

# Old Girls' Newsletter

2018 Issue



The Guildford High School magazine for alumnae

# Editors' Letter

We hope you enjoy this special edition: the 2018 Issue of the Old Girls' Newsletter, published 10 years after our Class of 2008 left GHS. A few of their special moments and important developments during their time at GHS can be seen in the first section and, as we continue to move forward to ever more exciting projects, the Class of 2008 achievements of the past are surrendered to those of another time. To the Class of 2018, on behalf of all Old Girls, congratulations on your results and all the best for the next chapter of your lives. Welcome to the community!

*“ It has been great to see so many Old Girls back at the school throughout the year, be it for reunions, careers events, assemblies or talks. ”*

Working on the newly revamped Old Girls' Newsletter has been a pleasure for the Editorial team; it has been a delightful opportunity to share in recent achievements, rekindle old memories and to get to know our Old Girls' community further.

A great number of people have helped to make the 2018 issue possible: to all of you, our sincere thanks for all your contributions. We have loved hearing from you, so please stay in touch. Your articles are a wonderful reminder of the inspirational women who inspire and continue to be inspired within the community to which we all belong.

Enjoy!

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We would love to know where you are and what are you doing! Whether you have got married, had children, taken a new direction at work or gone abroad on an adventure, your news and photos will make our annual magazine of more interest to all the other leavers in your year group.

If you would like to share your news and photos or submit an article for the next magazine, please send them to [oldgirls@guildfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:oldgirls@guildfordhigh.co.uk)

Front Cover: Old Girls at 10-year reunion in September  
Back row: Dr Jane Boyd, Sarah Ive, Susie Slater, Rachel Coombes, Mrs Margaret Clifford  
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Front row: Mrs Louise Stone, Alex Buckland, Kate Dear, Elie Rigg, Emily Woffenden, Charlie Herbert (née Moseley), Anna-Marie McGraw

# Welcome from the Headmistress

2018 has been a year of change; the Old Girls' community is blooming and our alumnae programme continues to improve. We appointed a new Alumnae Liaison Officer, held our first official 10-year reunion event for the Class of 2008 and hosted a 50-year reunion gathering for the Class of 1968!

*“ Following on from last year's updated style of magazine, we have further enhanced the design and feel of this year's issue. ”*

It is extremely difficult to summarise a year in the life of GHS and give a full picture of everything that takes place, but a snapshot of our headlines would have to include the news we received in January that Mrs Louise Stone had been awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours list for Services to Education. We are delighted for her and proud that her contribution to Sport, in Surrey and nationally, has been recognised. The fact that there are over 20 girls in the school representing their country in a sport is testament to the culture she has created within GHS. At our annual Sports Awards evening, many girls received prizes for their sporting efforts, whilst being given the opportunity to hear from guest speaker Charlotte Edwards, who spoke about her experiences as the England Cricket Captain.

Music has, once again, been sublime at GHS. Particular highlights were the exquisite Chamber Concert and our joint concert with RGS at G Live; 450 pupils, parents and staff were on stage to perform. The tour to Catalonia over summer was also a great success.

Drama continues to flourish with numerous productions at GHS. The traumatising effect of watching a community torn apart, staged by hysteria and false accusation in 'The Crucible' left us emotionally exhausted, whilst 'Rumours' by Neil Simon was a hilarious breath of fresh air. We laughed and we laughed. Fresh direction and ideas in our Shakespeare Festival left us guessing what would come next and the incredible creativity, by which the girls interpreted the different plays, was breathtaking. Our bi-annual Drama Awards evening was an opportunity to recognise the dramatic talent of girls at GHS across year groups, with an ex-Head Girl, Priyanga Burford, as a speaker, sharing how she followed her dream to become an actress.

*“ We are absolutely delighted to be awarded 'Best School for Pastoral Care' by The Week magazine this year. ”*

Pupils achieve well when they are happy and supported and I have to pay tribute to Mrs Karen Laurie, our Deputy Head Pastoral, for her vision and energy, that are so key in the winning of this award. Mrs Laurie brings sheer joy into GHS during Well-Being Week, from circus tricks to basket weaving, it was a very special week for our girls.

To round off the academic year in July, we were delighted to welcome Priya Lakhani OBE as our guest speaker at Prizegiving. She spoke about her experiences and gave us her top tips for life, emphasising the importance of kindness, and that resilience and perseverance are key.

Our academic results in the public examinations this year were, once again, outstanding. The scaffolding that supports each pupil to enable them to deliver their very best in the exam hall, as well as to participate fully in the life of the school, is what makes GHS so special.

As I write this, our Michaelmas Term is in full swing and has been as busy as ever. Before the October half term, we were delighted to host BBC's Question Time with David Dimbleby. We were also excited to welcome Clare Balding, to speak to us in our series of 'Inspiring Girls, Inspiring Women' talks.

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

*“ Please keep sending your photos and latest snippets to us. It is a pleasure to read and to catch up on your gap year experiences, degree successes, new jobs, marriages, births etc. ”*

I wish you all a happy and successful year.

Mrs Fiona Boulton



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# Class of 2008

To the Class of 2008, we hope you will enjoy this special edition of the Old Girls' Newsletter, which we have dedicated to both you and the current leavers of 2018. It is amazing how fast a decade has flown by since you left!

You were an extremely high attaining year group, not only academically, but also in Sport, Drama and Music. Mrs Boulton wrote a warning in your Leavers' book:

“If you continue to outperform in the way that you have at GHS then the world had better watch out!”

As an editorial team, we have been reminiscing over articles written in the newsletters during your final year.

Musical talent in your year group was outstanding and you may recall the superb Autumn and May concerts in which Dulcie fforde, Emma Woodruff and Rachel Coombes received standing ovations for their magnificent performances. You may also remember the theatrical production of 'The Mikado', starring Emily Wenman, Naomi Baker and Bethan Thomas; very different from your delightful Year 7 Panto 'Aladdin'. When school was out in the summer, Rhiannon Field and Georgina Sturge took themselves to the Edinburgh Fringe to play with their indie-rock band Orange Room.

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Bottom back row: Dr Jane Boyd, Dulcie fforde, Sarah Ive, Rachel Scott-Thompson, Kat Pett, Rachel Coombes, Anna-Marie McGraw, Mrs Louise Stone, Mrs Margaret Clifford.  
Bottom front row: Alex Buckland, Kate Dear, Charlie Herbert (née Moseley), Emily Woffenden, Ellie Roberts, Elie Rigg, Roee Thomas, Susie Slater

You were one of Miss Legg's (now Mrs Byrne) favourite Netball teams of all time! I can remember watching Rosie Antcliff, Charlie Moseley, Tory Richardson, Emily Woffenden, Elie Rigg, Ellie Roberts, Susie Slater, Susie Gill and Maz Phillips, as young U14's, practising in the Nightingale Playground on dark winter evenings, springing over puddles and trying to keep the ball within the lighted areas of the classrooms!

*“ I am so glad the new Sports Centre was finished in time for you to enjoy your last year of proper training under floodlights. ”*

Your debating team won the National Finals at Durham University, from which 10 girls went on to represent the UK in Prague, discussing and debating European issues in the Czech Parliament.

Miss Hayden left GHS in your Upper Sixth year to become Headmistress at Surbiton High School, whilst Mrs Clifford took the opportunity to retire from the PE department after 19 years. She was particularly fond of her Badminton and Tennis teams, which in addition to some of the names mentioned above, included the likes of Alex Buckland, Kate Dear, Jessica Donnithorne, Kirsty Finlayson, Fran Kearney, Katie Parkes, Sophie Markham, Sarah Osborne, Ana Swirski, Aditi Rao, Charlotte Taylor, Rose Thomas and Susannah Waite.

Anna-Marie McGraw, a wonderful athlete, swimmer and Lacrosse player, became your Head Girl, ably supported by her Deputies, Carlene Kuschke and Elie Rigg, with Rosie Antcliff, Scarlett Benson, Katie Hayes, Sarah Osbourne, Sarah Vaux and Alice Wood making up the rest of the Senior Prefect team. At the end of the year, we were delighted to welcome James Cracknell to be

our Prizegiving speaker.

*“ I'm not sure GHS has ever pulled such a large crowd ever since! ”*

Year 7 Prefects were Vicky Austen, Lucie Ellis, Laura Harrison, Sophie Harrison, Laura Hibberd, Charlotte May, Emily Morgan, Naomi Richardson, Alex Rae and Ana Swirski, whilst your Charity Committee involved Jasna Comara, Rhiannon Field, Lydia Kerridge, Kate Lansdowne, Lottie McLroy, Katy Parkes, Soram Patel, Aditi Rao, Emily Woffenden and Gillian Yeomans.

So that was then, but what about now? It was lovely to host a group of you at your 10-year Reunion on Saturday 15 September 2018! You have clearly moved on in your adult lives, yet it felt as if you had never left. It was a pleasure to see you all in school again.



