

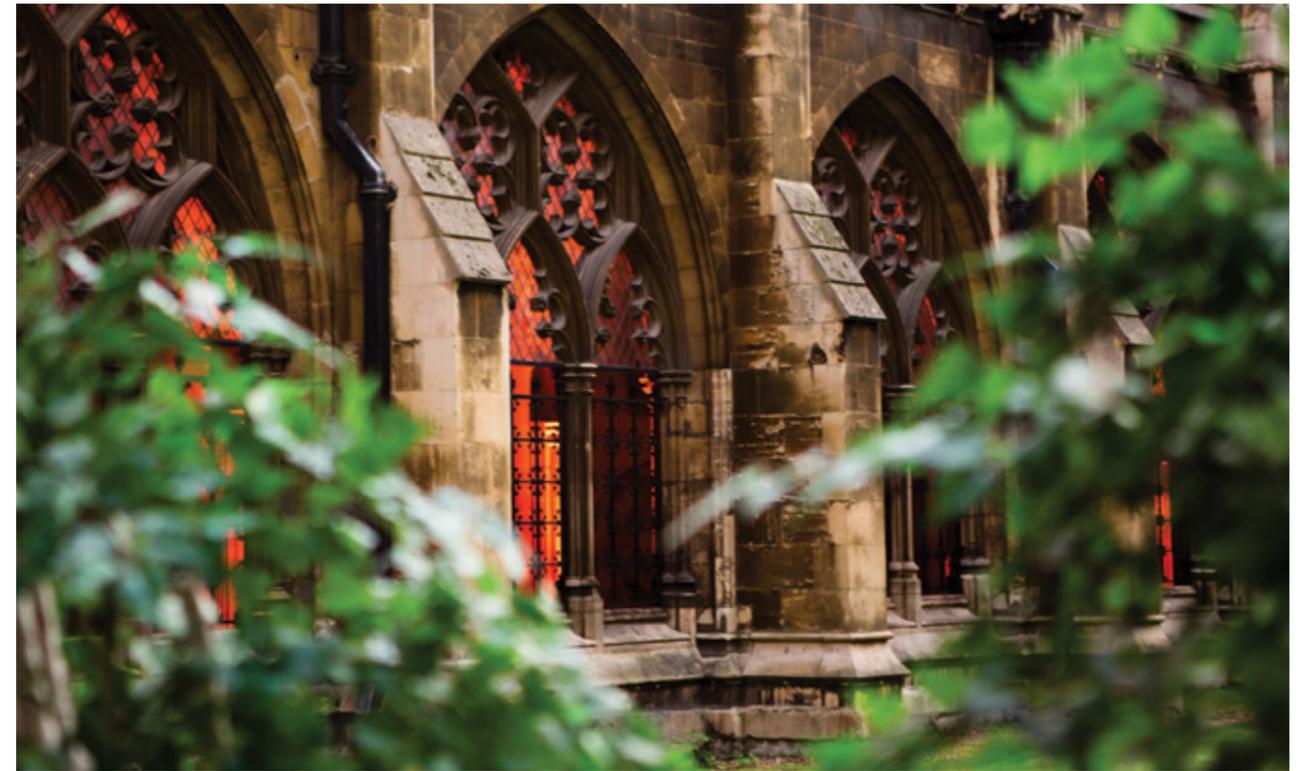
# Old Girls'

NEWSLETTER

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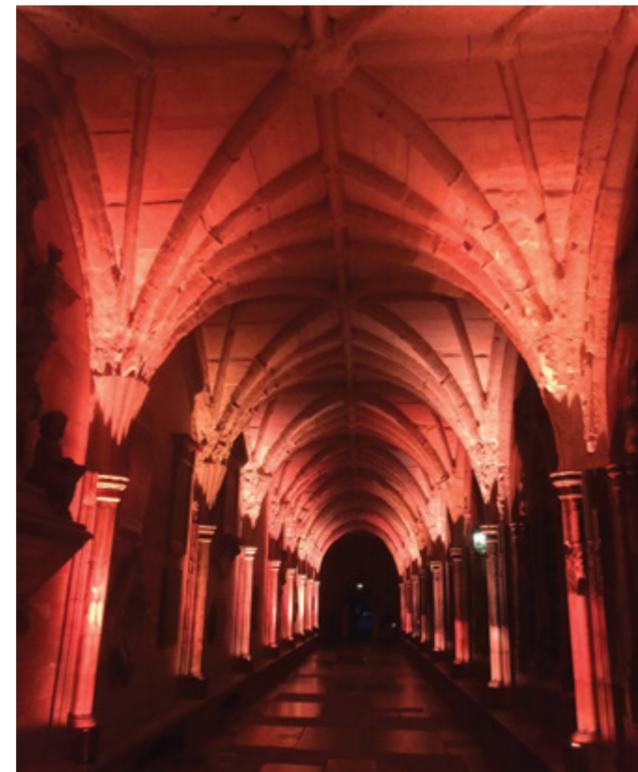


GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL



On the evening of Friday 8th September, over 150 former pupils and staff met at the East Cloister, Westminster Abbey, to celebrate Guildford High School.

Mrs Fiona Boulton, Headmistress, offered a warm welcome to all of those present. We were delighted that former Headmistress, Mrs Sue Singer, was able to attend, along with many other Old Girls, Head Girls and members of the Local Governing Body. The event was well attended by our more recent leavers, but we welcomed Old Girls from the 1960s onwards, ensuring a wonderful array of memories from many years of the school's history. The evening was both fun and memorable and we would like to thank everyone who attended.



Top left: Ella Khalek, Sylvie Clement and Lottie Fowler  
 Middle left: Eleanor McIlwraith-Jay, Rosemary Carr, Louise Curtis and Kate Denny  
 Middle right: Verity Crossley and Emily Newton  
 Bottom left: Sophie-Anne Brown and Ella Khalek  
 Bottom right: Katherine Hargreaves, Miranda Venables and Heather Dudley



Top: Natasha Webb, Julia Pamili, Amanda Whybro, Rachel Byrne and Poppy Miller  
 Middle left: Millie Horton-Insch and Alice Whitfield  
 Middle right: Oonagh Cousins, Virginia Szepietowski, Emile Sims and Will Saunders  
 Bottom left: Harriet Gordon, Catherine Bird and Beth Craig-Geen  
 Bottom right: Naomi Murray, Amy Longdon, Catherine Kirk and Katrina Sloan



Top left: Catherine Gilmore, Philippa Davies and Thea Gardner  
 Top right: Karen Laurie and Emily Godby  
 Middle: Robyn Savage, Georgie Coles, Hannah Marcarian  
 Bottom left: Eleanor McIlwraith-Jay, Julie Shopland and Louise Curtis  
 Bottom right: Charlotte Sidwell, Roshneen Ali, Katrina Sloan and Joanna Ward



Top left: Anna-Maria McGraw, Oonagh Cousins and Julia Gasson  
 Top right: Heather Dudley, Ashley Fenton, Sophia Barchenkova and Sarah Glyn-Davies  
 Middle left: Rachel Watson and Anthea Prince  
 Middle right: Isabella Bengochea, Anisha Desor and Fay Sandford  
 Bottom: Juliet Smith, Megan Luck, Laura Webb, Emily Godby and Francesca Kolar



Top left: Nicola Mattei, Julia Kaya and Carolyn Turhill  
 Top right: Anna and Camilla George  
 Middle: Catherine Bird, Katherine Hargreaves, Miranda Venables, Miranda Parker, Millie Horton-Insch and Alice Whitfield  
 Bottom right: Hannah Harris, Sue Singer



Top: Kate Denny, Ceara B, Helena Matthews, Ellie Gumpel and Roisin Watters Middle  
 left: Virginia Szepietowski and Emilee Sims  
 Middle right: Isabella Bengoechea, Rosheen Ali, Joanna Ward and Anisha Desor  
 Bottom left: Camilla George, Rachel Schofield, Fiona Boulton and Anna George  
 Bottom right: Fay Sandford, Suki Ritchie and Francesca Ritchie



Top left: Sophia Barchenkova, Ann Mincar, Beth Craig-Geen and Lizzie Webb  
 Top right: Harriet Gordon and Ellie Lloyd-Jones  
 Middle left: Harriet Russell, Alexandra Robinson and Kathryn Burnside  
 Middle right: Shahira Brennan, Ellie Mearing-Smith and Charlotte Wyart  
 Bottom: Isabel Towell, Suki Ritchie, Anna-Marie McGraw, Fiona Boulton, Oonagh Cousins, Julia Gasson and Ellie Gumpel



Top: Philippa Davies, Thea Gardner, Alexandra Robinson, Kathryn Burns, Laura Sweet and Julia Gasson  
 Middle left: Lizzie Bourne, Roshneen Ali and Sarah Glyn-Davies  
 Middle right: Miranda Parker, Elizabeth Ridsdill-Smith, Jessica Clifton and Jane Boyd  
 Bottom left: Anne Noble, Vanessa Skelton, Peter Skelton and Helen Morbey  
 Bottom right: Poppy Miller, Julia Pamulih, Isabel Towell and Katrina Sloan



# Welcome



At Guildford High School we continually try to improve. We have updated the look of our latest newsletter for you and I hope you will enjoy perusing the photos and news of current school events alongside news from past pupils. Please keep sending your photos and latest snippets to me. It is a pleasure to read and to catch up on your degree successes, new jobs, marriages, births etc.

