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## WELCOME

### The Roaring '20s...

**A** very warm welcome to all our former pupils from Stamford. This magazine marks both a year of wonderful, continued relations between former Stamford High School pupils and the Schools, and the beginning of a new decade.

We're delighted to be sending you this magazine as part of your membership with news and events past, present and future.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this publication. As always, your feedback and continued support through your contributions are so welcome. If you would like to send in any news for next year's magazine, please do forward them to the contact information below.

We wish you a wonderful year ahead.

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# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Vicky Buckman  
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## **Adapted from the Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild Reunion Lunch 2019**

Each year we wish a very warm welcome back to Stamford High School for so many old friends, and every time it is fantastic to see so many of you enjoying being back *within these walls of grey*. Judging by the smiles on faces and tears of joy, there is always a large amount of *friendship and laughter gay*, as our School song goes.

I am proud to say that I have been head of this fabulous School since 2015, and I find it absolutely brilliant to welcome back girls who left the school 70 years ago – that is dedication for you - and a living embodiment of the words of the song;

*our love and loyalty in word and deed.*

I know that many of you are regular attendees at Reunion events but for some, it may be the first time you have been back since you left – or at least for a long time.

Whichever category you fall into, you are all very welcome.

Every year I stand up and give a speech, with some trepidation and at the risk of being lynched for some other change that I have made, or you think I have made to your own School. Amongst my alleged crimes are that of re-writing the School prayer (not guilty), altering the third verse of the School song (again, not guilty) and, more recently, getting rid of the circa 1938 Hall which you probably all knew and loved (and, by the time I inherited it, was painted a ghastly shade of pink) and replaced it with the fantastic new venue that we have today (yes, guilty as charged). If you speak to the pupils, you'll find there was a rumour, when I joined, that I would bring back hats....

But yes, there have been changes, and all for the better, as we continue to make this a truly 21st Century school, yet while there have been changes to our School, the tradition of success has continued unaltered, and I would like to bring you up to speed with a few of the highlights of this year.



cycle of the Y7/8 challenge, which encourages girls in the bottom two years to learn new skills and try out new activities; we posted our 250th blog to the School Blog and finally, one of our girls was lucky enough to give a presentation to a number of MPs in Westminster, no less, about the benefits and opportunities of being an Arkwright scholar.

It has been another great academic year for our girls. We began, in September, glowing with the success of our leavers and public exam candidates. At GCSE, over half of the papers were graded with levels 7-9 (that's grade A and A\* for those of you working in old money) – with over half the year group gaining five or more top grades. At A Level where, thankfully, we still deal in letters and they still mean approximately the same as they did in your day, over a third of the papers were graded A or A\*. We had two girls go to Oxbridge and 60% into their first choice of university with many others following.

It has been a year of firsts: one of our girls became Rutland Sportswoman of the year; we fielded a Fives team for the first time, and they have already won some silverware! (for those of you not “in the know”, Fives is a bit like tennis without a racquet and played in a squash court); we also had our first successful entrants for national IT competition since the introduction of computing to the curriculum; we came to the end of our first

In other places, our musicians have been very busy with a wide variety of concert opportunities from the intimate scholars' concerts to a performance of Bach's St John Passion at De Montfort Hall complete with professional orchestra and soloists.

Our Dance Showcase made use of our great new Hall to show off the dance talents of our pupils. We have had superb Shakespeare in the form of abridged versions of the Scottish Play and Midsummer Night's Dream for the younger ones and Twelfth Night for the older ones – all of these performances had contemporary settings – Twelfth Night, as you've never seen it, set in the roaring twenties – it was fab. We've had excellent LAMDA successes with some 60 girls achieving distinctions in the various grades they took – including two who achieved a very rare 100% in Grade 6 acting.

The CCF have been active, fielding a team in the RAF Squadron trophy. The annual inspection and dinner were excellent, and

many have had the opportunity to fly and to attend ceremonies at the Menin Gate.

