

Dear Old Stamfordian,

As we approach the end of another academic year, we're delighted to reflect on what has been a truly successful and vibrant year at Stamford, filled with memorable events, community milestones, and growing connections across our Old Stamfordian network.

In this update, we have a few important and heartfelt updates to share. We bid a fond farewell to our Head of Engagement and Fundraising, Natalie Pretsell, who recently left Stamford to take up an exciting new role as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Development at Rugby School. You'll find a fuller tribute to her incredible impact below. We also take a moment to recap the energy and joy of our recent Old Stamfordian reunion, and finally, to wish you all a restful, enjoyable summer.

Though we'll be quiet over the summer months, our communications will resume as normal from September, and we look forward to continuing to keep you connected to the Stamford community.

If you have any news that you wish to share with us for the next update, please <u>contact us</u>.

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Nicky Lambert (OS 90)

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## **Farewell to Natalie Pretsell**

We would like to share the news that Natalie Pretsell, former Head of Fundraising and Engagement, has recently left Stamford School to take up an exciting new role as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Development at Rugby School. This is a significant and well-earned step in her career, and we are delighted for her as she begins this new chapter.



During her five years at Stamford, Natalie made an exceptional contribution, transforming our fundraising and alumni relations through a thoughtful and targeted approach that secured over £2 million in legacy pledges for our bursary programme last year alone. She also played a key role in strengthening ties with the local community through initiatives such as The Stamford Card and the revitalised Stamford Lecture Series.

In the interim, Fundraising and Alumni Relations will be overseen by Amy Lindley, Director of External Relations, while recruitment for a permanent successor is underway. Further information about the role is available in the vacancy description below.

We are deeply grateful to Natalie for all she brought to Stamford and wish her every success at Rugby School.

## Vacancy - Head of Engagement and Fundraising

Stamford School is excited to invite applications for an experienced and motivated professional to lead our Fundraising and Alumni Relations team.

While this role would be especially rewarding for an Old Stamfordian, it is by no means limited to alumni. We warmly welcome candidates who are passionate about education and philanthropy, and who bring strong leadership and relationship-building skills. If you know someone who would be a great fit, please feel free to share this opportunity.

To learn more and view the full job description, **please click here**.

We look forward to welcoming the next leader to build on Natalie's legacy and help shape Stamford's future.

## Reunion 2025

Thank you to all who attended Reunion. We heard some wonderful stories and memories of times at Stamford School and Stamford High School and it was fantastic to see so many smiling faces throughout the day. The evening was just as fantastic, highlighted by the excitement of the Andrew Carter Rugby Tournament, making the entire event unforgettable.





A selection of photos from the day are <u>here</u> for you. Shutterbox Photography were also on hand to take photos of the evening event, and you can <u>view those here</u>, using the access code SESREUNION25.

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