Below: Ellie Roberts, Susie Slater, Charlie Herbert (née Moseley), Mrs Louise Stone, Kate Dear, Elie Rigg, Rose Thompson, Alex Buckland, Emily Woffenden

*“ Dr Boyd and I had great fun showing you all around, and as we did so, it really struck me how GHS friendships and memories endure the test of time. ”*

As you wandered around the school, it was amusing to listen and watch the constant flow of chat and giggles about your memories of school life, of particular teachers and lessons you loved (or hated!) and school trips you enjoyed. Despite all the new buildings and facilities, some classrooms and laboratories

remain clearly familiar in their layout and smell. Changing rooms and notice boards prompted entertaining stories and little things, like the post box for returning books to the library (which has clearly reached icon status!) brought incredulous hilarity.

Many thanks to Alex Buckland, Rachel Coombes, Kate Dear, Dulcie fforde, Charlie Herbert (née Moseley), Sarah Ive, Anna-Marie McGraw, Kat Pett, Elie Rigg, Ellie Roberts, Rose Thomas, Rachel Scott-Thompson, Susie Slater and Emily Woffenden for coming and making the day so enjoyable and worthwhile. For those not able to be with us on the day, a snapshot of some of the Class of 2008

(where they currently are and where they hope to be in 10 years) is included in the following pages.

In your 2008 Leavers' Year Book, Mrs Boulton wrote 'As we launch you into the world, like arrows from a bow, I wish you a safe flight and look forward to hearing where you land'. A decade is just over a third of your life and it is fascinating to see how the seven or more years spent at GHS have steered you along new and interesting journeys during that time. I look forward to seeing how the next 10 years pan out and hope your travels, dreams and aspirations continue to come true!

Mrs Louise Stone



# Class of 2008 snapshot

Alex Buckland



**How would you describe yourself now?**

Excitable.

**What is your best memory of GHS?**

Camilla Buswell jumping out of the desk during registration and giving Mrs Bingham the fright of her life!

**Where are you now?**

Senior Client Director at an advertising agency in London, in the process of buying a house with my boyfriend and still seeing the GHS girls all the time.

**Where will you be 10 years from now?**

Living in Tokyo with my boyfriend, running an advertising agency and owning lots of dogs!

**Achievements since leaving GHS:**

My position as Senior Client Director at an advertising agency and three Cannes Lions.

Rachel Coombes



**How would you describe yourself now?**

Nothing . Has . Changed!

**What is your best memory of GHS?**

Playing the Finzi Clarinet Concerto with the Chamber Orchestra in the Upper Sixth.

**Where are you now?**

In between adventures! I spent a few years working in comms for the Barbican, now embarking on a PHD on Art History at Oxford.

**Where will you be 10 years from now?**

Curator of the Musée d'Orsay (you have to aim high, right?!)

**Achievements since leaving GHS:**

Gaining top first in my year in Music as an undergraduate at Oxford.

Kate Dear



**How would you describe yourself now?**

Fun, caring and motivated.

**What is your best memory of GHS?**

Trinity Term Tennis matches and tournaments with Mrs Clifford.

**Where are you now?**

After completing my medical degree and working for two years as a Junior Doctor in London, I have returned to Bristol where I am rotating through different medical specialities, planning a wedding and hoping to move to Australia for a year or two in 2019!

**Where will you be 10 years from now?**

Hopefully, a Consultant Dermatologist with a family of my own. Location still TBC!

**Achievements since leaving GHS:**

I suppose surviving six years of university...

Sarah Ive



**How would you describe yourself now?**

Eccentric, driven, ecological.

**What is your best memory of GHS?**

Bubbling methane gas through water and washing up liquid, then setting fire to it to create giant fireballs!

**Where are you now?**

Senior Ecological Consultant - advising large scale developments on ecological impacts. Living in Bordon and Balham. I spend my time hiking up mountains and walking the countryside.

**Where will you be 10 years from now?**

Who knows?!

**Achievements since leaving GHS:**

Visiting 30 countries before I'm 30 (most since leaving uni!)

Charlie Herbert

*née Moseley*



**How would you describe yourself now?**

Smiley, sporty, happy.

**What is your best memory of GHS?**

All the Sport events and matches!

**Where are you now?**

I've just got married and living in London, working in the financial services.

**Where will you be 10 years from now?**

Hopefully, we will have a couple of children (and a dog!) and maybe become a primary school Sports Teacher.

**Achievements since leaving GHS:**

Running the London Marathon and a 12 hour Velothon!

Rachel Scott-Thompson



**How would you describe yourself now?**

Same as ever!

**What is your best memory of GHS?**

Running around in the rain with Kat and getting told off by numerous teachers! We're still causing trouble wherever we go...

**Where are you now?**

I am a Production Manager in a factory which makes fire detectors. Maybe not where I would have expected to be 10 years ago but I love it!

**Where will you be 10 years from now?**

Let's see!

**Achievements since leaving GHS:**

Learning to ride a motorbike at last. 12 year old me would be so proud!

# Class of 2018

Class of 2018: You are my rainbow year group. When I see you, I see bright colours. It takes sunshine and rain to make a rainbow and each of you is reflecting and refracting light slightly differently to throw out your colour.

“ I think you all know that life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain. Rainbows are stunning and magical and it is hard not to see a rainbow and feel like something really special is happening. ”

As you leave us, you go with our deep thanks for all that you have given to GHS and our very best wishes for a happy and successful future. Remain colourful and kind and curious and fearless and energetic and live life to the full.