In sport, we are U19 netball district champions, U13 hockey county champions, U18 schools' golf champions, equestrian county champions and our U13 cricket team reached the indoor regional finals. Our U14 gymnasts are Midlands champions whilst the same team achieved silver medals at the national championships. Our Year 9 and 10 cross country team won the Fenland League relays, and two of our young ladies are through to the National Athletics' final in July.

It is not just sport we have been contesting; we have been in other competitions too. There have been several modern foreign language opportunities: Juvenes Translatores, Marketing in the Making (in a foreign language) and the Translation Bee where we had our first ever regional finalist. We were also part of the Rotary Young Chef competition, The Rotary Art competition (in which we won a host of prizes,) UDance, the International Economics Target 2.0 competition and we have two young ladies who have achieved Bronze arts awards.

The school song promises *our service we offer* and that is certainly the case this year at SHS as we continue to support those in need; The School has supported the charities Leprosy Mission, Anna's Hope and the Evergreens. Charity Rock raised £800 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and the Annual Sports Dinner raised £225 for TeamGeorge. The school has also

supported the local food bank.

The achievements don't all end at 4pm either; we have girls who train, compete and participate in activities outside School, including county representation in gymnastics, swimming, cricket and hockey, and GB representation in sailing and eventing, a national indoor rowing team member, as well as outdoor rowers and a trainee jockey. We also have two National Youth Theatre members and a member of the National Youth Orchestra. *Courage to do or dare*, as our song says.

Many of you will remember fantastic, and fiercely fought, House competitions, although I suspect that some of you may remember a time when the Houses were named after male saints, rather than the notable ladies, Anderson, Beale, Cavell and Eliot that we have now. This year the Houses have competed at singing, baking, hockey, a spellathon, public speaking, cricket and even fashion (it never ceases to amaze me what you can create with newspaper and some bin bags...)

Each year, the Head of Year 7 reads Dr Seuss' *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* to our new Y7 pupils to encourage their *wanderlust* and this year at SHS has been no exception, with visits to Germany, Iceland, Croatia, USA, Portugal and Italy. We have had languages exchange trips to Russia, Germany, France and Spain, and, more locally, travelled to Scotland, Wales, Leeds, Leicester, Hunstanton, Hull and Rutland Water. On top of this, our Y7 Geographers have been tasked with coming up with an answer to that difficult question;

“Why would you advise Mrs Buckman to choose Hunstanton for her holiday this year?”

There has been significant investment in the buildings, including the Hall, the



kitchens and Dining Hall (There came a time when I could no longer ignore the fact that really quite elderly Old Girls were telling me that it “hadn’t changed” since they were here...). Some of the more “well loved” areas have been decorated and renovated, and we offer the opportunity to explore these in the company of some of my Y12 Prefects, and where you can admire our “ideal classrooms” where you can write on both tables and walls, without getting shouted at...

Schools are places of meetings and partings, and along with some members of Y11 and all Y13, (Fifth form and Upper Sixth in old money...) we have to say goodbye to a number of staff too.

Lorraine Johnson, the queen of

spreadsheets who joined SHS some 14 years ago in the maths department, sadly moves on to pastures new as she explores a new chapter in her life. She previously moved to become Head of Maths, and finally ended up as Deputy Head Academic where, in that role, she has been an amazing support to me and the whole SLT team as well as staff, pupils and parents.

No task is too small to have its own spreadsheet – and usually coloured purple. She has also been a stalwart of the CCF and, more recently, has indulged her own passion for family history by researching and visiting the graves of Old Stamfordians who fell in the first World War.

Lyn Harte joined 20 years ago, coming here to start Psychology as an A level subject. An avid reader of educational and psychological tomes, she then moved on to teaching, and, when I caught up with her, Head of Y7. She is also an enthusiastic and tireless gymnastics coach. She moves to take on a cause close to her heart, that of heading up a cross schools programme to develop resilience in young people.

