



Dear Old Stamfordian

Welcome to your first Old Stamfordian Association update of 2025.

I hope you have had a happy and healthy start to the year and had a nice festive period. It was wonderful to see some of you perform in the Carol Concert just before Christmas and my thanks go to you.

Work has been continuing behind the scenes on the production of the first edition of the new OSA magazine. There is still time to submit an update or news so if you wish to contribute please **let the team know!**

We have now finalised the schedule for the 2025 Reunion and booking can be made **here**. We look forward to seeing many of you throughout the day on Saturday 14 June. If you would like to be a year group rep and get a group of you back for this event, please do let us know as we can support with contacting people.

If you have any news that you wish to share with us for the next update, please **contact us**.

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Nicky Lambert (OS 90)
Old Stamfordian Association Chair

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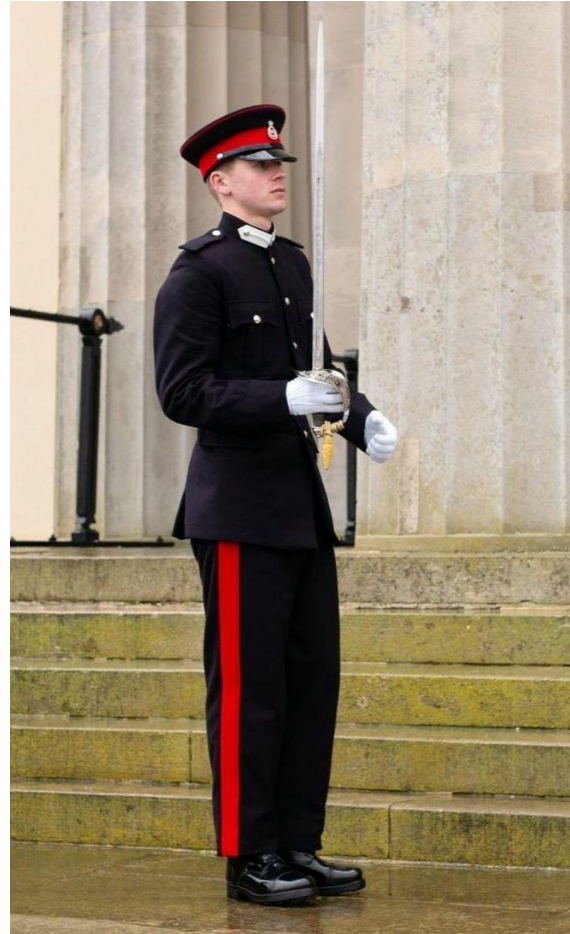
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Passing Out

In November 2024, **David Jennings (OS 16)** completed his military training with the Commissioning Parade at Sandhurst, and was also awarded the MacRobert Reserve Officer Sword. This is awarded to the Army Reserve Officer judged by the directing staff to be the best of the course.

Of receiving the award, David told us: "It is a privilege to attend The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in any capacity, so to have achieved this award during my time there is a huge honour."



OS Talk on PHSE

We welcomed **Rachael Cawte (OS 13)** back to Stamford earlier this month as she joined us virtually to give a talk to speak to our Year 12 and 13 students about health and wellbeing. As an emotional wellbeing practitioner, Rachael emphasized the importance of mental health and shared valuable toolkits for maintaining wellbeing. She also provided a workbook to engage students during the session. We extend our thanks to Rachael for sharing her expertise, especially during this crucial exam period.



I'm Rachael, Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner at Compass Phoenix.