Over the next year we are aiming to move the newsletter to a tablet friendly online format. We are also looking at an easier way for you to stay in touch with the school and each other, so if we do not have an email address for you please update our records ASAP.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Westminster Abbey. The staff who went to the event had a great evening and we all agreed that we had just so much fun.

GHS continues to go from strength to strength and we are so very proud of achievements of present and past pupils. It is such a wonderful community to be part of.

I wish you all a happy and successful year.

*Fiona Boulton*

## EXAM Success

### GCSE RESULTS 2017

Subject	Entries	A*	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
Art	13	85%	92%	100%	100%
Biology	81	95%	100%	100%	100%
Chemistry	81	89%	96%	99%	100%
Chinese	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Computer Science	5	60%	100%	100%	100%
D&T: Food Technology	10	80%	100%	100%	100%
D&T: Resistant Materials	10	60%	100%	100%	100%
D&T: Textiles	8	88%	100%	100%	100%
Drama	17	59%	88%	100%	100%
English Language	102	92%	100%	100%	100%
English Literature	102	88%	99%	100%	100%
French	28	61%	89%	96%	100%
Geography	52	87%	96%	100%	100%
German	24	83%	96%	100%	100%
Greek	5	100%	100%	100%	100%
History	65	89%	100%	100%	100%
Italian	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Japanese	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Latin	43	95%	100%	100%	100%
Mathematics	102	73%	98%	100%	100%
Music	23	48%	100%	100%	100%
Physical Education	23	39%	74%	100%	100%
Physics	81	86%	98%	99%	100%
Religious Studies	59.5	69%	95%	95%	100%
Russian	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Science (Double Award)	42	67%	93%	100%	100%
Spanish	76	63%	93%	97%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1056.5</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### AS LEVEL RESULTS 2017

Subject	Entries	A	A-B	A-C	A-D
Art	3	100%	100%	100%	100%
Biology	35	77%	86%	94%	97%
Chemistry	40	68%	90%	98%	100%
Classical Civilisation	5	60%	60%	80%	100%
Critical Thinking	42	50%	86%	100%	100%
D&T: Product Design	3	100%	100%	100%	100%
D&T: Textiles	2	50%	50%	100%	100%
Drama	12	100%	100%	100%	100%
Economics	14	86%	100%	100%	100%
English Lang/Lit	12	42%	67%	100%	100%
English Literature	25	92%	96%	96%	100%
French	12	75%	92%	92%	100%
Geography	21	95%	95%	100%	100%
German	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Government and Politics	20	75%	85%	90%	100%
Greek	3	100%	100%	100%	100%
History	20	55%	90%	95%	100%
Latin	10	80%	90%	100%	100%
Mathematics	58	66%	83%	88%	93%
Music	5	80%	100%	100%	100%
Physical Education	3	67%	100%	100%	100%
Physics	25	80%	92%	96%	96%
Psychology	29	55%	69%	93%	100%
Religious Studies	13	100%	100%	100%	100%
Spanish	13	38%	77%	92%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>99%</b>

### A LEVEL RESULTS 2017

Subject	Entries	A*	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
Art and Design	4	75%	100%	100%	100%
Biology	34	56%	97%	100%	100%
Chemistry	35	31%	77%	94%	100%
Classical Civilisation	3	0%	67%	100%	100%
D&T: Product Design	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
D&T: Textiles	1	0%	0%	100%	100%
Economics	16	63%	100%	100%	100%
English Lang/Lit	4	75%	100%	100%	100%
English Literature	21	62%	95%	100%	100%
French	6	50%	67%	100%	100%
Geography	14	36%	100%	100%	100%
German	2	50%	100%	100%	100%
Government and Politics	11	45%	82%	100%	100%
Greek	3	33%	100%	100%	100%
History	9	56%	67%	100%	100%
History of Art	2	0%	50%	100%	100%
Latin	6	83%	100%	100%	100%
Mathematics	50	38%	78%	96%	100%
Further Mathematics	15	53%	73%	93%	100%
Music	2	50%	100%	100%	100%
Physical Education	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Physics	16	50%	81%	94%	100%
Psychology	8	13%	88%	88%	100%
Religious Studies	8	63%	100%	100%	100%
Spanish	9	67%	89%	100%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Senior PREFECT TEAM 2017/18

#inspiringgirls

- HEAD GIRL  
Maria Pointer
- DEPUTY HEAD GIRL  
Isobel Khalek  
Sophie Ledson
- SCHOOL COUNCIL  
Briony Randell  
Serena Smart
- HEAD OF HOUSE  
Lara Kerr  
Kate Furber  
Olivia Schellekens  
Tara De Klerk  
Elise Hobson  
Anna Thomas
- CHARITY COMMITTEE  
Celia Lugt  
Alexia Meade
- GREEN TEAM  
Annabelle Levins  
Jess Falworth
- MANAGEMENT  
Kitty Daniels  
Laura McLeen
- YEAR 7  
Coco McLean  
Sarah Walberton  
Helena Bayley  
Sophie Thompson  
Sophie Twine



# Celebrating GHS

#proud





## Drama AT GHS

To kick off the academic year, the Year 8 and 9 Shakespeare Festival was performed in Houses, we were also treated to the delights of Shakespeare's 'Comedy of Errors' which had audiences laughing uproariously at the clever, masterful presentation of immaculate Shakespearean language and, as ever, a wonderful modern twist.

The annual pantomime, a firm favourite in the GHS calendar, brought the Michaelmas term to an end with the Year 7 girls taking to the stage under the direction of the Lower Sixth to perform 'Peter Pan'. In the Lent Term, the Senior Play was 'Blue Stockings' and it is difficult to imagine a more inspiring story than that of the first women students at Girton, Cambridge in 1896 and their momentous struggle to be allowed the right to graduate in the entirely male dominated university system of the time. The play was quite exceptional in its ability to combine comedy with profound poignancy and the level of performances by all, was quite remarkable to witness.

The end of term saw the creative and charming Years 7, 8, 9 production of 'The Light Burns Blue', a play inspired by the true story of two young cousins, who in 1917, purportedly took photographs of real fairies and who inspired a nation to believe in the magic of their possible existence. Finally, our talented Lower Sixth Theatre Studies girls performed 'Girls Like That', a highly topical and eye-opening play about the dangers of teenagers' obsession with sharing personal information on social media. They then performed the play for a week at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the first week of August.



'Girls Like That' poster from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

From the drama to the Poetry and Prose Festivals, we marvel at the talent and creativity of GHS girls.

#proud



## Music AT GHS

Our concerts, services and other musical events are always inspiring occasions and allow the huge number of musicians involved in school music to demonstrate what a fantastic and broad breadth of talent there is at Guildford High School.

There have been hundreds of solo performances played and sung over the year - class concerts, evening Informal Concerts, and the amazing concerto performances at the Michaelmas and May Concerts. The girls have also been inspired by their surroundings - we've just come to the end of our first 12 months in The 2016 Hall and it is such a fabulous place in which to play and sing; there have also been wonderful opportunities to perform in places further afield, including Merton College Chapel, Oxford, and Rochester Cathedral. This year's Carol Services were at Holy Trinity and how uplifting it was to be in this beautiful church, together as a school at the end of the Michaelmas Term, to enjoy the readings and glorious music.