Mrs Fiona Boulton



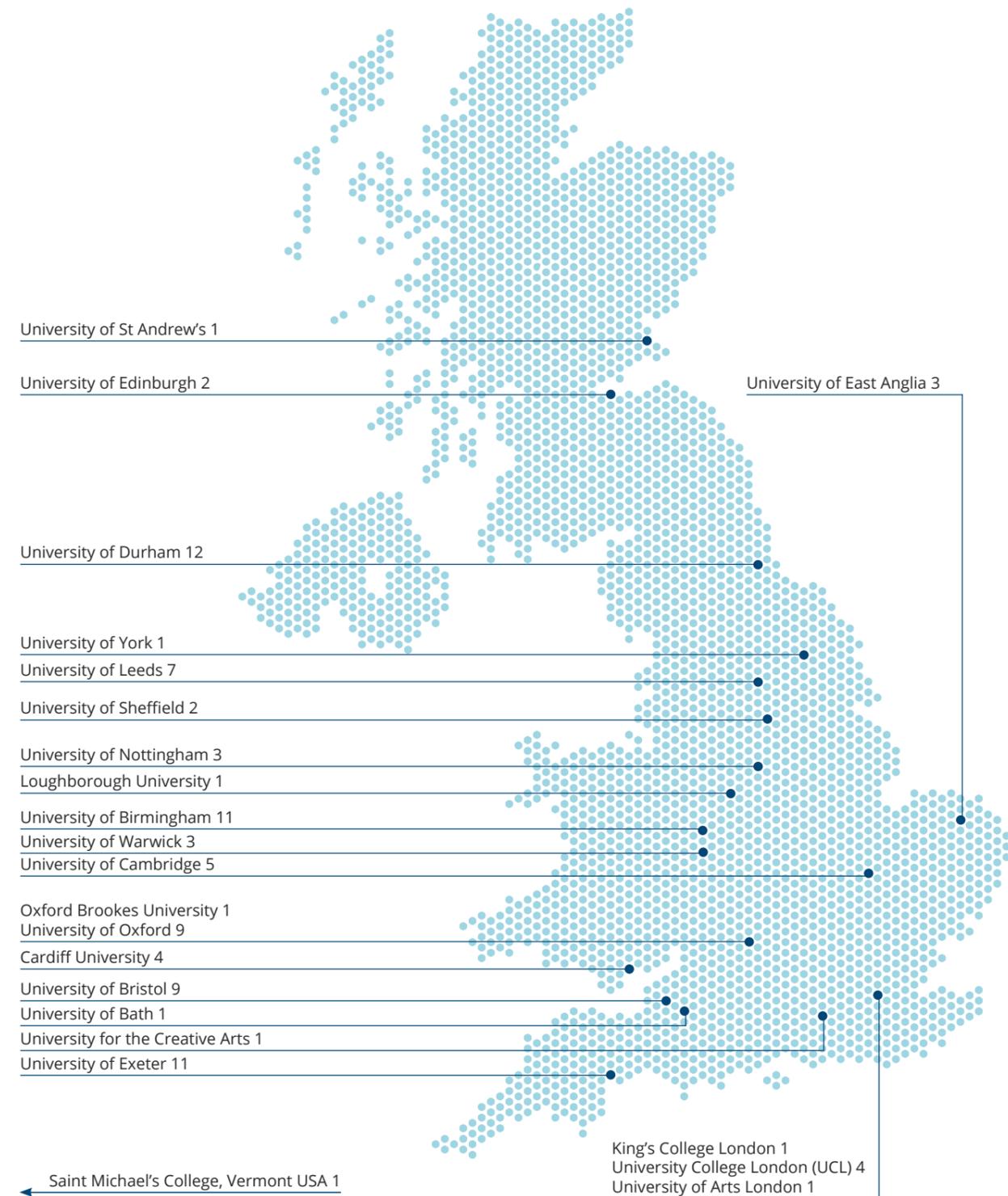
# A Level results 2018

Subject	Entries	A*	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
Art and Design	2	100%	100%	100%	100%
Biology	26	46%	85%	96%	100%
Chemistry	34	26%	71%	94%	100%
Classical Civilisation	4	0%	75%	100%	100%
D&T: Product Design	1	0%	100%	100%	100%
D&T: Fashion & Textiles	1	0%	100%	100%	100%
Drama	12	33%	75%	100%	100%
Economics	11	45%	100%	100%	100%
English Language and Literature	8	75%	100%	100%	100%
English Literature	18	89%	100%	100%	100%
French	9	67%	89%	100%	100%
Geography	16	81%	100%	100%	100%
German	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Government & Politics	18	39%	83%	89%	100%
Greek	2	50%	100%	100%	100%
History	11	36%	100%	100%	100%
Latin	6	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mathematics	45	40%	80%	96%	100%
Further Mathematics	14	36%	64%	79%	93%
Music	4	0%	50%	75%	100%
Physical Education	3	33%	100%	100%	100%
Physics	17	53%	76%	94%	100%
Psychology	23	39%	74%	83%	100%
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion	13	38%	92%	100%	100%
Spanish	10	10%	80%	90%	100%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>45.3%</b>	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*NB. Not all grades have been certified due to re-marks



# Destination of leavers 2018





# Leavers' Ball 2018

Guildford High School were delighted to host the 2018 Leavers' Ball on a beautiful July evening, when we said farewell to the Upper Sixth as they prepare to embark on the next exciting phase of their lives. It was a wonderful event with parents, staff and students all enjoying the carnival stalls and the brilliant atmosphere, with the girls looking fantastic in their prom dresses.

Mr Will Saunders



# A Year in Photos at GHS (2017-18)



# BBC's 'Question Time' broadcast from GHS

The BBC's flagship political debate programme, 'Question Time', was broadcast from GHS earlier this year on 18 October 2018. To the fascination of the staff, parents and girls', the Main Hall was transformed into the 'Question Time' set overnight.

Hosted by David Dimbleby, who has presented the show since 1994, it featured a panel comprised of:

Conservative James Cleverly MP, Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party and Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union Keir Starmer MP,

'The Economist' Editor-in-Chief Zanny Minton Beddoes, British Stand-up Comedian and Presenter Nish Kumar and author and Conservative MP Michael Dobbs.

*“As well as hosting the broadcast, the event also offered a fascinating opportunity for girls to go behind the scenes of one of the country's best known debating programmes.”*

Pupils met the production crew to find out more about how the show is put together each week. Some were even able to get behind the cameras and try their hand at filming! Meanwhile a number of Sixth Form pupils were selected to form part of the 'Question Time' audience during the evening's recording and were asked to put their questions to the panel.

Mrs Helen Moffat



# Lord Robert Winston welcomed at GHS

In early October 2017 the eminent Medical Scientist and Television Presenter, Lord Robert Winston, gave a whole-school talk: 'Why bother about Science?'

*“Lord Winston is Professor of Science and Society and Emeritus Professor of Fertility Studies at Imperial College London.”*

In the 1970s, he developed gynaecological surgical techniques that improved fertility treatments.

He gave incredibly interesting insights into what happens following many scientific developments, when they start to cause harm and are not used as originally intended. This made the girls think more about the crossover between Science and ethics, which was evident by the number of questions Lord

Winston received after the talk. It was such a great pleasure to hear him speak, and everyone left looking forward to their next Science lesson!

Helen Tudor (Class of 2018)



# 'The Hypochondriac'

In our household, news of an upcoming Mackay/Hogg production is always greeted with joyful anticipation. We were treated to the usual evening of superlative entertainment; the whole company demonstrated impeccable comic timing, not only in the delivery of Roger

McGough's witty and masterful adaption of Moliere's original, but also in their physicality. Particular mention must go to the superb Georgina Durie and Emma Pollock for their respective portrayals of the long-'suffering' titular hypochondriac and his equally, if different, long-suffering Servant,

as well as Maddy Black for her truly hilarious Doctor's Son. The 'Members of the Company' are also to be congratulated for their many and varied interjections. A triumph all round!

Mrs Val Callaghan



# 'The Crucible'

The Upper School production of 'The Crucible' stunningly captured the simmering tension and ultimate implosion of the Salem community in Miller's seminal play. The stark simplicity of the set, designed by Maria Pointer, mirrored the brutal forces at work in a society dominated by suspicion, fear and jealousy. Kitty Daniels captured both the fragility and cunning of the play's antagonist, Abigail Williams, and was brilliantly supported by Brinley Arnold, Emily Burch, Beth Yates, Alex Lavan, Rosie Weiner, Emily Lipscombe and Rhiannon Green as the play rose to an eerie pitch of hysteria which transfixed the audience. Hadyn Millar and Maria Pointer, as John and Elizabeth Proctor, gave hugely affecting performances, capturing a tender yet flawed relationship, and Charlie Geoghegan and Isobel Lovatt's portrayals of Mary Warren and the Reverend Hale were nuanced and mature. Congratulations to all the students involved in the play and most especially to Ms Fenton for another spectacular production.

Mrs Elisabeth Ravenscroft



# 'Rumours'

'Rumours', by Neil Simon, is a brilliant farcical comedy that explores the reputation and inflated egos of the eight guests at the dinner party, and shows how not to deal with a crisis. Directed by Katharine Whiteman, with assistance from Sophia Hodgson, the ten strong cast brought hilarity to the stage with their fantastic comedic timing and well-controlled and

exaggerated character portrayals. From the wonderfully eccentric Leonard Cummings, played by the brilliant Lilia Murdoch, to the sleazy womaniser, Glenn Cooper, played by the versatile Maria Pointer, each cast member brought vibrancy and energy to ensure superb performances by all. '80s shoulder pads, huge backcombed hair, vibrant eyeshadow, and (somewhat

questionable) flamboyant shirts were worn with style, and accentuated the ridiculous, ostentatious characters. The cast were also able to command the clever word play, many exits and entrances, and ridiculous falls with impressive control. Overall, a rib-tickling time was had by all!

**Miss Kat Whiteman**



# Classic FM: Best Classical Music Education Initiative

Earlier this year, five nominees for the Best Classical Music Education Initiative were chosen by a selection panel comprising the editorial team of 'Music Teacher' magazine, chaired by Alex Stevens, their Editor. The panel judged potential nominees against the criteria of musical excellence, impact and innovation.

Any classical music education initiative based in the UK was eligible for this award, but the panel felt strongly that the chosen five initiatives scored highest against the agreed criteria.

Amongst the nominees was a commission from United Learning, 'Wassail! Carols of Comfort and Joy', a large-scale music project with Choral Composer Alexander L'Estrange that brought together over 30 schools from across the country,

including Guildford High School's own Consort Choir (Year 6) and Lower School Chamber Choir (Years 7-9). The brand new choral extravaganza included a sequence of 12 uplifting folk-inspired Christmas songs exploring the sacred and secular aspects of the festive season.

*“ The project provided over 500 young people and their teachers with a joyful and rewarding musical experience that also offered the opportunity for them to build lasting connections with the wider community. ”*

The winners were announced at the Music Teacher Awards on the evening of 22 February 2018 at the Sheraton Grand London Park Lane. 'Wassail' won the Classic FM Best Classical Music Education Initiative, which honours an education initiative that has used classical music in an innovative way, shown musical excellence and had a positive impact on a significant number of participants.

The award, presented to Catherine Barker, United Learning's Head of Music and Performing Arts was voted for by the general public via Classic FM. 'Wassail' was a great project to be part of and the composition thoroughly deserved the award. Guildford High School girls had a great time singing!

**Mr Grayson Jones**



# The sporting secrets of Britain's most successful girls' school

'School Sport Magazine' has named Guildford High School as "the most successful sporting girls' school in the country." Having been in the top four of School Sport Magazine's exclusive top 100 Independent Schools for Sports for five consecutive years, this season's issue (Issue 70) celebrates our success with a four-page spread dedicated to Sport at GHS.

The article covers GHS' national titles and leading placements in a range of sports from Netball, Athletics, Swimming and Lacrosse and goes on to say "this only tells half the story about Guildford High School."

*“ Mrs Louise Stone, our Executive Director of Sport, has been with GHS for 21 years and has recently been awarded an MBE for her service to Education. ”*

When interviewed by 'School Sport Magazine' on what she feels most proud of, she said:

"We all know how important it is for pupils to feel recognised and valued in a school community and success in Sport can have a tremendous impact on a young individual's personal confidence and self-esteem. What we have learned is that success does not always come easily and often takes years of hard work. There is no doubt that the time and effort we have taken to develop the competitive structure of our minor sports, has enabled many more girls of different interests and talents to reach their full potential."

We are very lucky that GHS attracts talented sportswomen and we are proud of all their achievements. There is no doubt that success breeds success and as they pass through the school, they provide a legacy from which the next generation can share.