Gone but not lost, because both will still be around for some of the time as Lorraine will be teaching some maths and Lyn will still be involved with our gymnastics. But as you relinquish your major roles, I thank you for all you have contributed to SHS, and to the education of so many old friends.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Mahoney, our former Alumni Relations Manager, for all the hard work she has put into organising the fantastic reunions that bring so much joy to so many people, and as she also moves on to a new chapter in Bath I would like to wish her the best of luck.

In organising such events, Sarah was ably supported by Jill and members of the OGG committee, and I would like to thank them also, as well as my son James for his work on the Archive and history of the Stamford Endowed Schools, and thanks to Jill's husband, Ian, for organising the photographs.

The Queen once said, in one of her Christmas speeches:

"I often draw strength from meeting ordinary people doing extraordinary things; unsung heroes whose quiet dedication makes them special. They are an inspiration to those who know them."

Well, Amen to that.

She could so easily have been talking about the SHS community.

We come to the end of another busy and productive year in which we have enjoyed tremendous successes, both individually and collectively, and we continue to move this great school forward.

SHS is thriving; the spirit of adventure, of academic endeavour, ambition and care for others is alive and well within these walls of grey.

**Christ us Spede.**

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We have recently been remembering the 75th anniversary of D-Day and if you know of any girl from the school who served in any capacity during the war could you please pass details to either the School or directly to me. We are hoping to be able to put together

a list of all the girls who played a part in the Second World War and would appreciate any input you may have.

Talking of the war, at our latest Reunion we had the pleasure of welcoming Joan Owen (née Weston) who left School in 1945 and so was at School during the war years. She has some interesting tales of school life during that time!

If you have any details for the next issue of the magazine, again please feel free to contact me or get in touch directly with the School – other people from your year who are not here today look forward to seeing what you have been doing. The magazine is only as good as what you provide and any news, no matter what, is appreciated and any articles about you, your life or where life has taken you can always be emailed to me, or the Development Office whose email details

## Notes from the Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild Chair, Jill Hamilton (OS 1980)

### Adapted from the SHS Old Girls' Guild Reunion Lunch 2019

It is my pleasure as Chair of Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild to thank the SHS Old Girls' Guild committee; if it wasn't for them the role of chair would be impossible.

An awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes and I would like to give a special thanks to Sarah Mahoney, who has done so much for us and I would like to wish her all the best for her future adventures.

are on the School website.

At our last AGM I mentioned that it was our 110th such event, which is a fantastic achievement for both the School and the Old Girls. Such is the long history of our School, our archivist James Buckman

*I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the reunion on Saturday 13 June 2020.*

puts together fantastic exhibitions and articles about the history of Stamford High School, and I would like to say thank you to him for his hard work while giving a massive thanks to my husband Ian who has ably supplied the group photos that we have at the Reunion, enabling you all to continue to be a part of the story of our School.

There are lots of areas of the school that have been remodelled even though you think it looks the same as it did when you left. There will be opportunities with some current Sixth Formers who would be happy to take you on a tour – don't miss home economics and the classrooms where writing on the desks is a requirement, and not something that leads to detention.

I would like to join our Madam President in thanking two members of staff who are unfortunately moving on to pastures new.

Firstly Lorraine Johnson.

Lorraine is leaving her post as Deputy Head but will continue teaching maths for both SS and SHS, and secondly Lyn Harte.