Our musicians ended the year on a high, when 70 players and singers (who form the GHS & RGS Joint Orchestra and Chamber Choir) head off to Italy on tour. How lucky they are to be able to perform in places like St Mark's, Venice and Mantua Cathedral.

An absolute highlight of my year was last term's GHS & RGS production of 'West Side Story'. It was an astonishingly brilliant week-long

show. It didn't just happen by accident or come together within a few days - to create moments and occasions that are inspiring requires that magical mix of energy, enthusiasm, commitment, team-work, talent and determination. The cast, orchestra, tech crew and staff worked incredibly hard to make West Side Story the phenomenal success that it was and I would particularly like to thank Ashley Fenton and Emilie Forrest-Biggs.



#inspiringgirls





The naturally competitive nature of our GHS sports women ensures that one generation inspires the next, breeding a culture of sporting success throughout the school.

Our current Upper Sixth pupils have proved to be one of the most successful sporting year groups this school has ever seen. They have played a huge part in the winning of National Championships, both past and present, over the wide variety of sports in which we compete, including Lacrosse, Netball, Swimming, Athletics, Biathlon, Cross Country and Indoor Rowing. We are in debt for the amazing accolades they have achieved, both as teams and individuals, which have unquestionably contributed to the fact, that for the fourth year in a row, we have held our crown as the

top performing girls school in the country. Not only are we the first placed girls school, according to the School Sports Magazine, but notably 3rd amongst ALL British schools, both Co-Ed and single sex.

Some Upper Sixth girls have reached the pinnacle of their junior sporting careers: Emily Appleton is rated in the top ten of Junior Tennis World Rankings, Emma Brown, Lizzie Gartland and Alice Pursell have represented England in Lacrosse, Samodani Wijetunge in Badminton, Serena Patel in Fencing and Nelle Piper in Archery. Other Upper Sixth stars have also been outstanding in our school teams, notably Alex Atkins, Carrie Bonnar, Lottie Cockerill, Katie Elder, Hazel Ferguson, Lauren Meldram, Eleanor Sherlock, Isla Middleton and Antonia Peckham, but whilst these girls are moving on, the future remains astonishingly bright.

With dedicated commitment, hard work and pride in wearing the school crest, our younger pupils are challenged and inspired to reach greater heights, not only emulating their predecessors, but striving to fly the GHS flag ever higher. This year, we have won National Championship titles in Lacrosse, Biathlon, Fencing, Indoor Rowing and Skiing; 4 out of 5 Surrey county titles in Lacrosse and 4 out of 6 in Netball, with further success at Regional level. Our Gymnasts have excelled on the National stage, enjoying their most successful year to date; our Swimmers have continued to dominate at every gala they have attended and our Athletes have proved themselves amongst the best in the country. The list of medal

winning performances in other sports, such as Golf, Show Jumping and Tennis is also endless.

Winning performances certainly bring great fulfilment, but equally important are the inclusivity, well-being and happiness that remain at the heart of our strong extra-curricular programme. A huge range of recreational activities inspire girls to keep fit, stay healthy and feel mindful on a daily basis. An amazing multi-sport trip to Club La Santa in Lanzarote was a particular highlight this year. Our tours and trips aim to inspire girls to combine their enjoyment in sport with important cultural and social interaction. Some sports, particularly Football, Cricket and Triathlon, are gaining quickly in popularity and they make no bones about the fact that they are on a mission to be recognised through Colours. It is certainly an inspiring time for our girls to be involved in GHS sport.



## BEYOND THE Classroom

It is our job to inspire the girls and give them the knowledge and life skills to flourish. We set out to inspire them both inside and outside of the classroom through our numerous trips and visits.

Through these, they are able to gain experiences that cannot be replicated in the classroom, using textbooks. For example, History visits, enable you to see exactly where momentous events took place. Recently, I heard from a group of Year 9 girls how moving they had found their visit to the Somme. On the trip to St Petersburg, one of the most inspiring moments was standing in the square in front of the Winter Palace, where the revolutions of 1905 and 1917 had taken place, and imagining the strength of Russian opposition to the regimes. Both were significant turning points in Russian History. A new Sixth Form Geography trip to China saw 30 girls inspired by walking along the Great Wall, seeing city life from a spectacular evening river cruise in Shanghai, strolling through the astonishing Forbidden City, and marvelling at the 2000-year-old Terracotta Warriors.

Our Year 10 geographers experienced inspiring landscapes and a unique culture in Iceland, glacier walking over white ice, caving in black lava fields and exchanging viewpoints with Reykjavik locals. The Design Technology department have just returned from a visit to Bologna where the Year 11 girls spent time in the design departments of Lamborghini,

Ferrari, Pagani and Ducati. Whilst in Bologna, Isabelle Morrison-Clare found out that she has been accepted onto the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship scheme. This is the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK and it is to inspire and nurture 16 year old students through their A Levels to be the country's future leaders of Engineering. Isabelle is the first GHS girl to get through the examination and then the rigorous interview process.

The Big Draw, this year, was inspired by STEAM and the inclusion of Art in Maths and Science. The test-tube art inspired some spectacular, creative outcomes from our younger girls this year. The potential for Science and Engineering to change our world for the better has inspired some remarkable achievements this year; our CANSAT team once again reached the National Finals. They partnered with BAE systems, which allowed the girls to work with world-leading engineers in their field to design, build and test their satellite project. The Year 9 Robotics team reached the Tomorrow's Engineer National Final having impressed the judges with their research skills, team work and ingenuity to gain a wild card entry. There have been outstanding individual successes as well, Kate Turner was shortlisted to the final 5 entries in the Chemistry World Science Communication competition, where she competed against undergraduates and PHD students. Sarah Wälberton came 2nd in the Cambridge Newnham College Weston-Smith Physical Sciences essay prize with her essay about Chemical Reactions for making Antibodies. Sita Taylor came 2nd in the Cambridge Newnham College Engineering Essay prize with her research on Engineering and its Medical Applications and Katie Hodgson was awarded a coveted Gold CREST award for her research into Airplane safety. Lauren Turner, Martha James, Laura

Hudson, and Abi Jordan were awarded Gold certificates in the hugely challenging Olympiad competitions. Finally, Aylar Gylyjova, Emily Lipscombe, Vibha Venkatesh and Ellie Wee were successful in their bid to the National Finals of the UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition with their project on the causes and effects of food poisoning.

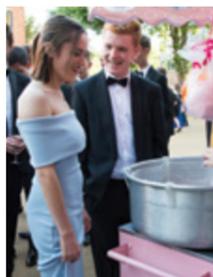
We have inspired girls in languages by taking them on trips to Lille, Paris and Hamburg as well as through cultural visits to the theatre and other enrichment days. Over 150 girls took part in our Modern Languages Festival, using languages that ranged from Arabic to Welsh. We were bowled over by their performances in our first ever Linguistics Olympiad in which 13 students attained Gold certificates. Girls have also been inspired to write their own creative pieces for the Spanish Flash Fiction Competition, and a number of Year 11 students participated and won the European Languages Challenge Day in which they had to market a very British product in a foreign language to real business people.

As the winner of this year's Singer Research Project, Megan Bowler set the tone for the year in the Classics Department with her awesome presentation on Greek Comedy, inspiring her peers and staff alike with her love for learning. We held our first Classics Evening at which Professor Edith Hall gave a fascinating lecture on women classicists since the Renaissance and three Old Girls studying Classics at Cambridge, Oxford and UCL spoke about their experiences and aspirations. Students from several year groups enjoyed success in the Latin and Greek Reading Competition and girls have been inspired by the Ancient World on trips to the Cambridge Greek Play, the National Gallery, Buster Ancient Farm and St. Albans, as well as by an array of local lectures.



2017  
*Leavers'*  
BALL

We were delighted to host the 2017 Leavers' Ball on a beautiful July evening, where we said farewell to the Upper Sixth as they prepare to embark on the next exciting phase of their lives. It was a wonderful evening with parents, staff and students all enjoying the carnival stalls and the brilliant atmosphere, with the girls looking fantastic in their prom dresses.



## 1962 LEAVERS' REUNION

Following our first reunion five years ago, we organised another in June this year, which was blessed by fine weather, and the presence of Jean Davey (née Bingham) who brought several school photos, and a selection of her mark books. Regrettably, none of us took a picture we were talking too much!