Mrs Fiona Boulton



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# Sisters shoot for success

Historically, Archery has been used for hunting and combat and was invented in the late Palaeolithic/early Mesolithic periods. The oldest signs of Archery's use in Europe date from around 10,000BC, while in Asia and the Middle East evidence suggests Archery originated even earlier. In modern times, it is mainly a competitive sport and recreational activity.

Louisa and Eleanor also won a silver team medal at the European Youth Championships, Greece, in July where Louisa was shooting as an U21 Junior; this was the first time they have competed in a team event together. Both girls are members of five strong GBR Olympic National Women's Squad which hopes to secure Tokyo Olympic quota places for GBR at the World Championships next year.

Louisa Piper, currently in Year 11 at Guildford High School, debuted for the GBR Senior Archery team at the Shanghai and Antalya legs of the Archery World Cup in April and May this year; she was joined by her sister and Old Girl Nell Piper who also debuted for the GBR Senior team at the same events.

Helen Piper



Image: Louisa Piper, Year 11 at GHS with sister and Old Girl Nell Piper

*“ Currently ranked No 2 Senior UK lady, Louisa is now ranked 194th in the World (with two of the four permissible scores) despite being one of the youngest archers on the international senior circuit. ”*



# Swimming to the Olympics

Anna Maine, a 2018 leaver, was selected by team England to compete as a Backstroke Swimmer in the 2018 Commonwealth Games, held on the Gold Coast, Australia in April. The competition was Anna's first taste of senior competitive Swimming and was held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in front of 10,000 spectators and televised globally. Competition in Anna's events was world class with many Olympians participating along with the current World Record holder and she was proud to move from the heats and compete in both her semi-finals. Now at the University of Edinburgh, Anna has recently been selected for the fourth year by British Swimming as a podium potential swimmer targeting participation at the Tokyo 2020 and/or Paris 2024 Olympics.



Sally Maine



Image: Anna Maine, GHS 2011-2018

# A rising star in Tennis



Image: Nora, a Year 8 at GHS, ranked No. 2 in UK for Tennis

Tennis is a sport of all disciplines with a great history. It is played on an international stage, on a variety of surfaces and with the most technological improvements, making it one of the most interesting sports of all.

It integrates the best athletic qualities of the world's greatest sports. It requires the speed and quick reflexes of Badminton or Table Tennis and yet it must be played on a far larger surface. It must have the precision and touch of Golf but on the run! Players must have the strength of Boxing when striking the ball and the strategic and tactical thinking of court and adversary awareness. Whilst Tennis is comparable to many group sports such as Basketball, Hockey, Football or Soccer where one needs to understand and exploit one's strengths and the adversary's weaknesses, on court one is alone to 'figure it all out'. It takes the endurance of a marathon with the beauty and grace of Ballet, where one must maximise the levers of the body but in a fluid, precise, economical manner.

All of these qualities are employed whilst playing Tennis.

“ Nora, one of the Year 8s at GHS, is currently ranked No 2 in the UK at U12 and No 59 at U14; she is also ranked No 1 in Surrey and No 1 in the South East at U12. ”

Following in the wake of Old Girl Emily Appleton, Nora's goal for the coming months is to try and hit the number one position at U12 but more importantly, improve her U14 and U16 rankings while of course continuing to have fun on the court. Guildford High School are proud of what Nora has achieved and will be watching her Tennis progress with anticipation!

Miss Catriona Coutts-Wood

Left to right: Helen Schnabel, Sophie Rhys-Evans, Kasia Dorkins, Jasmine Murdoch, Angharad Eburne, Lauren Beech



# Decca's first female composer, Rebecca Dale, releases debut album



## Duke of Edinburgh celebrations at Buckingham Palace



For the past seven decades, DofE has inspired and transformed the lives of millions of young people from all walks of life. From volunteering to physical activities, life skills to expeditions, achieving a DofE Award is a passport to a brighter future, valued by employers and universities.

On a beautiful May morning, a number of Old Girls gathered in

the idyllic gardens of Buckingham Palace to be presented with their Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards by Prince Andrew and Joel Dommett. This award requires a great deal of commitment and dedication and it was lovely to see the girls, who had left over the last five years, being rewarded for all their hard work.

Mr Will Saunders

Young British composer and Old Girl Rebecca Dale, the first female composer to sign to Decca Classics, recently released her debut album, 'Requiem for My Mother'.

The uplifting album contains beautiful vocals of professional soloists, including Louise Alder, as well as cords played by The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Kantos Choir. Hannah, a Year 11 Music Scholar at Guildford High School, also took part at the request of Rebecca.

*“The album serves as a Requiem to Rebecca's late mother, and is described as 'a beautiful and uplifting tribute.'”*

The album was released in August and later premiered at the North Wales International Music Festival in St. Asaph Cathedral.

Guildford High School congratulate both Hannah and Rebecca for their success with the release of their album. It is a great example of the collaboration that exists within our community.

Mr Grayson Jones



# Sun, sea and studies in Samoa for Katie and Felicity Wren

In July last year, we flew halfway around the world to do our medical elective in the Paediatric Department at Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital, Samoa, as part of our medical degree. We had the opportunity to organise a three-month attachment in any aspect of medicine we wish to study further, anywhere in the world.

“ Our elective in Samoa provided us with an unrivalled opportunity to see diseases of childhood in a resource-poor environment. ”

Many patients presented with the common conditions that we see in the UK, but due to such a high rate of malnutrition and poverty, diseases in Samoa progressed much more rapidly than we have seen at home. In addition, we saw children with diseases that are not prevalent in the UK, such as the infectious disease Typhoid.

We were given the opportunity to treat patients, under the supervision of a Samoan consultant. This worked on a rotation, allowing other elective and Samoan medical students the opportunity to see a breadth of patients with different medical presentations. It was an invaluable experience to put what we had been taught in Cambridge into practice.

We were very aware when we applied to Samoa that their health-care system would be different to our NHS, due to financial constraints. It was a good learning experience to see how scarce resources are allocated and the impact of this on the health of the children.

Overall, our elective exceeded our expectations and being given the extra responsibility that we had was very rewarding. The team we were attached to were amazing, and made our experience not only educational, but also very enjoyable and fun.

We loved having a period of time that enabled us to travel so far from home, to visit a country we probably would never had visited if we had not had this opportunity. This truly was a once in a lifetime experience.

“ We thoroughly enjoyed being able to explore the natural beauty of the tropical island in our time off. We made life-long friends with medical students from all around the world and the local Samoan staff. ”

We would like to thank GHS and our Cambridge Colleges, (Caius and Queens) for their support, without which this elective would not have been possible.

Katie and Felicity Wren  
GHS (2001-2011 & 2001-2012)



Can you help us  
to inspire others?



We are looking for inspiring women to inspire our current girls - whether that is a talk on your career, a motivational speech, or simply acting as a mentor. We want our community, old and new, to collaborate and inspire one another.

If you would like to help, please email us at [oldgirls@guildfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:oldgirls@guildfordhigh.co.uk)

# Old Girls help to inspire GHS girls

This year we have welcomed back many Old Girls to the school for various talks and events. In February the school held another in our series of Careers Forums, this time focusing on 'Careers in Science'. It was great to hear about a range of different degree courses and the opportunities they give. We heard from an Old Girl who had studied Materials Science and is now working in Materials Testing in Godalming, and another Old Girl who is just writing up her PhD in the field of Cancer research. A more recent leaver told us about her experiences studying Animal Science at Nottingham, Dairy Farming in New Zealand, and her path to being a Food Buyer in London. It was an extremely informative evening and we are grateful to all the speakers for giving up their time.

That event was shortly followed by two other Old Girls visiting, who are currently involved in the world of politics. Kirsty Finlayson and Louise Nathanson spoke about their involvement in Conservative Party affairs

and then participated in a Q&A session with the Sixth Form girls who are studying A Level Politics. What particularly struck the girls was the high degree of dedication that both had displayed and the time they had committed over the last decade for the party cause. The speakers and audience found the event a very worthwhile and interesting experience and we wish both Kirsty and Louise much success in their political careers.

The Lower Sixth were also pleased to welcome a few of the Class of 2007 leavers to talk to them about their first year at different universities. Our visiting Old Girls each spoke for a few minutes to introduce themselves and their course and then there was plenty of time for an informal discussion. It was a great opportunity to catch up with some of last year's Upper Sixth!

To round off the year, the GHS Economics department hosted a 'Women in Economics, Business and Finance' talk and was delighted to welcome a few Old Girls back as guest speakers

to talk about their career paths post A Levels. Most had studied Economics at A Level and at university and talked about their decisions for studying Economics, their enjoyment of studying a subject that relates to real life, and were very enthusiastic about the variety of exciting career opportunities that they have been/are currently working in, including the CBI, Waitrose, Uber, HMRC Treasury, Virgin Media and Nomura International PLC.