Lyn is retiring from her role of Psychology teacher after 19 years at the School.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the reunion on Saturday 13 June 2020, which will once again include a Hog Roast and bar on the Stamford Main Field, and which is being organised in cooperation with the Old Stamfordian Club

**May Christ us Spede.**

**Jill Hamilton (OS 1980)  
Chair, SHS Old Girls' Guild**

## 1940s

### **Jean Baxter (née Ackland) (OS 44)**

I'm afraid that I shall not be at Reunion Day, but was interested to see that it is my 75th year anniversary of leaving Stamford High School. I guess at the age of 93 there are few of us around – although I do keep in touch with Maisie Hancock (nee Rudkin) who grew up through the same forms as me until the end of Lower V when she left. Maisie lives locally in Market Deeping. My husband Terry and I still live in the house we built in Tinwell in 1953 and our son John (ex SS) and his wife Judith (nee Richardson, ex SHS) live close by. Their daughters are Victoria and Celia (both ex SHS). Our daughter Jane (ex SHS) lives in Turkey but is a very regular visitor to us in Tinwell.

My older sisters, Hilda and Mary were also SHS girls, Jane and I still enjoy looking at all of our school photos – the long ones! I thoroughly enjoyed my schooldays.

### **Anne Brown (née Holmes) (OS 43)**

Very happy to sit in my lovely room - well-cared for and listening to Radio 3. Nine great-grandchildren in January. I'm confined to a wheelchair as knees are painful. I do try and do a little crossword in Daily Telegraph!

### **Joan Owen (née Weston) (OS 45)**

I have three great-grandchildren, and recently my first great-granddaughter called Mabel. My Granddaughter Charlotte North came to the School as well. I enjoy theatre!

### **Marie Littlemore (OS 49)**

I was a pupil at Stamford High School from 1942 to 1949. Miss Nicholls was the Headmistress in 1942, and Miss Lomax when I left in 1949. We kept going through the war and through the awful winter in 1947 without closing the school at all.

My great interest in life has always been classical music, which, in the 1940s, was not regarded as an academic subject. I had passed Grade 8 on the piano when I was 14 with a private teacher unknown to the school who had taught me all she knew. Still privately, I went to Herbert Marshall Palmer who was in charge of music at Stamford School (and whose daughter is Felicity Palmer, a present-day Opera Singer). Under him, I read music as a subject in both School and Higher School Certificate. This had never before happened at our School.

Again, through lack of musical interest, I was advised to go to Lincoln Training College and train to teach seniors both English and Music. My Music lecturer there was most supportive and arranged for an audition for me at the Royal Academy in an extra year which I thoroughly enjoyed, and left to be in charge of music in a grammar school in Cheshire. Afterwards, I married in 1956 and moved to Rugby. By choice I have taught part time in various schools covering ages 5 to 18 and spent a lot of time performing in both solo and chamber music.

My son was an academic and musical scholar at Rugby School, and my two grandchildren are both professional performing musicians. Unfortunately, I am fairly immobile, and it would not be pos-

sible for me to attend a meeting but I am sure that some 70 years since I left SHS the choice of careers for ladies has widened considerably yet the basic requirements of truth, honesty, and Christ me Spede, do remain.

**Maggie Smith (née Fairman) (OS 49)**

Published second memoir, *Miles To Go Before I Sleep*, in June 2019. (1961-2018). Became a great grandmother in 2017.

**1950s**

**Sally Smallman (née Smyth) (OS 54)**

Still volunteering at Headway Shropshire one day a week - reached 21 years!! Singing with choir more and more. St John Passion (Bach) in Shrewsbury Cathedral at Easter and Rossini Messe Solonelle in the summer. Also, plenty of gardening! In touch with Julie (Jackson) who is coming to stay this year!

**1960s**

**Christine Cocks (née Bennett) (OS 69)**

Married 1975, Two sons (1978, 1980) both married with family. Qualified (and retired) Chartered Accountant. Solo Soprano: [www.christinebenett-soprano.com](http://www.christinebenett-soprano.com)

**Sally Cole (née Moore) (OS 69)**

Live in Longfield (40 years). Husband John is a retired printer. Two Children, Amy and Tom and two grandchildren. Now moving to Devon. Both involved in village activities, local environment choir, local cinema, etc.