But herewith the main points -

Attendees: Gill Blenkinsop (Buzzard), Liz Critchfield, Anne Marshall (Orchard), Elizabeth McIntyre (Johnson), Rachel Neal (Hallowes), Caroline Pike (Friend), Buffie Rose (Ware), Ruth Sanderson (Hudson), and Sue Stevens (Beer)

Regrets re absences: Diana Boaler (Pitt), Sarah Gosling (Cherry), Joan Rapaport (Revell), Jill Scott (Brett), Lorna Stables, and Tessa Voller (Philpott)

Lovely lunch in Liz Critchfield's garden in London Road, Guildford, much laughter about our misbehaviour, especially towards certain members of staff, and much reminiscing about form rooms, music lessons, standing outside Miss Reid's office, and sadly, those no longer with us.

Determination to keep in touch, as has been the case since our first reunion.

*Sue Stevens*

## CLASS OF '64/65 REUNION PLANNED

Calling all those who left GHS in 1964/65. Those of us who'll be reaching our 70th birthdays in 2017/2018 are hoping to get together in September 2018 for a reunion in UK, if only to see how young and spritely we still are!

Sue Homer (née Browning), Janet Wright (née Davidson) and Jenny Hay (née Higgins) along with others have found sixteen of us so far, so please do get in touch. We've made contact with those who live abroad and those who live in different parts of the UK, but we are sure there are more of you so please write to jan.wright3@btopenworld.com or homersusan@hotmail.com.

We are especially wanting to hear from:

- Linda Chalmers
- Jackie Griffiths
- Christine Grubb
- Margaret Gulliver
- Jane Hull
- Annabelle Lee
- Sarah Oliver
- Jane Rogers
- Penny Brock

We'd love to hear from these ex-pupils or anyone who may know where they are as this is a one-off experience being planned!

1970 Leavers Reunion Photo L-R (maiden names):  
 Standing: Vivienne de Pemberton; Vivien Brock; Liz Wesson; Amanda Wilkie; Linda Martin; Gill Thomas; Margaret Jordan; Christine Cullingford.  
 Sitting: Pam Motum; Sylvia Wright; Helen Chalkley; Joanna Percival; Amanda Crook (née Wilkie)  
 - GHS 1959-1970



## 1970 LEAVERS' REUNION

In May 2017, twelve of us who had left GHS in 1970 (or 1968/69) met up at my home in Frome (Somerset) for a get-together that is now established as an annual event. It was a sunny, if windy, day, but we managed to sit in the garden throughout, and enjoyed a 'bring and share' lunch plus four hours of non-stop chat.

Though loosely termed the south-west group, three regular attendees actually live in the south-east, and we were very pleased to be joined this year by Helen Melvin (née Chalkley), who lives in North Wales. In other words, anyone who left the high school in 1970 (or thereabouts) from anywhere in the country, or world, for that matter, is very welcome to join us next year: it is not a requirement that you live in the West Country! The date is 19th May 2018 - please email Gill Strange (née Thomas) for more details (gillstrange@gmail.com).

## LUNCH REUNION

A group of former GHS students have been enjoying meeting up for lunch with their mothers and daughters!

It has been great to catch up in relaxed circumstances and compare notes on becoming grandmas and mothers, and who knows there may be a second (or in some cases, third) generation of GHS girls in the high chairs.

The group consists of Vicky Shepherd (née Strawson), Kate Pumfrey (née Bland), Zip Colley (née Jila), Nicola Firmston (née Steeds), Jessie Corris (née Ward) and Chrissie Burnie (née Bratley), and their respective mothers and children.



## Marriages



Alex Potts with her sister Caroline Kirk (née Harris) and Beth O'Brien



Louise Roe married husband Mackenzie Hunkin in Eton in September 2016



Naomi Murray with GHS friends Amy Longdon, Isabella Beechey and Scarlett Benson

We would love to see photos of you on your wedding day with your GHS friends, so please do send these through to: [oldgirls@guildfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:oldgirls@guildfordhigh.co.uk)



**ANNE BOWEY**  
GHS 1937-1951

In 1950 or 1951, it was decided it was time for the plans for Guildford Cathedral's building, chiefly the Nave, to be started again, having had to be stopped at the beginning of the Second World War in 1939. One of the High School's singing mistresses was selected as a soloist for the performance of a piece at the pro-cathedral in the war years, Trinity Church in the High Street. Antonia Child, soprano, and I, contralto, were chosen by her to perform in the choir. It was so exciting, not only to have a filled church, but up in the balcony was this large imposing figure of the composer, Ralph Vaughan-Williams, sitting listening! The performance raised a good sum of money for the Cathedral's building.

Later on, near the end of the war, some of the High School's girls and our Old Girls, sang in the choir stalls at the Cathedral - I think it was Bach and Brahms music. There was only room for about two rows of audience at the West End of the choir stalls as the Nave was not built and there was a wall across to the west of the choir stalls, but many others fitted in. The money raised helped the Cathedral's Nave to be built eventually, to Guildford and Surrey's intense pleasure and appreciation.

It is a great delight for me to visit the Cathedral for services and visits, and I have a particular pleasure in coming east over Staple Lane (the route of the cyclists' race in the 2012 Olympics, the 2016 race, and the Shere Race in September this year) to look out for the Cathedral in the distance to the West, standing out clearly.



**ANNE DUNFORD OBE**  
née Tunnell  
GHS 1943-1953

- Still alive! In my 80s, but a young-at-heart, 30 year old inside!
- Still enjoying my two grandsons (see photo). How quickly they grow up!
- Still active with our Cathedral, Girlguiding, Trefoil Guild, Ipswich Institute and Parish Council.
- Still in touch with Sally Cumming, Margaret Latham, Wendy Haynes and Elga Elwood.
- Still interested in the many achievements of GHS - I'm so lucky to be an Old Girl of such a great school.

**JANET LINFOOT**  
née Tyrrell

LEFT GHS 1955

In the early 1950s when we were 12 or 13, one of the GHS staff arranged for us all to have a pen friend in Rochester, New York State. Now I wonder how many of us are, like me, now aged 78, still writing to each other over 65 years later!

My life and Arlene's have followed almost identical patterns, even to the extent of all four of our parents living to 95 and dying in the same Autumn. We have visited each other once and enjoy a close and valuable friendship.

**ELIZABETH STEWART**  
née Manning

LEFT GHS 1955

Having lived at Kew, New Jersey, Beaconsfield, Great Dunmow, and for the last 24 years, Poole in Dorset, we are moving to Surrey! What an upheaval.



**CAROLA SMALL**  
née Martin  
GHS 1950-1960

Gillian Hooper's contribution inspired me to write in for the Old Girls Newsletter. Of course I remember her - there were only six of us in the Upper Sixth in 1959-60! We had fun though, along with hard work and some strange expeditions - I remember one to the Assizes, and another (maybe earlier) to the Sewage works which I found interesting, if smelly.

I went to Oxford University when I left and then on to Canada to teach Medieval History in the University of Alberta in Edmonton. There I met my husband, Alastair, who came out, also from Oxford, though we never met there, to teach Classics. We were there thirty years and then were lucky enough to be able to retire to Scotland where we are living in a small village between Glasgow and Edinburgh.

We still do a fair amount of academic work, mostly now on South Italian Archaeology which is a bit of a change for me (and a continuation for him). That takes us to Italy quite often - no complaints! Still we find lots of time for walking and exploring back here. We are continually thankful for our good luck in being able to live in this very beautiful country.

Our three children have all ended up back in Britain too (two in England, one just 13 miles away) and we have 8 grandchildren in all ranging in age from 2 to 15 - lots of fun. We manage to get the whole family together for a week a year on the island of Colonsay and they all love it, as do we.

I think our main volunteering is the annual Edinburgh Christian Aid book sale which is an amazing phenomenon. We are part of a group of 500 volunteers who deal with about a million books and to raise around £110,000.00 each year - a big challenge for an organisation but definitely worthwhile.