*“ It has been a busy year and we couldn't hold these events and talks without our Old Girls. ”*

On behalf of the girls who experienced your talks and attended the events, we thank you for all that you have done and encourage other Old Girls to pop in and see us.

Dr Jane Boyd

Opposite: Jasmine Murdoch, Rachel Worlock, Elena Hotson, Hazel Ferguson, Megan Richards, Sophie Chua  
 Top: India Hamilton, Kate Alexander, Jojo Jameson, Dr Chloe Hopkins, Ella Beven, Esme Poole, Samodani Wijetunge, Temi Bankole, Anna Timms, Gauri Saxena  
 Middle left: Kirsty Finlayson, Mr David Cleaver, Louise Calland  
 Middle right: Katie Plummer, Izzy Robinson, Arti Sikka  
 Bottom: Charlotte Nixon, Rosemary Freeman, Jacqueline Warren, Alice Lim, Tess Kermodé, Tania Kumar



# Lights, camera, action for Old Girl Priyanga Burford

Earlier this year, GHS held its bi-annual Drama Awards evening; an opportunity for everyone involved in all things theatrical at GHS to get together and celebrate another wonderful two years of creativity, talent and incredible teamwork.

“ For such an occasion, GHS invited Priyanga Burford, a former Head Girl at GHS in 1990-91, as guest speaker. ”

Priyanga is an Actress in film, TV, theatre and radio and is now appearing in the play 'Eyam' as Katherine Mompesson at Shakespeare's Globe and as editor of The Herald, Amina Chaudury, in the BBC's journalism drama Press. Her past work includes 'Star Wars', 'Marcella', 'The Thick of It', 'King Charles III' and 'The Winter's Tale' at Shakespeare's Globe.

Discussing her journey, from Science to English Literature to acting, her intimate approach to the craft and her views on the industry today, she gave an

inspiring speech to the girls who saw that committing to growth as a person is what fuels her successful career. She spoke with passion about her personal epiphany whilst in the Sixth Form:

“ I remember tagging along with a school theatre trip to see Charleson in his legendary performance of 'Hamlet' at the National Theatre. I felt the exhilaration then: going through something in a room full of people and having this deep shared experience. I had A Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Physics, and that really woke me up to the arts. ”

Priyanga went to university, then drama school and then became a professional Actress, which she

has now been for over 20 years. Her advice to the girls was clear: work really hard - it's not an easy job to do or to progress in. She emphasised that relationships are key - it's really important to be kind and generous with co-workers because it's very difficult to be creative in an atmosphere which is negative or tense. In her closing statement she told the girls "if you believe in yourself and your talent and you enjoy what you do then keep going. Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't. Keep going; be creative and do things to feed your inspiration."

Old Girl Rachel Kraftman, who left GHS in 2007, also spoke at the awards on her role as a Theatre Producer, working on numerous projects concurrently. The GHS Drama Awards evening ended with both Old Girls presenting the numerous awards to this year's recipients; the plentiful number of these reinforced the sheer extent of talent, commitment and hard-work that epitomises the dramatic community at GHS. I am sure we will be seeing plenty more professional actresses from GHS in the future!

Ms Ashley Fenton



# Tying the knot

Top: Farhana Lalani pictured with her husband and GHS Old Girls Lisa Stevens & Robyn Guillaume-Smith  
 Bottom left: Jemima Miller (née Graham) pictured with Old Girls Jessica Austen, Olivia Shepherd (née Wright), Katie Francis, Lucy Hasson, Helen Schnabel and Hillary Rusholme  
 Middle right: Emma Canham (née Woodruff) with husband Jon  
 Bottom right: Anna Greenley (née Platt) with husband Simon



# Class of 1958: 70 years of friendships



In August 2017, several former GHS students caught up at the home of Jane Lewis (née Garsts) in the Meon Valley, to celebrate their 70 years of friendships. The girls travelled from all over the country for the reunion, and one even flew in from Spain! The girls had a splendid day, chatting over lunch, where their friendship carried on as if they had never left GHS.

## Gilda Foster (née Gray)

Top: Mary Mort (née Goodall), Christine Hart (née Andrew), Gilda Foster (née Gray), Jane Lewis (née Garst), Elizabeth Woods (née Pash), Lynne Cootie (née Meredith), Mary Gribble (née Carmichael), and sitting (left to right) Hilary Herdman (guest) and Anne Smart (née Blake).

Bottom left: Christine Hart (née Andrew), Mary Gribble (née Carmichael), Stella Weeds (née Micklam), Elisabeth Woods (née Pash), Lynne Cootie (née Meredith), Jane Lewis (née Garst), Hilary Herdman (guest), Gilda Foster (née Gray), Anne Smart (née Blake), and Susan Trembath (née Brooks).

# Class of 1968: 50 years on...

It was an absolute pleasure to host an afternoon of tour and tea, for a lovely group of Old Girls who left the school in 1968. The whole GHS environment, including buildings, facilities, and, of course, its community of pupils and staff, has understandably grown much larger and modernised, taking on a diverse appearance since their schooldays; the English corridor and old Head Girl notice boards instantly became familiar, as did the exterior of Morton House!

As we wandered around, the group reminisced about a completely different educational establishment from the one it is now. Some longed for the opportunities in Art, Drama and Sport that current pupils are now able to take for granted. GHS Music, however, clearly won the prize for longevity as their Symphony Orchestra, ensembles and choirs were incredibly strong and played a very important part in their extra-curricular life, in the same way they do today.

*“ We were mightily impressed with the enormous changes to the school campus over the last 50 years. ”*

Penny Mawdsley wrote in her letter, “As you will have picked up from comments as we went around, we were mightily impressed with the enormous changes to the school over the last 50 years - although we were somewhat overwhelmed by it all, not least the clear signs of super-diligence and dedication displayed by the whole school community. We doubted whether we personally could have coped psychologically, let alone physically, either as pupils or teachers, with the relentless demands of working in an all-round high-achieving school like GHS today... but we congratulate you all for working so hard to provide inspiration - in spades - for the girls lucky enough to experience being educated in this special place.”

Mrs Louise Stone



# A birthday celebration to remember for the Class of 1975



In July 2017, 24 of us met to celebrate the year of our 60th birthdays. We met for lunch at The Onslow Arms in Clandon, and were delighted that so many joined the occasion. Anne Rider and Sue Ellis flew in from America and others travelled from Northumberland, Yorkshire and the West Country.

*“ There were reminiscences, of course, but also a great deal of interest in what we were all doing now. ”*

I would like to thank the committee that helped to plan it - Bobby Findlay, Gillian Hedges, Suzy Nichols, Mary Starte, Zandra Boodhoo and Annelies Doelly,

who also made delicious celebratory cupcakes as leaving gifts.

Those who attended include: Jayne Atter, Polly Barnes, Zandra Boodhoo, Celia Chamberlain, Rosamunde Clifford, Caroline Cooper, Helen Davies, Annelies Doelly, Sue Ellis, Bobby Findlay, Gillian Hedges, Rosalind Ingram, Jane Leach, Fiona McAllister, Pippa McDonald, Sarah Moss, Suzy Nichols, Mary Osmaston, Christina Pow, Anne Rider, Sally Scott, Mary Starte, Celia Strachan and Sally Tattersall.

Perhaps another in a few years' time!

Jane Dallyn (née Leach)

# Guildford GOLDS Netball tournament

Opposite: Alex Atkins, Alice Pursell, Carrie Bonnar, Lizzy Gartland, Isla Middleton, Antonia Peckham, Emma Brown and Sophie Chua  
 Top: Kat Hughes, Kate Wareing, Honor Boulton, Anna Christiansen, Emilie Tretow-Busellato, Juliette Weller, Emily Woolcott and Poppy Miller  
 Middle left: Hannah Torrance, Lydia Davies, Maddie Veys, Alice Paremain, Emily Russell and Ellie Brown



On a very sunny day in April, over 50 Old Girls returned to GHS to compete in the first ever alumnae Netball tournament. It was wonderful seeing so many girls back on court, some of whom hadn't played together for over eight years. There was a lovely, friendly atmosphere on arrival but as soon as the first whistle was blown, their competitive edge took over.

The standard of play was outstanding and when watching, both Mrs Amanda Whybro and I felt incredibly proud, and were even prouder when we were informed at how many were still playing Netball on a weekly basis. The matches were hotly contested but the Class of 2017 were supreme and were crowned Alumnae Champions 2018. The event was well supported by parents who had clearly missed the opportunity to watch their daughters play.

*“ On behalf of my year, I just wanted to say thanks very much for organising the tournament at the weekend. It was great fun - so nice to see everyone and get playing again! It was also great to catch up with people in the other teams who we haven't seen for ages! ”*

As it was such a great success, another tournament will be held in April 2020 so please start getting your year group team together now!

Mrs Rachel Byrne



# Guildford GOLDS Lacrosse match

Opposite: In blue bibs – Issey Delaney, Isobel Russell, Jess Falworth and Milly Philips with current GHS senior players.  
Bottom: Old Girls with current GHS senior player



On Saturday 15 September 2018, the 1st and 2nd Lacrosse teams played against a team consisting mainly of GHS Old Girls. The Old Girls' team 'Guildford GOLDS' included: Emma Brown, Heather Macrae, Rebecca Richmond-Smith, Luci Delaney, Livy Schellekens, Issey Delaney, Alex Brodersen, Milly Philips, Alex Atkins, Issy Russell and Emma Adams.