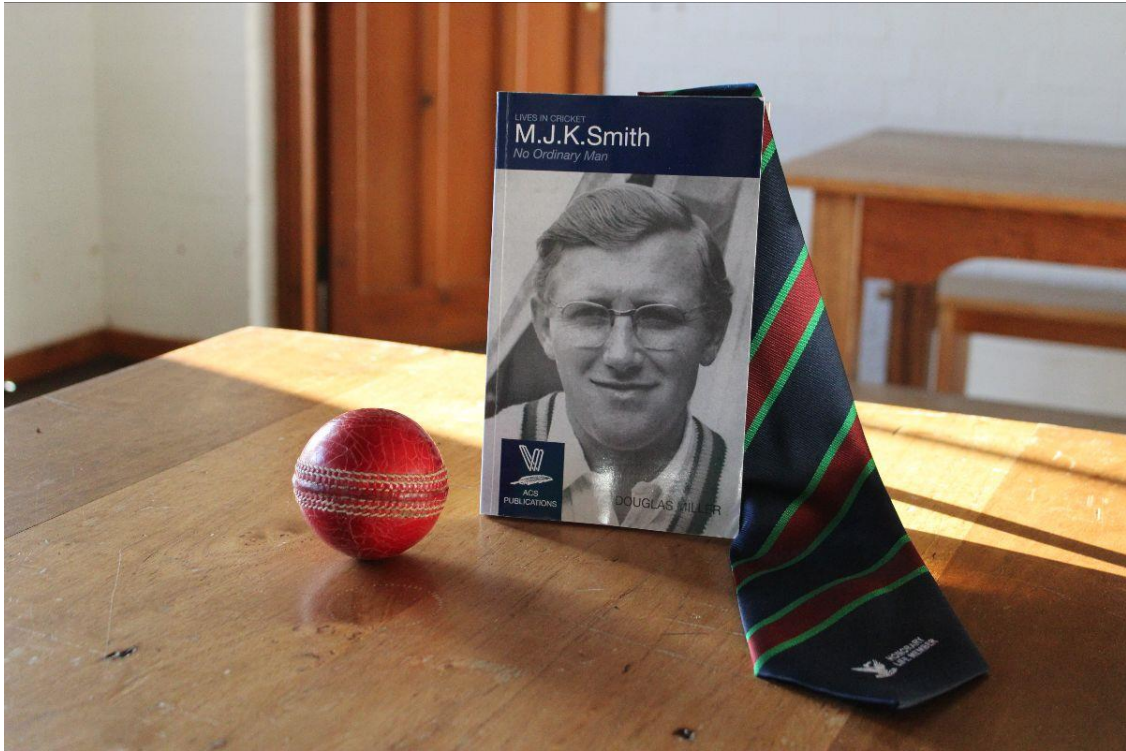
- Attended Stamford Endowed Schools between 2011 and 2013 for Sixth Form
- BA in Classical Music Performance from Leeds College of Music (now Leeds Conservatoire)
- Peripatetic music teacher and workshop leader
- Retrained! MSc in Psychology in Education
- Began work with Compass Phoenix as a Training and Consultation Worker
- Moved into the Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner role

Honorary Life Membership Presentation

At the end of last year, **M.J.K. Smith (OS 51)** received his OSA HLM tie. Although he was first nominated in 2020 by the then-OSC committee, a combination of factors, including Covid, meant that he never received his tie.

Although MJK was unable to attend the school to collect his tie, Phillips Hoskins (OS 72), OSC Chair in 2020, David Denney (OS 74) and John Smith (OS 71) held a symbolic ceremony in the cricket pavilion to honour his achievements and a framed photo along with a letter from the committee was sent directly to him.





Reunion Year Groups



As always with Reunion, we are looking forward to welcoming back those who are celebrating a milestone leaving year. We have already been contacted by the people below who wish to arrange year-specific activities so please get in touch if you wish to be included in the activities listed below or want to arrange something yourself.

Jane Rodwell
(née Crowder,
OS 64)

Would like to contact those who left in 1964 who would like to attend the reunion event this year.

If you would like to be included, please contact us.

David Allsop (OS 75)	Would like to contact those in his year group to arrange a weekend of activities for the reunion weekend. <u>If you would like to be included, please contact us.</u>
Jill Hamilton (née Betts, OS 80)	Would like to extend an invitation to the 1980 Stamford High Schools leavers to attend their belated 40 year reunion. <u>If you would like to be included, please contact us.</u>
Alison Beadsworth (OS 85)	Would like to contact those who left in 1985 who would like to attend the reunion event this year! <u>For more information, please contact us.</u>

Stamford Love Stories:
Alumni couples who found their forever at Stamford

As part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate the wonderful community of Old Stamfordians, we are excited to announce a special feature in our 2025 alumni magazine. We are looking to highlight couples who met during their time at Stamford or later in life and then tied the knot. This follows our previous feature in the **2017-18 magazine**.

We would love to hear your story including how you both met, where you got married and a little snippet of what you are up to now.

If you are interested in participating, **please contact us at oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk** with your story and any photos you would like to include.

Alumni Magazine

We're gearing up for the next edition of our alumni magazine and would love to hear about the amazing things you've been up to.

Have you started a new job, launched a project, won an award, or hit a big milestone? Whatever it is, we want to celebrate it! **Send us your news**, achievements, and any great photos you have.

Your updates help keep our Old Stamfordian community connected and inspired.

Contact Us

Upcoming Events

Hong Kong Drinks Reception

Tuesday 18 February 2025

The School will be hosting a drinks reception in Hong Kong in February 2025 and we would love for you to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our alumni and share the latest updates from the school.

If you wish to attend and catch up with fellow Old Stamfordians, meet our team, and hear about the exciting developments at Stamford School, please fill in the [form here](#).



Property Networking Drinks

Thursday 27 March 2025

Following the success of our last professional networking drinks, we are excited to announce our next event in London, focused on the Property sector. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to network with others in the same industry, share experiences and gain valuable advice. As well as sharing stories about your days at the school. This event is generously hosted by Adrian Shaw (OS 78) in East London, E15. Further details will be shared upon booking. [Please book here](#).

OLD STAMFORDIAN NETWORKING DRINKS

Property focused, including careers in:

- Property Management
- Real estate
- Surveyor
- Land management
- Architecture
- Other related trades

Host: Adrian Shaw (OS 78)

27 MARCH 2025
18:00 - 20:00

Stamford Futures: Speed Networking Event

Wednesday 30 April 2025, 19:00 - 21:00

Stamford Sixth Form

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming event dedicated to careers in **Army, Aviation and Engineering** specifically for our Year 10-13 students and their families. We warmly invite Old Stamfordians working in these fields to join us as speakers. This event offers a fantastic opportunity for students to explore various roles and career paths within these dynamic industries.