## AUDREY SAUTELLE-SMITH

née Doorn  
GHS 1960-1965

Perhaps I should start by telling you that I was at Guildford High School from 1960 to 1965 when Miss Bryce was head mistress. After a slightly shaky start academically and two years missed in Latin and the sciences, with the ever kindly help of Miss Stewart I managed to catch up in Latin although I was never very enthused by chemistry. I even eventually made Latin A level, though not with the brilliance of my co-latinist, Ann Burrett. I adored the poetry and literature, but my grammar never quite recovered from having missed out the years at the beginning! I also did French and History at A level. Miss Avis was my guru in French - I was her only pupil for the A and S level exams - and she was a magnificent character! She was related in some way to the Toulouse-Lautrec family, and the stories she could recount about this "French" side of her life were often hilarious and sometimes hair-raising!

Musical memories are many: Miss Rivers was a great teacher and musician. She had many friends in the musical world including Vernon Handley, who at the time was director of music for Guildford. A small group of us from the choir were once privileged to be included in the performance he conducted of the St Matthew Passion in the Cathedral - an awe-inspiring experience never to be forgotten! Then there was the nine-voice choir. Caroline Friend, Janice Patch and I were the sopranos. Sadly I don't remember who sang the other parts. It was very exciting for the nine of us to take part in (and sometimes win!) competitions!

And freezing cold winter sessions at the sports ground down the road...with fingers raw from frost and vicious lacrosse tackling. How I hated that game!! Summer was a much better time down there. Memories of playing super tennis matches, and of winning the relay race on sports day in the house team, of long jump, and of the Bishop hitching up his purple robes to win (!?) the wheelbarrow race with his daughter!! Lenore Wilkie and I made a formidable pair in the three-legged race being much of a height and with long legs!

I think the last time I had direct contact with anyone connected with the school must have been my wedding in 1970 when Mary Rivers (as she still was then) brought the choir to sing during the marriage service. I remember the Rector was a bit disapproving of our insistence on having a "girls choir" sing. But afterwards he had to eat humble pie and he acknowledged that the music had been magnificent!! I would love to have news of my old friends and classmates. In particular, I would be so grateful for any news of Lenore Wilkie and Sue Dearne. Others I would also like to hear of: Hilary Budd, Ann Burrett, Jennifer Logan, Sarah Cobb and any others in that class that left in 1965.

And now a very potted history of my doings over the years..... After a joyous three years spent growing up at Exeter University, I

left with an honours degree in French and European history, and married my (now ex) Naval officer/ lawyer husband in 1970. After early years near Portsmouth and London, we moved to Geneva in Switzerland with our three year old son, Louis, in 1980 and I have lived here ever since. My husband decided that grass was greener elsewhere in 1998, but Louis was by then attending Geneva University and opted to remain in Switzerland too. I have had a somewhat varied and chaotic professional life, what with teaching at one stage, running a shop and finally finding my feet and qualifying as a Trust professional in Geneva. I retired, reluctantly, in August 2014. I have a gorgeous son, very dear daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and two "step" grandchildren who all help keep me in touch with life and pretty busy!

It would be so good to be able to make contact again with some of the people mentioned above. Maybe later this year, especially if there were to be another Old Girls' meeting.



**SUE DALTON**  
née Cunningham  
LEFT GHS 1981

- Graduated Kings College Hospital 1988 in dentistry.
- Married Nigel Dalton 1989.
- Moved to Dorset 1990 & set up a dental practice in 1992.
- Alice and Angus born 1995 & 1998, respectively
- Emigrated to Mackay, Australia 2002.
- Still working as a dentist, living near the beach in the tropics, with room for visitors...



- Mum lives nearby in a retirement village and still swims and plays golf, at 92.
- In touch with several other old girls through Facebook, which is a great tool, when used wisely!
- I'm an active member of our local church, leading the singing most weeks.
- I also sing with our local Choral Society and love to perform and sew costumes for our theatre group, which just staged a sell-out season of 'Wicked'.
- Plans for the coming year include directing the pantomime, 'Aladdin', to be staged after Christmas, once everyone returns from the long summer holiday. Yes, it still takes a bit of getting used to!

**CATHERINE SMITH**  
(née Ingram)

GHS 1970-1981

Graham and I (and Toby the terrier) recently moved from Portsmouth to Bramley in order to be nearer Charterhouse, where I work as the school archivist. We are enjoying our new home and it is lovely to be nearer GHS friends too: meeting class mates for Sunday lunch at the local pub, catching up with my godmother, Anne Bowey, and discovering Priscilla Dobbs on duty as a guide at the Watts Gallery have all been highlights of the last month. Both children have flown the nest now - Cris is working and studying out in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Emily is managing a theatre company up in Edinburgh.

**ZIP JILA**  
LEFT GHS IN 2002

A group of former GHS students have been enjoying meeting up for lunch with their mothers and daughters! It has been great to catch up in relaxed circumstances and compare notes on becoming grandmas and mothers, and who knows there may be a second (or in some cases, third) generation of GHS girls in the high chairs?

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**ALEX POTTS**

née Harris  
LEFT GHS IN 2002

I left in 2002 and went on to study law to Masters Level at UCL.

Following that, I qualified as a Solicitor and joined the Army as a Captain in Army Legal Services, advising the Army on international and domestic law. I trained at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and then went on to serve in Cyprus, Germany, Aldershot and Wiltshire. It was a great way to be a lawyer in a very challenging context!

I married my husband and left the Army in 2015 to work as a lawyer in a charity.

I've recently joined the Bank of England as a lawyer, which is certainly an interesting time to be in the organisation - especially with the Brexit negotiations happening!



**ELEANORE DUGGAN**

GHS 1995-2003

Eleanore Duggan was at Guildford High from 1995 until 2003 during which she sang in the Chamber Choir, studied singing and piano, sang lots of solos (no doubt partly due to her four octave vocal range), including with the school's jazz orchestra and did an A Level in Music Technology. She then went on to study music composition in Bath.

After leaving university, Eleanore was commissioned by Indian dance company SB Dance (Shalini Bhalla's company, which now runs the nationwide Bollywood dance classes Just Jhoom) to compose an orchestral composition in four movements for a dance piece describing the journey of an Indian woman integrating into British society. The

finished piece "asmakam - the quest" (which Eleanore composed in two and a half months) went to the Edinburgh Fringe in 2008. In 2009, she released her first album of original songs "Parlour Game", shortly followed by another commission, this time from international charity The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), to compose the theme song for their 50th anniversary in 2011. The finished song "My True Nature" was also used as a stimulus piece for a nationwide competition by the same name, aimed at schools.



In the interim, Eleanore has composed for independent films and has now released her second album of original songs "The Gift" which she started touring with her band Eleanore & the Lost in October 2016. Eleanore's music is available on all major download and streaming sites.



**SARAH JONES**

LEFT GHS 2005

From a successful career at Deloitte, to taking the plunge with her own business, here GHS alumni Sarah Jones shares her pathway to achieving e-commerce excellence in Dubai...

I think I've always known I wanted to be an Entrepreneur. After all, what other 13-year-old would scour eBay for products and sell later on for a profit? Clearly I was already doing the groundwork for a career in business, even as a teenager! I definitely led a double life in those early years; by day a GHS school-girl determined to succeed in her studies and by night, a shrewd businesswoman in the making, equally as determined to learn everything she could about this world.

In order to make my dream a reality, (my younger self would have said that also included becoming the CEO of eBay!) I knew I needed to lay the foundation and get some real life experience within the financial Industry. Three

years later, armed with an Economics degree, I moved into a corporate job at Deloitte, seconding to Dubai 12 months later. So far, so ordinary you might think, but I was restless. I wanted to make my own decisions, to create my own vision; I hadn't given up my Entrepreneurial ambitions and I knew the time had come to take a leap of faith.

Starting a business in itself is stressful, but when you are in a completely different country, it's on a whole different level. I remember commuting between Dubai and London for meetings with investors and my tech team, returning to work well into the night with just a handful of people to get the website live. Fast forward three years and we have over 50,000 products and 1,000 brands live, a growing team of 35 creative and tech wizards based in our Dubai HQ and a recent foray into new regions- we now ship to six countries! The way the business has scaled, particularly in the last twelve months is incredible. We have gone from strength to strength, thanks in part to the close of our second fundraising round. Since inception, we have raised USD4.1m- something I am incredibly proud of as it has allowed us to progress quickly and capitalise on our early success in the market.

I've found that the GCC and Dubai especially, are very supportive of start-ups, offering a real platform for Entrepreneurs to be supported, and I'm lucky to have spoken at some truly inspirational events over the years because of this position.