*“ The 1sts and 2nds stepped up to the challenge of playing a team containing some international Lacrosse players representing both England and Scotland. The Guildford GOLDS demonstrated the high standard of Lacrosse produced by GHS. ”*

In typical GHS style, the 1sts and 2nds put up a good fight, providing an entertaining and competitive match for players and spectators alike. In addition, it was a very sociable match, allowing current GHS girls and teachers to catch-up with some of the Old Girls.

It was a great opportunity for the GHS teams to experience such a high calibre of Lacrosse, and both teams have come away with some valuable lessons for the season ahead.

Zoe Macrae (Upper Sixth at GHS)



# News from Old Girls

## Gillian Maull

GHS 1941-1950



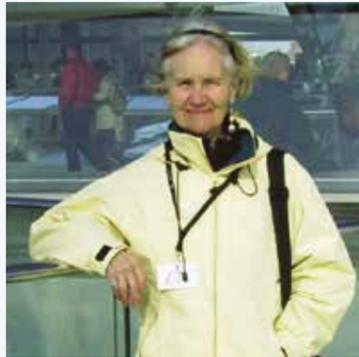
After leaving GHS, I spent some time in Paris. I then got married to David – an RGS boy – in 1958. I moved to Cambridge with David when he took a role as a reader for the University of Cambridge. We went travelling a lot, including to Vancouver and Singapore, where we had the opportunity to explore parts of Malaysia. David passed, and I have been on my own for 20 years now. We have two daughters and three grandchildren. I still enjoy travelling, and over the past 10 years I have been to places such as India and South Africa.

I volunteered a lot for local museums, such as Fitzwilliam, and took advantage of music when I was in Cambridge, singing in the University Musical Society - great fun! All this was inspired by the marvellous musical education at GHS, where I learnt the piano and sang in all the choirs going.

I still think about and keep in contact with my old GHS friends, some of which I see often such as Gay Mabley (née Kilpatrick), who was my first school friend.

## Alison Cooper

GHS 1947-1952



After several years as a Deputy Director of The Leverhulme Trust, where I looked after applications and grants towards academic research, I eventually retired in 2002 to pursue my interest in writing novels. Since my retirement, I secured the publishing of two novels: 'The Rapallo Legacy' (2009) and 'Adrian's Journey' (2017).

The inspiration of my novels were loosely based on personal life experiences – such as when I lived in Geneva from 1960-1970 working as a bi-lingual English-French Secretary. Other experiences I encountered were during my return to London, where I studied Chinese and French at the Polytechnic of Central London. After my studies I had the rewarding opportunity of participating in an exchange programme, which focused on helping those in foreign countries to gain access to academia; hence, the interest which led me to The Leverhulme Trust later in life.

I never got married, nor had any children – but did thoroughly enjoy my working life!

## Anne Dunford, OBE

*née Tunnell*

GHS 1943-1953



After completing five years of term at the office as Suffolk's Trefoil Guild President, I retired my position to my successor, Jill, in December 2017. I thoroughly enjoyed being a Parish Councillor, although, I am very much involved by running their Twitter account, aiming to show that GHS Old Girls do their best to keep up to date in the 21st Century!

I am still President of the Ipswich Institute and love being involved there and regularly visit, not least to continue my studies inspired by Miss Stuart, more than 70 years ago!

I remain a Vice President of Girlguiding (UK). My new appointment is representing the Lay Canons on the Council of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, which is a real privilege. This takes me to beautiful Bury St Edmunds for meetings and services; always a special treat.

I am very pleased to stay in touch with GHS Old Girls from my era; it is great to hear their news from time to time, in person or by letter or email.

## Wendy Wilson

*née Haynes*

GHS 1942-1954



I first joined GHS with Miss Hughes as my teacher, where I stayed on until Upper Sixth with Miss Nesbit. After GHS, I worked in London in the Actuarial department of a big insurance firm for five years, then to Mathematics at the National Institute of Oceanography for six years.

At 30, I became a stay-at home mum, and later on had four children. The community I lived in was friendly and social; I later joined a charity, Creative Response, which worked with adults with long-term mental disorders.

Thanks to Miss Hunt, I have always enjoyed music. I am still singing in choirs, at our Fellowship I play the keyboard and occasionally sing solo. She gave us so much insight and creativity into music.

My husband Mike was a Journalist for 'Flight International' and started up a Christian newspaper with an emphasis on Israel, in which we visited twice. Mike passed last year, and I am now focusing my attention volunteering at the local primary school to help with reading for the children.

## Stella Shackle

GHS 1952-1965



After leaving GHS, I completed an Art foundation course at Farnham School of Art, and then transferred to Hornsey College of Art, London, in September 1967 to complete a National Diploma course in Graphic Design.

Due to family illness, I moved back home to Norwich, where I gained the job as Photographer in the School of Fine Arts at the University of East Anglia, in which I stayed at for 12 years.

I then decided that I wanted to pursue my first wish to work in a healthcare field, and worked for a period as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. In 1990, I was fortunate to find a healthcare trust that paid for me to complete a postgraduate course in OT, which I successfully completed in 1992. I worked in both physical and mental health care settings, ending up as a Mental Health Link-worker, working in primary healthcare settings. I retired in 2009, and now support young people with mental health problems attending a local employment project at the Norwich Jobcentre on a voluntary basis.

## Kathleen Belfield

*née Creswell*

GHS 1966-1968



Miss Rivers inspired my passion for Music at GHS. Only three of us studied A Level Music at that time! Music has continued to play a large part in my life, both teaching it and performing.

I play the organ regularly at our local church, alongside being fortunate enough to sing with Brighton Festival Chorus; we recently performed 'Britten's War Requiem', all from memory - no mean feat! The main orchestra was L'Orchestre de Picardie, along with the Britten Sinfonia (the chamber orchestra). The orchestra were symbolic to the piece, being based in Amiens, in the heart of what was the Western Front. The piece marked the centenary of the end of World War One.

## Elizabeth Thoday

*née Warr*

GHS 1965–1688



Following my own experiences with PTSD counselling, I have now been heavily involved with a charity called Horse Time. The charity covers different programmes to help veterans who are suffering with PTSD, alongside partners who may need support. Using therapy-trained horses, the veterans learn to gain confidence and self-worth, developing coping strategies to help them - and their families - overcome this terrible and debilitating condition.

The charity annually holds workshops, where they can engage in a multitude of activities. One of these activities includes baking, in which I teach the workshops. Alongside this I have become Head Gardener and have created a garden in Little Swinton, in which all clients can work, relax or simply be in beautiful surroundings.

To date my husband Peter, a wonderful team of friends and I have raised well over £1000 towards the workshops, through car-boot sales and Christmas baking and craftwork!

## Una Lee

*née Kay*

GHS 1962–1969



I graduated from the University of Birmingham in 1972 with a degree in Microbiology. I then went on to work in Medical Microbiology at the University of Oxford and University College Dublin and later on graduated from Trinity College Dublin for research on aspects of resistance of potato varieties to *Phytophthora infestans*. My love of Science was inspired by my GHS teacher, Mrs Mitchell.

In 1978, I followed doctoral research in plant pathology at University College Dublin working and teaching on aspects of various diseases of potatoes and potatoes tissue culture systems for the Irish seed potato industry. I later went on to have three children, Robert, Pamela and Bernard, with my husband Norman, who is a passionate sailor.

Keeping connections with old GHS staff, I met Miss Millward (Biology), who took me around Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in Cape Town in 1982.

## Jocelyn Cunliffe

*née Willoughby*

GHS 1963–1970



I left GHS in 1970 and went on to study Architecture at the University of Edinburgh, where I joined an architectural practice and became a Partner. The practice was successful until the 2008 recession, after which our workload diminished and now there are two partners who have nearly (but not quite!) retired. I am now working part-time for the practice and have several trustee ships in the historic buildings sector.

My husband has retired and we are enjoying overseas travel. We are also active grandparents to a granddaughter and four grandsons, all within 10 miles of our home. Edinburgh is a terrific city in which to live; a World Heritage Site and many cultural activities, all close by the sea and hills. We recommend the city and Scotland to those who have never been north of the M25!

## Julia Jepps

*née Wright*

1971–1976



Inspired by the fabulous Mrs Rumblelow, I studied English at the University of Leicester. There I joined the university theatre group, a love that was fuelled by appearing as Major Petkoff in the GHS production of 'Arms and the Man'.

After graduation, I was awarded the Royal Society of Arts Silver Medal for my examination results, as one of the top five students in the country - the award was given by Harry Secombe.

After moving to London as a secretary in the Company Secretary's Department, I then advanced in PR in the conference industry - this was a brilliant opportunity. By now, I had married and had my daughter Emilia, who is training as a sprint kayaker for the GB squad.

