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As we near the end of the academic year and our senior students begin their study leave, it's been a busy month of events across our community. We've enjoyed a vibrant month filled with events, activities, and shared moments, many of which we've captured for you below.

Looking ahead, remember that our annual Reunion is fast approaching on Saturday 14 June. Spaces for the popular lunches are limited, so be sure to **secure your place** soon. Whether you're attending on your own or with friends, you'll be warmly welcomed.

The celebrations continue into the evening with a netball tournament and the Andrew Carter Touch Rugby Tournament, followed by the traditional Rev. Wright Memorial Cup cricket match on Sunday against Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club. If you'd like to take part in any of the sporting events, please get in touch with the **Alumni Relations Team**.

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

May Christ us Spede

Nicky Lambert (OS 90)
Old Stamfordian Association Chair

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News

At the end of April, we had the pleasure of welcoming a distinguished group of Old Stamfordians back to the school for a delightful lunch with our Interim Principal, Mark Steed.

A wonderful afternoon was spent reminiscing about their school days and hearing of fond memories that have underscored the lasting impact of a Stamford education. We deeply value all of our Old Stamfordians and look forward to fostering more connections for many years to come.



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On Friday 9 May, Nic Tebb (OS 84) had the honour of being invited to Buckingham Palace as part of celebrations recognising the achievements of hundreds of young people who have completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Awards in recent years.

Nic, who has served as a DofE Manager at a school in



Buckinghamshire for over a decade, was invited in recognition of his longstanding commitment to supporting students through the Award programme.

In fitting style for the occasion, Nic chose to wear his OS tie with pride. While chatting with a group of parents, one observant attendee asked, "Is that a *Christ Me Spede*, OS tie?" This sparked a chain of introductions to several more recent Old Stamfordians, some of whom had themselves completed the Gold Award.

Nic thoroughly enjoyed meeting the young alumni, spending time chatting with them in the Palace gardens about school news, their experiences completing the Gold Award, and their future plans beyond school.

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In May, James Wagstaffe, James Bird, Max Kettlewell and Oscar Blackman (all OS 23) completed the 3 Peak Challenge raising money for, and in memory of, their best friend Johnny Reynolds. The Johnny Reynolds Foundation was set up to give local children and young adults the opportunity to realise their dreams and ambitions in their desired sporting fields.

The team started Ben Nevis at 16:00 on the Saturday and finished Snowdon at 15:40 on Sunday...and set off up Scafell at 03:00! "Our challenge was to walk the 3 highest peaks in Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike) and Wales (Snowdon) which equates to 23 miles with a total ascent of 3064 metres, in 24 hours."



"It was hot, gruelling, and mentally exhausting but with Johnny in our hearts, we pushed through." Their parents cheered them on along the way and greeted them at the finish line with cold beers and a BBQ.

This is what the Stamfordian spirit is all about and they have raised over £6,000 for the charity so far.

"We would all really appreciate any donation that you are able to give to help us support the foundation that we are honoured to represent; and to continually remember a very special friend." If you wish to find out more about the Johnny Reynolds Foundation, **please click here.**

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We were delighted to welcome back a number of Old Stamfordians for a series of inspiring networking lunches with our Sixth Form students.

These events offered an invaluable opportunity for our Year 12 and 13 students to connect with alumni and gain insight into life beyond Stamford School. From conversations to career guidance, the sessions were filled with meaningful exchanges that left a lasting impression on all who attended.





We were fortunate to welcome back alumni working across a wide range of industries, including professional motorsport, finance, law, marketing, farming, property, and sport. Their stories highlighted the breadth of opportunity a Stamford education can unlock, and offered students real-world perspectives on what lies ahead.

Thank you to all th	e Old Stamfor	rdians who ge	enerously gave t	heir time!

Stamford School is thrilled to partner with Graduate Guild, to help fundraise for our bursary programme. Graduate Guild is a fine jewellery company that specialises in crafting timeless signet rings, pendants, and lockets in gold and silver. Each piece is thoughtfully designed to serve as a lifelong memento, classic in style, rich in meaning, and crafted to endure.



Founded by Ivana Knauer (OS 97), Graduate Guild reflects a deep connection to tradition, excellence, and personal legacy. With her own children having attended Stamford, Ivana brings a generational love for Stamford into every creation; offering jewellery that carries not just elegance, but identity and a unification of our community.

At the heart of Graduate Guild is a commitment to giving back. The brand proudly donates 10% of its sales to Stamford's bursary programme, ensuring the values and community spirit of Stamford endure for future generations. More than just jewellery, Graduate Guild offers a "brand for life", a meaningful connection between past, present, and future Stamfordians.

Showcase pieces and signet ring sizing can be found in the school shop. For all enquiries, **please email Graduate Guild** or **visit the website**. Please note this is a bespoke service, but will also be available for consultation at this years reunion on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Show your pride and style with the official Old Stamfordian Blazer, just like the one in the photo!

Perfect for alumni gatherings, formal events, or simply showing your pride wherever you go.

Ian Banks (OS 83) is leading on the production of both female and male OSA blazers.

For sizing information and instructions, <u>please see this</u>
<u>form</u>, and if you require any further assistance, please <u>contact</u>
<u>the Alumni Relations team</u>.



A huge congratulations to all Old Stamfordians who played a part in Stamford Rugby Club's outstanding season!

Last weekend, the team proudly stepped onto the pitch at Twickenham for the final of the Papa Johns Community Cup. While the result didn't go their way, reaching the final was a remarkable achievement and a reflection of the team's incredible dedication and effort.



Earlier in the season, Stamford Rugby Club had already celebrated winning two major honours: the Counties One Midlands East (South) title and the NLD Senior Shield.