Will I stay in Dubai forever? Who knows! I'm blessed to be in a position where I can take each day and new challenge as it comes. One does envision returning to London one day, having sold Sprii and look to raise a family in a more familiar setting, but for now we're content as is. As for the business, following a successful rebrand of our mum and baby platform to diversify into new categories (home, beauty, fitness and travel) our team and product offering is set to grow again in 2017.

I remember when it was just me and a team of two working frantically around my dining room table and now, we closed our second round of investment totalling \$3million last year, moved into a bigger office and have even more plans for expansion (both personally and professionally) on the horizon. Stay tuned for what happens next...

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**KIRSTY FINLAYSON**

LEFT GHS 2008

Kirsty Finlayson (Old Girl 2008) stood as a parliamentary candidate for East Ham in London in this year's General Election.

Highlights of Kirsty's campaign included her first ever live radio interview on Ramadan FM, debating toe-to-toe with Stephen Timms MP for almost an hour (her main opposition and the elected MP for over twenty years) and being interviewed on Sky News about getting young people involved in politics.

Within the Conservative party, she was the youngest candidate in London and one of only 182 female candidates. Despite there being 119 lawyers fighting for seats, Kirsty was also the only trainee solicitor in England and Wales to stand as a candidate. She has now since qualified as a lawyer.

Hustings proved to be the most challenging part of the campaign, which involved intense research into policy, not only of her own party but also of others to fully develop arguments. Kirsty juggled her full-time job at a top-50 law firm with campaigning, spending weekends and evenings knocking on doors, updating followers on social media, answering emails from constituents and meeting with local businesses.

Kirsty was able to increase the vote share by 0.7 per cent on election night and retain second place in one of the most challenging constituencies in the country, winning 7,241 votes. She is looking forward to returning to GHS soon to speak to current Sixth Form Politics students about her experience.

"My experiences at GHS allowed me to develop my passion for politics. It was on a school trip that I asked Anne Milton MP for my first week of work experience, which led to an internship in parliament during my gap year. It was through competing and winning the European Youth Parliament that I went on to participate in events in Spain and Greece, and even to China with the British Council. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Cleaver, my amazing A Level Politics teacher. He inspired me to not only study Politics at university but also to get involved in local politics after leaving school. I think his lessons at GHS played a big part in me being where I am now and at the start of what I hope is a very exciting political journey in the years to come".



**ALEX ALJOE**

LEFT GHS IN 2010

I am a Sports Presenter/Reporter, currently working for Real Madrid TV as the main female presenter on the English channel.

Working in both English and Spanish, I produce and present live shows and news bulletins, conduct and translate interviews with some of the world's biggest footballers and report pitch-side at matches. I also present an in-flight programme for Emirates Airlines.

I travelled with Real Madrid on their pre-season tour to North America, providing all the daily team news and updates.



Before Real Madrid TV, I was presenting for Chelsea TV. I started there immediately after graduating with a Distinction in my TV Journalism Masters from City University (I did the Masters after four years at Durham University studying Spanish and Italian).

Without my incredible teachers at GHS and the work ethic instilled in me there, I definitely would not have achieved my lifelong dream of becoming a Sports Presenter.



Francine Cheese & Rebecca Osborne assisting a range of procedures during their surgical attachment.



**FRANCINE CHEESE & REBECCA OSBORNE**

LEFT GHS IN 2012

Leaving GHS in 2012, we excitedly arrived in Leeds to start our medical degree. Five years later, our turn had come to embark on our medical elective! This is an opportunity for final year medical students to spend six weeks in a hospital in a foreign country, learning from a different style and culture of healthcare.

Having been housemates throughout medical school, we chose to head to Sri Lanka together to experience Ayurvedic medicine, their traditional healthcare. Over the six weeks we spent in Karapitiya Hospital, we split our time between community medicine and surgery. Community medicine was incredibly varied and we had the opportunity to visit rehabilitation centres, disabled children's play centres and help in antenatal clinics in addition to our time spent within the Ayurvedic medicine system. Our surgical attachment allowed us to spend time both on the wards and within theatre, assisting in a range of procedures from cleft palate surgery on paediatric patients to trauma surgery from road traffic accidents.

Sri Lanka is a fantastic country, providing free healthcare to its population much like the NHS we are familiar with. Our elective was a brilliant opportunity for both of us to experience medicine in a foreign country and we will be integrating our new clinical experience into placement as we return to Leeds for our final year.



**ELLA KHALEK**

LEFT GHS 2016

Moving to University was always going to be a daunting prospect, and after fourteen years at GHS, I was rather apprehensive about the change, heightened by the fact that Edinburgh felt very far away.

However, those fourteen years had, of course, left me well equipped to deal with the new, and somewhat overwhelming, academic and social independence of uni life.

When I chose to study History, Edinburgh seemed like an obvious choice, not just because of the abundance of museums and monuments but also the little cobbled alleyways, buildings and steps that truly seem to transport you back in time. I've had a tutorial that began at the National gallery, continuing on a tour of New Town, and a course that sent us on weekly assignments to places such as the National Museum and Princes Street Gardens to discover the history for ourselves.



**POPPY MILLER**

LEFT GHS 2016

My first year at Oxford has flown by in a blur of craziness, hard work and enjoyment. I was completely unsure about what to expect from my first term and although I was warned about the heavy workload, Oxford definitely has its own definition of a 'challenge'!

It is this intensity that makes the terms so exciting and intellectually inspiring, as well as the incredible tutors who go out of their way to help you find your feet.

Once the initial whirlwind subsided, I absolutely loved getting the chance to explore as much of what Oxford has to offer, aside from work. From choir, orchestra, netball and rowing to access events, tea societies, techno marathons and the famous summer balls, this year has been one of a kind.

In my opinion, the biggest difference between university and GHS is the sudden freedom you have. At university it is your responsibility to study, to hand in your work and to turn up to lectures/labs/tutorials. There's no one nagging you to do your problem sheets (except your keen friends) and by not doing them it is you who suffers the consequences. You can eat what you want, go out when you want, sleep when you want – it is quite a novel feeling to only be responsible for yourself, but definitely one you have to appreciate and make the most of whilst you can.

My best advice to anyone starting university would be to throw yourself into as much as you can. It does sound clichéd but university is made by the people you meet and the experiences you have; it's worth giving everything a go to find out what you actually enjoy!

However, remember to be who you are - there is no point in trying to be someone you are not. The best part of university is the hugely diverse community you find yourself in, where you can be yourself and know that there are always people you can connect with, whoever you are.



**ISABEL TOWELL**

LEFT GHS 2016

As ever, this summer has been a whirlwind with time spent with family and friends and a trip travelling around Scandinavia with my boyfriend for three weeks.

The time off has also given me an opportunity to reflect. With a reunion on the horizon, I'm aware that I am now officially an 'Old girl'. With that in mind I am quickly learning that time really is a funny thing. Last year feels so familiar, it has hurtled passed me, and yet much has changed in just 12 months.

After travelling around Central Europe last summer I moved onto Cambridge University at Homerton College where I began my degree in Education, English and Drama. I must admit I wasn't really sure what to expect other than what the open days had promised me, that it would be 'challenging', 'broad' and 'relevant' all of which I have found to be true.



Characteristically, I have thrown myself into lots of areas of university life. I was a welfare officer at college, ran a gifted and talented programme at a local school, dabbled in bits of drama, some rowing and visited the Cambridge union to watch debates. Despite this, I would be lying if I said it hasn't been a challenging adjustment.

The truth is, I found the wealth of opportunities a little overwhelming to start with. Being a small fish in a big pond certainly took some getting used to. In this respect I have been lucky to have found lovely supportive friends to make brilliant memories with, whilst also drawing on my precious friendships from GHS for strength and confidence the whole way.



**JULZ WELLER**

LEFT GHS 2016

I was very lucky to find that choosing a suitable university was not difficult for me. I knew that I wanted to go to a campus university because I love an environment where the students are all together in one place, much like GHS.

I visited Exeter University and immediately knew that this was the place I wanted to be. After seeing the students and the campus itself, I could see myself fitting in perfectly.

One of the main reasons I chose Exeter was because of its excellent reputation in all sports.