After various PR jobs, I then took a complete change of career and bought a shop selling vintage furniture. I had the business for one and a half years, until I decided to sell. I am now back as a Conference Programme Director for a UK association, and married a Teacher, David.

## Felicity Pritchett

*née Chester*

1987–1998



I was an early adopter of the now popular 'portfolio career', having spent years working in London mostly as a Sub-editor on lifestyle and interiors magazines... and also as an Interior Designer, an Editor of features for travel and health magazines, a Writer of a saucy, Jilly Cooper-esque book and finally I had a stint working in finance in Mayfair. Phew!

When love and marriage came calling (I married Rupert in 2015), I started working alongside him in his wine importing and retail business just outside Guildford. He encouraged me to finish my manuscript and my first novel, 'Snowballs! Winter Fun on the Slopes' which was published by Orion in January 2018, with my second 'Summer At The Vineyard' coming out in June this year. I'm currently working on my third novel, 'Meet Me at the Riviera', which will be published in 2019, and like the other two, written under the pen name Fliss Chester.

They're all available from Amazon and WHSmiths, Waterstones etc. if anyone wants to buy them!

## Susanna Speirs

*née Thompson*

GHS 1991–1998



After graduating from the University of Birmingham, I converted to Law and qualified as a solicitor. After four years working as a Litigator, I moved to my dream job working in-house at Arsenal Football Club. I do not think my Dad, a lifelong Arsenal fan, has ever been so proud of me! It was amazing to be part of such an incredible club. After four years, I left and moved to work at Unilever UK in Surrey. I am now on maternity leave and living in Epsom with my husband and three of our children - Jessica, Ben and Tomas.

Whilst working at Arsenal, I fell pregnant with our first baby, Ava. After a completely normal pregnancy however, our little girl was stillborn. It was devastating, and it took a long time for us to recover. We were lucky and grateful we both had supportive families and an amazing group of friends around us, including a group of close friends, all from my years at GHS. As a result, I became involved with a charity called Sands who supported us. I am now a Trustee of the charity and feel immensely privileged to be able to be so involved in helping.

## Anna Greenley

*née Platt*

GHS 1993–2000



After studying Geography at the University of Durham, I read for the Bar of England and Wales where I qualified as a barrister in 2009. Since then, I have worked across the government in legal, policy and diplomatic roles ranging from Chief of Staff to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and to Defence Ministers in the Court of the Home Office. I am now about to start practising at the Independent Bar out of Chambers in the Temple! If there is one thing I have learnt, it is that you can never quite predict where your life and career will take you. I feel that I am so lucky to have had the opportunity of a strong grounding at GHS, as it has equipped me to prepare for anything in life.

As for my personal life, I am married to my husband Simon. We live in a leafy village in Berkshire near the Thames with our two tabby cats. We love travel and adventure and are always planning the next trip!

## Louise Curtis

*née Kittow*

GHS 1997–2004



I went straight to medical school after leaving GHS and 14 years later (including a brief stint in the Democratic Republic of Congo), I am nearing the end of my Junior Doctor training. I work in Southampton General Hospital as a medical registrar, with my specialty area in Diabetes and Endocrinology. I am currently working with the Diabetes Prevention Programme. Along the way, I married a fellow doctor and we live with our daughter in the heart of the New Forest.

## Natalie Twine

GHS 2007–2014



After leaving GHS I went on to study Geography at the University of St Andrews. I joined the Dance Society with fellow GHS Old Girl Rosie Stevens and raced for the university Ski team. For my third year I obtained a place on a highly competitive study abroad programme, allowing me to spend an incredible semester studying at the University of Auckland and travelling around New Zealand.

I have just graduated with a First Class degree and over the last two months I have been lucky enough to visit friends in Tuscany, California, Edinburgh and Dublin.

University was a fantastic experience, but the time has come to try something new. First up on the gap year agenda is a Ski season in Japan, before I return to the UK to see where life takes me next!

## Amelia Gordon

GHS 2003–2015



I have just graduated from the University of Durham with a First Class Honours degree in Politics. I am now taking a gap year before embarking on a Law conversion course next September, where I plan to apply for jobs in Ski training abroad, hoping to work with beginners. Freya is off to London this year working for KPMG so I will be joining her in London the following year.

Following an ACL injury, I managed to get back onto the Lacrosse pitch at the end of January this year. Although my injury meant I missed the first term, it was necessary, as when I came back I felt stronger and more confident than I would have ever been. With hard work and determination, I was able to achieve my main goal, which was to be able to play the BUCS final. Unfortunately, I am not pursuing Lacrosse into the next year, but it was an exciting season and a big relief as the knee has now recovered and back to full strength!

## Isabel Edkins

GHS 2002–2016



I am now currently in my second year at the University of Durham, studying Geography and International Relations. I have had a whirlwind year, including captaining the B team of my college Netball team and being recently voted Club Captain. I wanted to do some team bonding so I have organised the girls and I to be in the next Durham charity naked calendar, in aid of a local student mental health charity, so wish us luck!

I have also been Director of our annual Trevelyan College Fashion Show, where we raised an incredible amount of money for charity - I pin it all down to the skills I learnt being part of the GHS Fashion Show. I am now looking forward to the end of my exams when I will be starting my Proctor and Gamble Marketing internship in Weybridge, about which I am very excited for.

## Emily Appleton

GHS 2010–2017



It's been a busy time for me since leaving GHS and embarking on my professional Tennis journey. I have continued to travel far and wide and this year alone I have added another five countries to my list of 'firsts', starting the year in the French Caribbean, passing through (to name but a few) Greece, Trinidad and Tobago, and ending the year in South Korea and Japan!

When I left GHS last year, I had a World Singles ranking of 800 but I have since climbed up 300 places and I am now inside the World Top 500. This was a big goal of mine so I am very pleased with this progress. Since leaving school I have also won my first two professional Singles titles - in Ireland and South Korea - and eight doubles titles, which has taken my World Doubles ranking to 430.

The year ahead will bring more tournaments far and wide and a personal goal to climb higher up the world rankings and to secure a few more titles long the way!

## Jasmine Murdoch

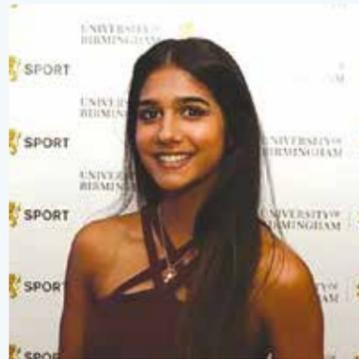
GHS 2003-2017



Over the summer I was lucky enough to collect my Gold DofE award and meet up with some of the GHS Old Girls. Having left GHS in 2017, I am currently studying Cellular and Molecular Medicine and loving my time at Bristol University. I am due to start a placement next year having been accepted at GSK for their Innovation Scientist Industrial Placement.

## Samodani Wijetunge

GHS 2010 - 2017



My life continues to be busy, exciting and eventful (no change!) and I am now currently studying Medicine at the University of Birmingham. From working 9-6 every day, on top of training five times a week, studying, and the occasional night out, certainly requires organisation! University has opened my eyes to a diverse range of people, leading me to realise that a GHS girl can survive outside the 'GHS bubble'. From being surrounded with staff and students I knew well, I did feel quite afraid joining university. However, my small group of university friends has helped me appreciate 'quality over quantity' and I have guaranteed friends for life. With another four years to go, I can't wait to see what challenges and surprises await.

## Celia Lugt

GHS 2004-2018



Having just got back from a relaxing holiday in Hong Kong and Thailand, I undoubtedly feel thankful for my year out of studying. Whilst my friends have been settling into university life, I have been devoting my time to my Medicine application, alongside preparing for my upcoming Ski season. From December I will be heading to France working as a Resort Rep. I am beyond excited to be out on the slopes almost every day. Being notorious for both hard work and great fun, I hope the season lives up to my expectations! After, I plan to combine a little work with plenty of travel. Fortunately, I have cousins scattered across various parts of the world doing exciting things, and I would love to visit as many as possible, meaning South America, The Far East and The Antipodes are all on the agenda. In fact, I am starting to wonder if one gap year is going to be enough...

## Maria Pointer

GHS 2005-2018



Looking back on all the fun we had at GHS over the years, it was undeniably an emotional moment for the Class of 2018 in June. Belting out the hymn for the final time on our last day of school definitely felt like the end of an era, but as summer stretched out ahead of us it did feel like the start of a new, thrilling time for us all as well. Seeing everyone heading off to universities, jobs or even the other side of the world to explore has been something I have loved keeping up with over the last few months. Although we have each gone our separate ways, I for one will be so interested to see where we all end up.

For me now, starting on a rather impromptu year out, I could not be more excited to be at this turning point; looking back on all the memories of GHS and looking forward at all the exciting opportunities to come.

