent her childhood in Scarborough. She won a County scholarship to study biology in 1942 at Liverpool University, a science degree being an unusual choice for a woman at a time when few even went to university. She subsequently stayed in Liverpool to complete a postgraduate teaching diploma.

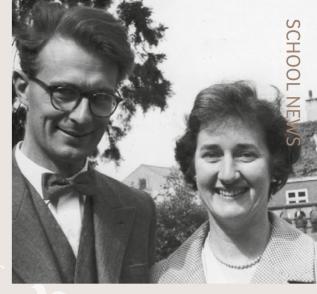
It was there she met her future husband, Dudley, who was on a naval short course at the University. They corresponded while she took up teaching in Coloma, Croydon and he was sent by the Navy to Singapore at the end of the war. When he returned they became engaged and married in 1948.

Their first home was outside Cambridge while he was a history undergraduate at Pembroke College, and during this time their son John was born.

In 1951 Dudley started teaching history at St George's and their daughter Mary Lou arrived. They subsequently moved to Chertsey, where they lived for the rest of their lives, creating a warm and much loved family home and Mark was born shortly afterwards.

Like many women of her generation, Molly relinquished teaching until her children were all at school, when she took the first of several part-time teaching posts, gradually increasing her commitment over the years and finally moving to St Maur's, from where she retired in the early 1980s.

Molly and Dudley's association with St George's and St Maur's lasted for many years of their working lives and continued during retirement, when they remained friends with many previous colleagues.



Molly's lateryears were saddened by the deaths of her husband in 2012 and then John and his wife Judith in 2015. Happily she was able to enjoy her beloved home and garden until just a few days before her death in December, relishing visits from friends and especially from her grandchildren and great grandchildren. They always found her enthusiastic, engaged and intelligent company and miss her greatly. The family were grateful for the warmth and support of those who attended her funeral and to her longstanding friend Father Adrian for delivering the homily.





David Bradford

David Bradford celebrated his 38th year of teaching Maths at St George's. For his long service recognition Dave chose to name the Theatre bar—'The Bradford Arms'.



Melvin Tiley

Melvin Tiley has been at St George's for a fantastic 30 years teaching in the History Department. Thank you for enriching our student's minds.



Martin Parnham

36 years ago Martin Parnham joined St George's Technology Department. In his honour he has had a technology classroom named after him! Thank you for all you have done for our students!

Giovanna Hale

Congratulations to Giovanna Hale on her recent long service award presented to her by Headmistress Rachel Owens on Friday 23rd February. Giovanna joined St Maur's as a Languages Teacher back in 1990. In 2000 she joined St George's and has been a firm fixture within the Languages Department. With her gift vouchers Giovanna chose a beautiful necklace to remind her of her wonderful years teaching Georgian students. Giovanna is delighted to have seen so many wonderful changes over the years and most memorably to see how the school developed into a really great co-educational school.



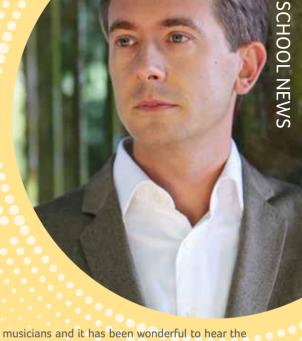
Introducing our Music Director, Richard Quesnel

Music at St George's is undergoing some exciting new changes; my arrival at the College as Director of Music coincided with the appointment of a new Head of Academic Music here as well as that of a new Director of Music at the Junior School. Together with the existing team of enthusiastic and dedicated music staff, we will be working to develop academic and performing music in the build up to the 150th celebrations next year.

As a department we are continuing to foster musicianship through a range of varied performance opportunities. The College has many different vocal and instrumental ensembles and students have plenty of opportunities to perform in informal lunchtime recitals, termly concerts and services. They are encouraged to meet and perform with professional musicians – alongside their studies with our excellent team of visiting music teachers, students also participate in masterclasses, and perform with professional soloists and orchestras.

I am also keen to develop a strong sense of musicianship in and outside of the classroom through greater overlaps with performance projects. The schemes of work and the concert programmes are dovetailed to ensure clearer coherence between the fields of study and the students performing in ensembles all receive a 'music project' document that outlines the principal works studied and the key areas of learning. Hopefully, this will help the students to keep track of their personal progress and to build up a really useful and attractive portfolio of performances over their time at the College.

Of course, teaching music also involves helping to support student creativity, especially through opportunities for students to compose and hear their works performed. We hope to allow more young composers to hear their works performed by school and professional ensembles, from Lower School minimalist music projects to A level candidates writing works for orchestra. As a keen composer myself, I have always written for young



musicians and it has been wonderful to hear the College choirs lead the performance of new pieces I have composed for the school. There will be plenty more first performances over the course of the year ahead, and more and more audience participation.

The Music Department is working hand in hand with Chaplaincy to encourage whole school singing, and we have already introduced hymn practice before Assembly and staff choir practice at INSET! This is part of our mission to support the College's Catholic ethos and to encourage the spiritual life of the school through enthusiastic participation in collective music making... and getting all those voices to sound "perfectly balanced" is an exciting challenge!

We are always looking for new ways to attract outstanding talent to come to St George's and will continue to support our excellent music scholars, some of whom are performing to Grade 8 standard and above; they are actively encouraged to attend prestigious national music courses and apply for music scholarships to major universities. However, our priority as a department is to encourage everyone to discover their musical personality and to feel comfortable however good they are at singing, playing or just listening – that's a great skill in itself which every musician needs to master!

The College Choral Society is open to parents, staff and Old Georgians who wish to sing in the annual concert with the College choirs and a professional orchestra. Do come and support our performance of works from 18th century Salzburg (Mozart, Michael Haydn) at 7.30pm on April 22.



Cambridge bound ... and heading to Harvard!

St George's is delighted that five students are celebrating having received offers from Cambridge University.

Head Boy, Demi Tola-Obembe, is going up to Churchill College to read Engineering Sciences, together with Ethan Jones, who is reading Computer Science. Rory Parkinson and Harry Convey have received offers from Homerton College, Rory to read Maths and Physics, Harry to read Natural Science. Another Natural Science student is Alex Mason, who will be going up to Emmanuel College. "I would like to thank all the staff who guided me through this challenging process; the support was invaluable."

Head Girl, Ellie Shahbo, was also offered a place to study Neurobiology at Harvard, gaining an early offer only awarded to those who are deemed to be outstanding – and Ellie is certainly deserving of this accolade. "I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to study at one of the world's top universities, but it is due to the support I have received from my teachers and the staff at St George's College, and my parents, who have been phenomenal. To all of them I give my thanks."

Also worthy of note is the fact that four of the five boys, as well as Ellie, originally came from St George's Junior School.

Mandy Smith, Assistant Head: Sixth Form, was delighted with this news, saying: "We are so proud of the students' achievements. Cambridge and Harvard are extremely competitive; all have done their absolute best and are deserving of the outcome."

Good luck to all our boys and girls who will be sitting exams this summer!





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