Unlike the majority of university freshers who arrive in late September, I was plunged straight into the deep end exactly one day after receiving my A level results in August when I went to the Exeter hockey assessment weekend. I can promise you that I have never been as nervous as I was during that 3 hour train journey down by myself. Before university I used to be frightened of meeting new people and making a good first impression. My nervousness was because I didn't know anyone and, not only that, I would also need to impress the hockey coaches.

One of the first things you learn going to university is that you are not alone in feeling this way. It is often said, but it's all too true, everyone is in the same boat, being keen to make new friends and everyone is at least a little bit nervous whether they admit it or not.

Fortunately, despite my nerves, the assessment weekend went well and I was invited back the following week for the 2nd team pre-season training. Going to this was one of the best decisions that I have made. It gave me a head start on most other students in settling into the university lifestyle and making friends. Even now, after an extremely busy year of meeting hundreds of new people, most of my closest university friends are the girls and boys that I met during freshers pre-season training. Playing hockey also allowed me to meet different people, from different courses, different halls and even different year groups.

The whole hockey experience ended with a great highlight of my first year at university when I was part of the team that won a BUCS gold medal. For those who don't know what this means, it is the equivalent of winning the lacrosse schools nationals at university level.

There's no doubt that my first year at university has been extremely hectic. There has always been something to do and I was often busier than I have ever been. I even started to learn a completely new language, Portuguese. Studying at GHS taught me to work independently and I have not found this aspect of study at university as challenging as I expected.

The main advice I would give to anyone heading to university is to embrace the opportunities and to throw yourself wholeheartedly into what you love, for me it was sport but it could be anything,

most universities have societies and clubs for pretty much every sport, pastime or hobby.

**EMILY APPLETON**

LEFT GHS 2017

Since leaving GHS in 2017, Emily Appleton has won the Coffee Bowl in Costa Rica and also been named as one of Sky's Sports Academy Scholars which provides financial support, mentoring and work experience to ten of Britain and Ireland's hopeful young sportsmen and women to help them progress to global level.



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## ELLIE MURRAY

LEFT GHS 2016

Over the last year I have been studying an Art Foundation course at Falmouth University. It's been an invaluable learning experience for me and has helped me develop both in terms of artistic skill and confidence.

Art Foundation courses allow prospective art degree students to experience the breadth of art specialisms. In the first part of my course, I undertook a wide variety of workshops, including graphic design, illustration, fine art, and analogue photography. After discovering my interest in narrative, I settled on film as my specialisation within the course. At time of writing the course is drawing to a close, and I have learnt so much about the potential of the film medium as well as how to work independently on self-briefed projects.

My final film incorporated the beautiful Cornish coastline shooting location. Sadly, the university has suspended the foundation course due to expenses (the course is free for those under 19). I feel very lucky to have had this experience while I can, and though I am going on to study an English degree not an art degree, I found it to be a truly rewarding way to spend my gap year.

## LYDIA GARDNER

LEFT GHS 2016

So far on my Gap Year I have done an ab initio Italian course at the Dante Alighieri School in Siena, where I met many amazing students from all around the world. The course was very immersive and concentrated more on spoken Italian than writing, meaning we had to have group conversations from the very first lesson.

Later in the year I did a History of Art course at the British Institute of Florence, focusing on the High Renaissance. I particularly enjoyed the field trips to various museums all around Florence.



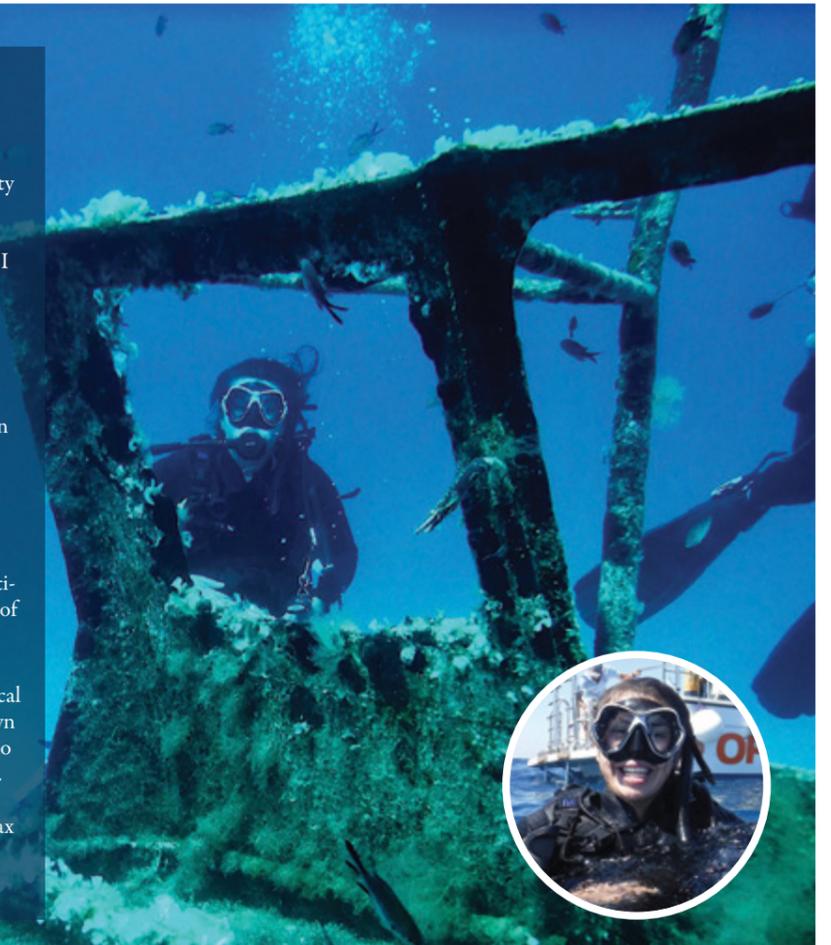
## EMILIA HOBSON

LEFT GHS 2016

I applied for Medicine as a post A Level applicant and will be going to Cardiff University in September. This gave me time to work on my UKCAT and interview skills without the pressure of A Levels alongside, whilst knowing I had already achieved the grades required.

GHS have been really supportive, inviting me to attend all the extra medicine lessons that are held in Upper Sixth and giving me lots of advice and useful information. This year I have been working as a Healthcare Assistant in an oncology (cancer) ward. As well as aiding my medicine application, this has given me an invaluable insight into what working in a hospital is really like; from the shift work, being responsible for escalating patient's vital observations to different members of the multi-disciplinary team, to being involved with end of life care.

Hopefully this will stand me in good stead when I turn up as a fresh faced first year medical student on placement! I've also had some down time, I've visited New York and am going to do a PADI diving course in Malta in a few weeks. I am so pleased I took a year out, as not only did I achieve my goal, but I've had time to relax between busy Sixth Form at GHS and before my full-on medical degree begins!



## JULIA PAMILIH

LEFT GHS 2016

I started my gap year with a seven month placement as a Corporate Tax analyst at Deloitte, as part of the Scholar Scheme. The placement was challenging at times, but was ultimately a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience, meet new people and save up for travelling.

I've now got six months of freedom before I start studying PPE at Oxford in October, and I am planning to take full advantage with lots of travelling. I'm currently backpacking in South America from Ecuador down to Chile (and attempting to brush up on my GCSE Spanish). I'm also planning to squeeze in a couple of trips to South East Asia and Eastern Europe over the rest of the summer! I've really enjoyed my gap year so far and highly recommend taking a year out to do something different.

## JANE HILL-PROSSER 1977-1984

Overseas holiday Tenerife in November. The island is very built-up compared with many Greek Islands. In the UK went to Sidmouth, Devon and Eastbourne, Sussex. Both with day trips by car to local attractions. Dorset flower arrangers won "GOLD" at the Chelsea Flower Show!

## PAMELA LEATHERLAND 1963-1968

My life continues much the same, but despite increasing old age, I consider myself lucky to be able to enjoy painting and exhibiting with my local group. My grandson, now three years old, growing fast, and it is a pity that I am unlikely to be around long enough to see him develop his interests.

## SALLY NORRIS 1998-2006

After 3 years in Armenia, Ade and I have returned to the UK and our home in Wales. I will swap UWC Dilijan back to UWC Atlantic College, and will start working back there in August. We really enjoyed the snow, mountains, clear blue skies, sun, hospitality and culture of the Caucasus but are now looking forward to being at home.