The evening will feature a speed-networking format, where small groups of students and families will rotate through breakout rooms to hear from professionals. The event will conclude with refreshments and one-on-one conversations from 20:25 until 21:00.

If you are interested in speaking or know someone who would be perfect for this event, **please contact us!**

Old Stamfordian London Drinks Reception

Thursday 22 May 2025, 18:30 - 20:30

We are delighted to be hosting a drinks and canapés reception for all of our Old Stamfordians at The Farmers Club, London.

Kindly sponsored by Julia Peach (OS 83) and Stamford School, the event promises to be a great evening, and we look forward to welcoming Old Stamfordians from all year groups.



Due to the limited capacity of the club, there are a limited number of tickets available. Tickets are £30, with a subsidised charge of £20 for those who left school between 2019 and 2024. You can book at the link below.

[**Book now**](#)

Reunion 2025

Saturday 14 June 2025

Booking is now open for this year's Reunion! Tickets for the day can be booked using the link below.

Old Stamfordian Reunion

Saturday 14 June 2025

BOOK NOW

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News from the School



Stamford launches
Agricultural BTEC for
September 2025
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Charting New
Horizons at the
Stamford Lecture
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Pre-Christmas School
Trip To Tallinn,
Estonia
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Award Nominations

Some great news that has come from the Alumni Relations Team is that the school are finalists in the Donorfy Awards in both the 'Simplified Solution' and 'Impact Beyond Fundraising' categories.

Celebrating the incredible achievements of charities using this database to support and enhance their work, the nominations showcase the Stamford Card, Stamford Lecture Series and our stewardship campaigns as part of the awards entry. The 'Simplified Solution' Award recognises the effectiveness of streamlined operations whilst the 'Impact Beyond Fundraising' Award highlights those making a difference

beyond financial success which includes our sustainability and community outreach work.

Congratulations to all involved, we look forward to the results in March!



Advertising Opportunity

The School are sharing an opportunity to advertise your business in the 2025 edition of The Stamfordian. This will be a vibrant new combined publication of Stamfordian and the Stamford Magazine.



The Stamfordian, as you may remember from your time here, is an annual publication featuring articles about notable alumni, highlights of current students' achievements, academic insights from our expert teaching staff, and whole school news and events. This is also similar to the SHS Magazine, which alumnae of the High School may remember.

Following the success of producing the Stamford Magazine in-house in 2024, the school are offering alumni the chance to feature their business in this publication that reaches over 10,000 people worldwide. There are a range of advertising opportunities to suit different budgets, and all monies raised will go towards a fundraising campaign for transformational bursaries.

You can read the media pack [here](#). If you would like to book an advertising space, please contact [Natalie Pretsell, Head of Engagement and Fundraising, 01780 750359](#) by Friday 11 April 2025.

International Study Centre



Based at our Stamford Sixth Form campus the ISC at Stamford offers a bespoke experience for overseas students preparing to study British A-levels.

International students at Stamford will benefit from an exceptional academic offering synonymous with a British education. The ISC offers students a one-year, Pre A-level programme designed specifically for students aged 15-16.

Stamford's Pre A-level programme is based predominantly around an English Language course and will prepare students for future study at a British Sixth Form. We hope this programme is the first step towards a three-year educational journey at Stamford School.

Upon successful completion of the Pre A-level course, students can seamlessly transition into our Sixth Form and pursue a range of A-level and BTEC options.

[Read More →](#)

Partnership with Farewill

Legacies are a vital source of support for Stamford School and assist in securing the future of young people and their education experiences with us. A legacy gift, regardless of its size, can significantly impact the lives of numerous students.

We are excited to announce our collaboration with will-writing specialists 'Farewill' as we enter the New Year.

This service is complimentary, straightforward, and can be completed from the comfort of your home in approximately 30 minutes. [Please click here](#) to take advantage of this opportunity and remain a valued part of Stamford's legacy.



Farewells

Peter Casson (Staff, 1996 - 2013)

Peter taught music at Stamford School for many years and sadly his daughter, Alexandra (OS 99), has informed us that he passed away on Friday 20 December 2024.

A service will be at the Basingstoke Crematorium, Stockbridge Road, RG25 2BA on Wednesday 12th Feb at 1.15pm. Refreshments will follow at The Crook & Shears, Upper Clatford, Andover SP11 2QL.

Our thoughts are with Peter's friends and family.



Chris Schofield (OS 60)

You may remember in the last update we shared the news of Chris's passing in November 2024. The funeral was held on Wednesday 18 December and was incredibly well attended, testament to the impact that Chris had on so many lives. Dudley Bryant was one of those in attendance and has kindly shared the eulogy that was given, which you can [read here](#).



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