**Jan Fry (née Carter) (OS 69)**

More than 20 of us met up at the Old

Girls for our 50th anniversary of leaving. Hopefully see more of you at our 60th! Lines x 100: 'I must learn to appreciate that the buns that are provided for us are meant for consumption at supper time, together with a glass of milk, and should not be thrown wildly about the dormitory to the danger of other people in the vicinity.

**Lynne Loder (née Pask) (OS 68)**

Granddaughter Madeline is now in her last year at SHS taking A levels.

**Frances Rawden (née Bushell) (OS 68)**

I left school, married at 17! Went on to have four sons. I later took A levels, got a BSc (Hons) degree and qualified as a Registered Midwife and Health Visitor - which I still work as. My sons are all doing well. The first is the owner of a gas heating engineering firm. Second is a pilot with the Army Air Corps. Third is Head of operations at Leicester University for Medicine and Nursing and the fourth is a Major in Brunei (Med Centre). So, all's well that ends well. I also have five lovely grandchildren.

**Tonia Ward (née Weaver) (OS 65)**

Following a happy career at Barclays Bank for 34 years, now retired. ... Enjoys gardening, walking, yoga, classical music and socialising with friends.

I am also an active member at the Women's Institute when visiting my mobile home in Seahouses. I fundraise regularly for save the children and the Macmillan Cancer Support. My only child, my son Marc Corbett-Weaver is a solo classical pianist based in London, who performs across the UK and internationally while also managing the London Firebird Orchestra, which he founded, and *The Story of*

*Christmas*. He is also a music teacher for piano.

### 1970s

#### **Sue Bradford (née Bradley) (OS 74)**

Early retired Civil Servant. Currently on a new life path and hopefully finding out, "what I am going to do when I leave school..."

#### **Amanda Carter (née Smethurst) (OS 79)**

I relocated back to Stamford in 2018 and am over the moon to be back home! Semi-retired former head teacher (primary), I'm working at Burghley House assisting in the education department. This means I get to dress up as a Tudor Lady regularly. Finally taking part at Tolethorpe Shakespeare Company having waited 40 years for the opportunity. In quiet moments, I look after my grandchildren, Lizzie, 8 and Toby, 2. Life is full of twists and turns and I am living my new adventures back in glorious Stamford.

#### **Susan Chapman (née Burt) (OS 79)**

Recently taken early retirement from teaching. Now volunteer for English Heritage at Audley End, Essex - in education and as a house guide in the Service Wing. Three children Alex (28) lives in New Zealand, PhD in Earth Sciences from Lancaster. Sophie (26) Statistician for ONS in Titchfield. Abigail (23) PA for financial company in London. Husband David now Methodist Chair of District, living in Hertfordshire.

#### **Kim Downes (née Herd) (OS 79)**

30 years after leaving University (poly) with a degree in silversmithing and jewellery, I am finally a silversmith! I

take design and commissions and adore working with silver, my favourite tool is my hammer. I live in the Fens in Chattens, I would love to meet up with anyone who lives here locally, I live in a 200-year old cottage with my studio in the wash house in the garden. I am married to Chris, a semi-retired joiner, two of my three children are married and one of them gave us a grandson in March 2019. I love being Nanny Kim to him, Alfie and my stepson's gorgeous daughter Evie who's 8. I work two days a week for Stewart Heaven, a well-known glass blower, who lives opposite us in Chattens, and I love my short commute to work! Life is good, I am so blessed to have the opportunities that are presented to me, including my health which I value so much; some of you know I was healed through a Christmas prayer in 2009. I have had my job for 6 years now. My Christian faith is very important to me, in fact it is my backbone. I am very active in my church, helping lead some services and leading worship as a server. I have always loved singing and have many happy memories of being in the choir, Christmas carol concerts and a Malcom Sargent birthday concert.

#### **Sue Smith (née Broom) (OS 79)**

Married, mother of Imogen (24) and Tom (22). Live in Kent, do a little work still - but would like more. Husband Colin has retired and spends as much time sailing as possible.

#### **Anita Trowell (OS 74)**

Back as Secretary SHS OGG (temporary).