## SARAH LAMBERT English Teacher

2008-2012

I taught English and Drama/Theatre Studies at GHS from 2008-2012, having previously taught at RGS. When I left I was Second in English and also Head of Ruby House. I am still in touch with a few pupils and many lovely colleagues, some of whom have retired or moved on from GHS to jobs elsewhere, and I still conduct mock interviews via Skype for aspirant applicants to read English at Oxbridge. My husband and I moved abroad in 2012 to Dubai with our small son William in tow (he was almost two at the time, born 21.11.10). We both took up teaching posts at Dubai College: my husband as Head of Sixth Form and a part-time Drama role for myself. Fast forward five years (I cannot believe how time has flown) and we are still in Dubai, Mike is now Headmaster of Dubai College and I teach English part-time, as well as studying for an MSc in Learning and Teaching at Oxford and marking iGCSE English and English Literature scripts for Edexcel. We now have a second son, Alexander, who is almost four (born 27.09.13) and he will join his brother at primary school in September (they start a year earlier out here). We will hopefully remain here for a few more years whilst Mike sees a cohort through from Year 7 to 13 as Headmaster, but we haven't ruled out a return to Guildford! Our address out here is Dubai College, PO Box 837, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, (sarah.lambert@dubaicollege.org)

## ERICA HOLBORN (now Fairs) 1948-2017



Photo from 1964 L-R: Janet Davidson, Mary Cullen, Sue Browning and Erica Holborn.

Sadly one of our classmates, Erica Holborn (now Fairs) died suddenly in November 2016 aged 68. Sue Browning (now Homer) and I went to Erica's funeral which was in Eashing, just outside Godalming at a Natural Burial Site. It was a lovely day with the sun shining and birds singing at an attractive and peaceful site. The service, which was by the graveside, was non-religious and very nicely delivered by a Celebrant. At the reception afterwards we met Erica's husband, son, daughter and grand-daughter. The family showed a looped screen of photos of Erica and included some GHS ones taken in 1964 just after we had taken our O Levels. We will all miss Erica and are shocked by her sudden death.

Jenny Hay

## STAFF Obituaries

### DIERDRE AMARA WAUGH 1937-2017

Deirdre taught Biology at GHS and amongst her achievements was to engender a love of Biology into many of the 'infamous 4S' who as a result excelled in their 'O' level Biology examinations. Students found her firm, friendly and fair: an inspirational teacher who kindled their love of Biology. Deirdre was also, for many years, a Trustee for the Cancer Fund set up in memory of a GHS Student, Pat Gammon. After GHS Deirdre worked on the finance side of the Toovey's Bakery. She was always a great animal lover and while at Guildford could be seen walking her beloved Boxer dogs on the Downs or tending her horses.

Deirdre then moved to Warminster where her daughter was living. Sarah, an ex-GHS student, was a jockey and raced competitively, she is now a race horse trainer. Both Deirdre and Sarah spent some time initially working at Longleat and following this Deirdre helped Sarah with milk-quota work and the care and admin of horses, and horse racing and syndicates. Sarah moved to Ireland a little while ago while Deirdre remained in Warminster with her local friends and regular coffee club group. Deirdre always had a great love for animals - her cats, Sarah's dogs, donkeys and cattle. Fittingly, a Boxer rescue dog attended her memorial service in Salisbury in March. Sarah had a horse and cattle lined up as well but it was decided to just keep with the Boxer at the service!

Marilyn Holmested

### DR STEPHEN BANCROFT 1996-2004

Stephen joined GHS in 1996 as Director of IT. This was a great time of change in education with the introduction of computer networks into schools. His vision ensured that new computer rooms were built and facilities provided so that even the most reluctant of pupils and staff were encouraged to take on this new medium for learning and administration. He designed new systems for record keeping which carried on the development of record cards for the students as well as a multitude of other systems to aid the smooth running of the administrative aspects of school. In IT lessons he always showed the utmost patience with those who found this new subject more difficult but he also inspired others with ability, to take the subject to greater depths. In the early days of IT the staff also needed hours of training and help in order to keep abreast of changes and developments, whether for use in the classroom or beyond and Stephen would always go the extra step to ensure a quality outcome for all concerned.

Stephen had a tremendous thirst for knowledge of all sorts which was both inspiring and at times daunting. He could talk about almost any subject (except football) and if he discovered a topic he did not know much about he would soon research it to the full. After retiring from GHS he did return on occasions to help out over a number of years with examinations and also to lead the Resistant Materials Department, as he was also a qualified DT teacher.

During retirement Stephen and Jill have enjoyed extensive travelling and were hoping to complete a great deal more. Always one for a project, he also put his design and technology skills to good use in retirement by building a ride-on rack railway around the garden for his lovely two grandchildren. This took three years to build, every bit being built by him, starting with a disused wheel chair motor! (see candfrailway.org)

Sadly, he was unexpectedly diagnosed with inoperable liver cancer in mid-August and died just three weeks later. A very great loss to all his family and friends.

Wendy Cocks



## THE CLASS OF 2011

We were delighted to welcome back into school a number of girls who left GHS in 2011 and have studied various courses at university, have now gone on to a range of exciting roles.

When our current Upper Sixth leavers were in Year 7, the class of 2011 were in Upper Sixth! The girls shared their experiences since leaving GHS and offered advice to current GHS students. They were all keen to claim their university as being the best and gave current students the message that if they don't know what they want to do, it doesn't matter, they should choose to study the subjects they love! The other over-riding message from our old girls was to encourage students to try different things, through work experience and internships, and to get involved in new activities at university.



### REBECCA BEASLEY

Rebecca studied Engineering at the University of Exeter, which she was keen to recommend both in terms of the course and the university! She is now working as a civil engineer for Jacob's, a role she describes as 'incredibly satisfying and challenging. The numbers and maths are the least of what I do, it's all about the vast amount of people you meet and work with from all walks of life.'



### KATHY BURKE

Kathy read English at the University of York and following a graduate diploma in Law is now working as a Parliamentary assistant. She talked about what a privilege it is to work in the Houses of Parliament and effectively have a 'front row seat' at historic events, such as the state opening of parliament which had taken place earlier in the day.



### JOELY CHARLTON

Joely told us she had always assumed she would work in the charitable sector and left GHS to study Anthropology at Durham; she did spend time out in Kenya working with young entrepreneurs. However, she is now working in the technology sector for an early stage Artificial Intelligence marketing provider.



### HELENA CONNORS

Helena studied Biological Sciences at Oxford, and chose a broad degree since she was not sure what she wanted to go into long term. She took the opportunity to carry out a range of work experience and settled on a career in Law and has completed the Graduate Diploma in Law. She is now starting work as a trainee solicitor in a city law firm.



### ANNIE DE SOUSA

Annie left GHS to read Chemistry at Oxford, always seeing herself as a scientist and assuming she would carry on in research. However, she changed her mind about the research route and is now working for STEM Marketing as a junior business analyst where she works internationally with pharmaceutical companies on audits.



### SOPHIA DWZIG

Sophia studied Modern and Medieval Languages at Cambridge, spending her year abroad working in Florence. She took the Law conversion course at the University of Law in Guildford and has just completed the Bar course in London. She is starting a pupillage in the Autumn.



### MELISSA LAWFORD

Melissa left GHS to study English at Edinburgh University. Her course included a year at the University of Pennsylvania, where she was involved in the student newspaper. After graduation she followed her dream of journalism, undertaking paid internships before taking an MA in Magazine Journalism at City, University of London. She is now editorial assistant at High Life, British Airways' in-flight magazine. Melissa told us that one of the best things about choosing to study subjects you like at school is that it leads you into jobs where you will always love the people you work with.



### YASMIN OMAR

Yasmin read French and Spanish at Cambridge and has been working as a sub-editor at Harper's Bazaar fashion magazine since April 2016. She described her current role which includes glamorous events such as the magazine's Women of the Year Awards at Claridge's, and interviewing celebrities. She also discussed the importance of work placements and internships in allowing her to secure her current role.



### CHARLOTTE TOBIN

Charlotte read French and Spanish at Edinburgh University; her degree included a year studying in Barcelona and Strasbourg. She shared her experiences of university, her year abroad and an internship which resulted in an offer of her current job; she is a tax consultant with Deloitte and is also studying for ACA and CTA professional qualifications.



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