## Lottie Adcock

GHS 2011-2018



I am currently employed full-time at a local pub, where I've made some really good friends - something that's been really important whilst everyone disappears off to university. I've also joined a local Netball club, to replace the extensive Sport lessons at school and to retain some morsel of my fitness. During this time, I've landed a job as a Chalet Host in St Anton in Austria for the winter Ski season, where I plan to spend five months snowboarding and meeting like-minded people, whilst earning some money to fund my summer. When I return, I'm hoping to explore Australia's East Coast, before heading back in September 2019 to start university in Leeds. So far, my gap year has been really rewarding, and a brilliant way to experience life outside of GHS, which yes, really exists!

## Annabelle Levins

GHS 2011-2018



I have spent my gap year on an internship at Accenture, a global management consultancy and professional services firm. My first week consisted of training workshops on digital skills, personal branding and public speaking as well as running a campaign pitch in which we had to present to four Managing Directors! I am currently based in Liverpool which means that I get to travel weekly and enjoy a level of independence I would not be able to do so otherwise.

My time at Accenture will last eight months in total, after which point I will get the opportunity to work for them in the future. I am hoping to spend the remaining four months of the year travelling in South East Asia. I cannot recommend the Horizon's Gap Year Scheme highly enough, the diversity of the work that Accenture does is second-to-none, allowing for a great experience to develop, learn and grow in a working environment you would not have access to any other way.

# Old Girls' travels

## Issy Nevett

GHS 2009-2016

After GHS, I embarked on several volunteering expeditions. The first was a rehabilitation hospital which involved working hard hours but was very rewarding. My next journey was to La Plagne as a Chalet Host where I learnt to snowboard on every slope. When the season ended, I travelled to Borneo to live with orphaned orangutans, caring for them and releasing them back into the wild. Now at university, I still enjoy travelling, including a recent trip to Nepal living with a Nepalese host family in a remote village that could only access water six months of the year!



## Emma Brown

GHS 2008-2017

Having had glandular fever in my Upper Sixth year, I took a year off to complete my A Levels. Whilst studying and re-applying for universities, I was offered a great opportunity to work as a PE Assistant at GHS where I coached a variety of sports and gained some coaching qualifications. During the holidays, I visited friends at various universities which gave me a good idea about uni life in general. In the summer, I was able to travel across Indonesia and Thailand, which was a great way to end my gap year before starting at Durham University.



## Tilly Lonie & Hannah Harms

GHS 2010-2017 & 2015-2017

After four and half months of backpacking around New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, I can guiltily say that Hannah and I fulfilled all the qualities of an affectionately named 'Gappie' and loved every minute of it.

From quad biking up sand dunes in Vietnam at sunrise, to swimming with wild sea turtles and sharks in Thailand and Bali, to illegally crossing into China from Northern Vietnam, we had a lot of fun.

For Hannah and I, one of the most memorable 'bus journeys' was in Laos. The road connecting Vientiane to our intended destination, a remote but pretty cave complex, was so flooded that our driver abandoned the tuk-tuk and transferred us onto a tiny boat and paddled up the road instead ... The complication came when we realised we had to share the tiny canoe with our two backpacks and a young family clearly moving everything they owned from the city to a new home in the countryside!

From me eating a crispy fried scorpion off a street vendor in Bangkok to Hannah skydiving above the Whitsunday islands, it's impossible to verbalise the many exciting moments that made our backpacking journey so memorable. Hannah and I definitely enjoyed our stint as gap 'yah' students; having the time and freedom to discover a small part of the world was an unforgettable experience.



**Julia Buckland**

GHS 2011-2018

Working at GHS has been a huge change of environment compared to last year! I took a gap year as I was too young to start my Medicine degree. In Sixth Form I'd spent a lot of time in the Junior School helping out and I loved every second – so I applied and before I knew it I started as a Teaching Assistant for Reception. From filling up old shoes with soil to make 'bug hotels', to running around the playground in the name of phonics practice, every day is different. It's been lovely getting to know the girls and although I'm only a term in, I already don't want the year to end!



**Amy Hodgson**

GHS 2011-2018

During my gap year I decided to get my pilot license. I am looking forward to flying more regularly in sunnier countries when I go travelling. Firstly, I am going skiing in the French Alps for a month with family and with friends. I am then going to a volunteer project in Phalaborwa in South Africa where I will be helping orphaned monkeys. After, I am going to Hawaii to work at the Institute of Astronomy, where I hope to gain a lot of experience and knowledge that will help towards my degree. I can't wait to experience everything else I have planned!



**Kitty Daniels**

GHS 2011-2018

At the end of July I went on an overland trip through Africa from Cape Town to Zanzibar which was so much fun! We were camping and went on game drives, bushman walks, Hiking, Quad Biking, and Kayaking etc! I've been in the Seychelles for the last two months volunteering on a Marine Conservation project with MCSS on Mahé island. I've been able to take part in relocating turtle nests, transporting coral nurseries, Scuba Diving and lots of Snorkelling. I've even been lucky enough to help some turtle hatchlings on their way to the sea!



**Francesca Brosnahan**

GHS 2016-2018

I am working and living in Paris. It is the most incredible place to live with its cafés and iconic landmarks which I wander past everyday! Working as an Au Pair is very challenging but it's all worth it when you become one of the family and fully immersed in Parisian life. My French has improved so much from the start when the softly spoken Parisian French was almost unintelligible to now when I can understand and talk freely! I recommend this to anyone who is not afraid of a challenge!



# Updates from ex-staff of GHS

**Jean Davy**

*née Bingham*

GHS 1957-1967



Still enjoying my flat in Burpham with increasing numbers of pots on my balcony. I have enjoyed meeting Old Girls during the year. Very busy with my local church in Burpham, life is good!

**Ruth O'Connell**

GHS 1975-1979 & 1982-1985



I am continuing to enjoy my retirement surrounded by family and friends at home on the Wirral. I spent May and June in Kefalonia and September in Florence with Old Girl Judy Gorrie where we practised our Italian!

**Vicki Edbrooke**

GHS 1982-1991



When my husband passed last month, I was surprised and comforted by the many cards from ex-GHS colleagues - what an efficient grapevine after 27 years! I live in a self-contained apartment, surrounded by plenty of scope for scenic walking, in which I indulge in for half an hour ever day.

**Chris Bailey**

GHS 1994-1999



I now live in South-West Sheffield on the edge of the Peak District National Park and get bullied by Mrs B and Wilma the dog into undertaking wholesome activities. I prefer to loiter at home and write stories for small-press science fiction magazines.

**Marian Wernham**

GHS 1991-2002



I am Membership Secretary of the Guildford Classical Association. I enjoy singing with Woking's Epworth Choir. I have six grandchildren, the eldest of whom is now at Durham University, studying Philosophy. Very recently, we sold the family home and downsized to a bungalow - a good move!

**Rosemary Kittow**

GHS 1995-2013



The Tennis racquet (and clothes) given to me by the staff when I left GHS have been put to good use - I play at least three times a week! I still work with international students at Surrey University - very rewarding. There are also now seven grandsons and one granddaughter too!

**Pamela Leatherland**

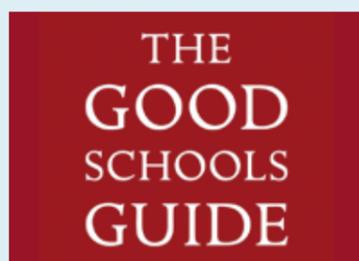
GHS 1963-1969



Life continues much the same and I am lucky to keep reasonably well. Belonging to an Art group brings me in touch with people of similar interests, and an opportunity to exhibit my work from time to time. My grandson, now four years old, will be starting school soon. He loves performing, and we are convinced he is going to become an Actor!

**Susan & Howard Bailes**

GHS 1984-1988 & 1985-1989



Susan is busy writing for the 'Good Schools Guide', and articles for children's literature for various journals, governorships, and literary novellas for her three grandchildren. Howard is still at St Pauls' Girls School, using leisure time to write another book.

**Bridget Du Pont**

*née Rimmer*

GHS 1979-1998



I married an old boyfriend, Richard Du Pont, on 10 April 2017 and moved to Devon where his family live. I had previously been a widow for 10 years, with my daughter Lucy living in Paris with her husband and two daughters.

**Lynne Crighton**

GHS 1990-2000



Bob and I are loving our retirement in Dorset, with beautiful scenery, fabulous walking and a lively village community. I 'do my bit' as a Governor for the village school. The icing on the cake is regular contact with our wonderful grandchildren, aged one, three, five and seven. Two for my daughter Tamsin (GHS 1991-1998) and two for my other daughter Sarah (GHS 1993-2000).

**Kate Hack**

GHS 1986-2012



Last year my husband and I celebrated becoming 70 by dream trips - a small ship cruise to Alaska and a visit to Venice, returning home on the Orient Express, where we met Mr Charnock! We are still sailing and surfing.

## Staff Obituaries

**Petal O'Hea**

Economics Teacher at GHS.

**Jean Rider**

Maths Teacher, Sixth Form Tutor and Careers Advisor (1966-1985).

**Margaret Scott**

Laboratory Assistant at GHS.

**Jo Taylor, MBE**

Senior School Swimming Coach (GHS 1995-2002).



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