#### **Jane Turner (née Berresford) (OS 79)**

Left the Army 12 years ago as a Dentist, now digging bigger holes in the garden.

## 1980s

### **Isobel Bates (née Temple) (OS 81)**

Married 34 years - three children 1991, 1993, 1998, Laura, Alex and Owen. First grandchild due now! Still working at Medway Mortimer Hospital, Gillingham, Kent. (part time) 20 years there now. In touch with Sarah Clarke (Poppo), Kay Potter (Paling) and Tracey Quin (Gardiner) and Alison Eaves (Matthews) plus many of Mum's (Daisy Temple) elderly relatives. Joy Trevorthen (Fletcher), Jessie Goodacre (Fletcher) and June Wollard (Fletcher).

### **Caroline Gumbrell (née Francis) (OS 89)**

Working as a solicitor. Married with two teenage daughters.

### **Jane Hindmarch (née Morrice) (OS 84)**

Artist based in Stamford Arts Centre. I have three girls who have all attended SHS. Anna (OS 17), Jessica, Year 13 and Charlotte, Year 10.

### **Kate Shannon (née Wratten) (OS 89)**

Second career as a Teaching Assistant. Family of four children.

### **Rebecca Stalham (née Percival) (OS 89)**

Married for 25 years, two kids Scout (13) and Spike (10), working for Abbott Diagnostics as Sales Director. Passion for horses!

### **Jo Toone (née Wesley) (OS 89)**

Married to Nick in 1995, two daughters, Eloise (16) and Alice (13). Living in Bedfordshire.

### **Wendy Wale (née Brown) (OS 89)**

Married to Tom, now a Vicar in Yorkshire. Parents still in Stamford so often back.

## 1990s

### **Emily Ariss (née Clare) (OS 99)**

Married 14 years. Two children, Jacob 12 and Grace 9. Living in Lancashire.

### **Anna Callow (née Myskow) (OS 91)**

Engaged to Mark Seamer. Living in Ryhall - two children Sophie, 9 and Joseph, 2. Director of the Care Advice Centre - Independent Social Work Services.

### **Charlotte Ives (née Aris) (OS 94)**

Married for 12 years to Steve. Two lovely children who both attend Stamford Junior School. Still working in the food industry.

### **Kate O'Brien (née Phillips) (OS 94)**

Married to Geoff and mum to three girls (Evie, 9, Maddie, 8 and Molly, 3) Living in Southull, West Midlands and working as a SNR, HR Business partner for KPMG.

### **Melissa Thompson (OS 94)**

I am a listing advisor for Historic England and have just had a book published about Georgian and Regency Condemntories. I have recently moved from Stamford to Nottingham to live with my partner.

## 2000s

### **Olivia Carey (OS 09)**

Living in London, managing property in RPS and Student sectors.

### **Kate MacDermot (née Armitage) (OS 04)**

Head of communications at Lancome, part of L'Oreal in London. Married to Tom with one little boy Teddy (18 months).

## **Years Unknown**

### **Heather Mears (née Smith)**

I retired in 2016 from Residential Childcare, working in children's homes in the South Yorkshire area.

I am at present treasurer of Doncaster Little Theatre a 99-seat community theatre run by and for its members and the community. We have two paid employees but otherwise we are run by volunteers, very interesting. We do lots of drama and hire the theatre out to visiting companies. I have been treasurer for five years so feel it is time for someone else to look over the books.

I am now more involved in the church and am secretary to Churches Together in Sprotbrough and on the PCC which I really enjoy.

## **DEATHS AND OBITUARIES**

### **† Celia Joy Brown (née Clipson)**

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the death of my beloved mum in February 2019, shortly after celebrating her 89th birthday. Celia was a day-pupil at the school having won a scholarship to attend. Mum spoke with great pride about her time at the school and always avidly read her magazine from cover to cover. She had a print of the school hanging in her dining room and always pointed it out to visitors! She died peacefully after a short illness and is reunited with her beloved husband Peter to whom she was happily married for 60 years. Her daughter, grandson and three grandsons as well as her extended family miss her greatly.