We'd like to give special recognition to the Old Stamfordians who featured in the Twickenham final: Callum Robertson (OS 20), Will Andrews (OS 20), Ben Chisholm (OS 18), Jack Jones (OS 15), Ed Cox (OS 18), George Cox (OS 15), Tom Chesworth (OS 22), and Ian Downer (OS 10).

And a heartfelt well done to all other Old Stamfordians who contributed throughout the season.

To see more highlights or support the team, visit their official website.

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On Wednesday 30 April, we held our final Stamford Futures Event of the academic year. We welcomed 11 exceptional professionals from across Aviation, Military and Engineering sectors.



The breadth of experience represented gave students valuable insight into the many pathways and possibilities these vital industries offer.

We are grateful to our guest speakers, many of whom were Old Stamfordians or members of our parent community, for their time and support. We look forward to the next academic year of Stamford Futures events!

Interested in speaking at a future event?

If you'd like to be a guest speaker at an upcoming Stamford Futures event, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

With the first year of the combined committee nearly complete, we are excited to extend an invitation to our Old Stamfordian community for future committee members. If would are interested in joining the committee, or would like to hear more, **please contact us for more information**.

Join our OSA committee!

The Old Stamfordian Association are seeking enthusiastic individuals to get involved in a range of upcoming projects for the alumni community

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Contact the Alumni Relations Team for more information



Contact Us

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.

Upcoming Events

Reunion 2025 - Calling All Milestone Years! Saturday 14 June 2025

This year marks a remarkable milestone, whether it's your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 50th, or any other anniversary year since leaving Stamford, we want to celebrate with you!

Let's bring the decades together, gather your classmates and come as a group to mark your shared milestone year. Whether you left Stamford just a few years ago or many decades back, this is a perfect time to reconnect, reminisce, and relive the memories that shaped your time here.



We're still looking for players to join our friendly netball and touch rugby tournament matches, no experience needed, just come along and get involved!

After the games, enjoy a complimentary hog roast and plenty of time to relax and catch up.



Book your place, it only takes a minute!

Rev. Wright Memorial Cup

Sunday 15 June 2025

Calling all cricketers!

The traditional Rev. Wright Memorial Cup that is played annually between the Old Stamfordians and Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club will take place on Sunday 15 June 2025. If you would like to take play for the OS team, Nick Webb (OS 15, current staff) is organising so please let us know either via **email** or **telephone**.

MCC Cricket Match

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Join us for the prestigious annual Stamford v MCC cricket match on Wednesday 2 July. Now a much-anticipated fixture in our calendar, this event offers a fantastic opportunity to watch our students take on representatives from the Marylebone Cricket Club.

Spectators are warmly welcome to come and enjoy the day. Light refreshments will be available from our Scoreboard Café, which will remain open throughout the match.

Current running order for the day is:

Start: 11:30

Tea: 16:15 Finish: 18:30



If you plan to come along and watch, we'd be grateful if you could let us know in advance by **emailing us**. We look forward to seeing you there!

News from the School



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Y10 Student Crowned U16 British Ski Cross Champion **Read More** →

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Year 13 Students Secure Top University Offers

We're thrilled to celebrate the impressive university offers received by our Year 13 students.

Some are choosing apprenticeships or universities outside the Russell Group, while eleven have unconditional offers. Several have also secured international offers from the US, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, and Monaco.



Mr Ritchie Gale, who has supported their studies, reflects:

"Our Year 13 students have achieved offers from some of the UK's most competitive universities. Beyond individual hard work, it's the culture of intellectual curiosity, debate, and peer support within our Sixth Form that has laid the foundation for their success."

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Stamford School will have a stand at the Rutland Show this Sunday. Visit us to take part in our prize draw by spinning the wheel for a chance to win a selection of Stamford-branded merchandise. The grand prize is a family pass to Burghley House, including full access to the Gardens and Adventure Playground.



Enjoy complimentary food and refreshments while chatting with our staff, who will be on hand to answer any questions.

We'd love to see you there, come along and say hello!

On Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 June we will be hosting a stand for the school and alumni at this year's Lincolnshire Show.

We will have memorabilia and photo albums on display, a showcase of our school projects, a Spin-the-Wheel prize game and a delicious selection of food and Pimms to try from our catering team, Holroyd Howe.

We welcome all Old Stamfordians and their families to come and see us!



Farewells

Edward Baines (former staff)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mr Edward Baines, a devoted and long-serving teacher at Stamford High School.

Beyond his impactful teaching career, Edward devoted over thirty years to public service, including a significant tenure on Rutland County Council, where he was respected for his thoughtful leadership and unwavering commitment to the community. He also served as a school governor, chaired the Rutland Farms Estate Committee, and generously supported numerous local causes.

The news of Mr. Baines's passing will be deeply felt throughout the entire Stamford High School community.

His funeral will be held on Friday 6 June at 14:30 at Brooke Parish Church, Oakham. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory can be made through <u>his dedicated page</u>.



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We are saddened to share the news of the passing of Mrs Nancy Titman (née Swift, OS 1936), who died recently at the remarkable age of 106. As our oldest living Stamfordian, Nancy represented a living link to nearly a century of our school's history.



Born and raised in Deeping St James, she remained a well-known and much-loved figure in the community throughout her life. Her warmth, energy, and enduring spirit left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

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Maragret Gobbett (former staff)

Margaret taught part-time for a brief period at both Stamford School and Stamford High School before accepting a full-time permanent position at Stamford High School in 1977. She remained a dedicated member of the faculty until her retirement in 1996.



In addition to serving as Head of Physics, she was an Upper Third Form Mistress, a role she deeply valued.

She leaves her husband Edwin Gobbett, who taught Chemistry at Stamford School from 1966 to 1995, and their children Michael (OS 82) and Anne (OS 84).

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