### **† Juliet Duckett (née Pogson)**

Juliet died peacefully at home on August 18 2019 after a short illness. She will be deeply missed by her husband, sisters, family and many friends. A service of thanksgiving was held at St. Mary the Virgin Henley-on-Thames on September 11th 2019.



# MENTORING AT STAMFORD



The Old Stamfordian Network is launching the trial of a mentoring scheme for OS.

Mentoring is a professional relationship during which an experienced person (the mentor) helps another individual (the mentee) develop skills and knowledge that will assist in their personal and professional development.

Serving as a mentor brings many challenges and rewards, with the best mentors working to shape their mentees into other leaders, rather than just good followers; while the opportunity to access a mentor's experience, positive challenge, guidance and network can be invaluable to a mentee's career development. If done well, the long-term impact of mentoring can offer life- and career-changing benefits to both parties.

The objectives of the trial are –

- to test the extent and nature of benefits which a mentoring scheme for OS could provide
- to identify the most effective means of administering such a scheme
- to identify and confirm the briefing/training requirements of those engaged in the scheme

- to determine the requirements involved in a subsequent larger-scale implementation, including how this might be phased and how best the OS Club could facilitate its operation.

The number of participants - both mentors and mentees - is being deliberately limited in this first phase so that these objectives are manageable and can be assessed. However, the ambition is to create an enduring scheme which supports the development of those in their first few years of leaving both Stamford School (and, once rolled-out, Stamford High School for Girls with a similar scheme) through accessing the experience and advice of those who are further ahead in their subsequent careers.

An initial briefing for all those involved will be held in central London by Robert Thorpe (OS 1978) and Rob Forster (OS 2014) who are managing the trial. Robert is the Director of Operations at The Courtauld Institute of Art, with specific HR responsibilities and with previous experience as the Manager of the Barclays worldwide Management Development Programme for graduates; Rob is the EMEA Marketing Manager at LogMeIn and has previously spent time working at PwC in Belfast and New Zealand.

Full briefing material and 1:1 support will be provided at the outset and through the duration of the trial. They will also be responsible for the initial “matching” process of mentors and mentees.

The “rules” regarding who would qualify as a potential mentor/ mentee for the trial are few – as a mentor, you will have sufficient career experience to be able to offer advice and guidance to a less experienced alumnus, which means that you may be some 10 + years post leaving the School; as a mentee, you will be within the first 3/ 4 years of departure. In both cases, you must be prepared to invest sufficient time and effort to meet the expectations of the other party; though it is not expected that this will be at all onerous or time-consuming.

If you would like to participate as either a mentor or mentee, please contact Robert Thorpe ([robert.thorpe@courtauld.ac.uk](mailto:robert.thorpe@courtauld.ac.uk)) or Rob Forster ([r.forster96@mail.com](mailto:r.forster96@mail.com)) with a very short note explaining why you would like to participate and what you think you would bring to/ gain from the experience and, in the case of a potential mentor, a short CV. Robert and Rob will then determine who best to include in the initial trial to provide an appropriate cross-section of participants. Please do get in touch if you wish to be considered for inclusion in this first phase.

# Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild Accounts

Financial Year Ending 30 April 2019

## STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS GUILD ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2019

INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
AGM	AGM	
AGM Lunch	Food/Drink	2970.00
Magazines	Gratuities	110.00
Notebooks	First Aid Cover	<u>100.00</u>
		3180.00
Subscriptions		
	Magazine	2055.97
	Prize	50.00
	Notebooks	2250.00
	Alumni Mgr	10000.00
	Less: Accrual b/f	-5000.00
	London Eve	0.00
		<u>12535.97</u>
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	
		<u><u>16109.08</u></u>
Balance Fwd 01/05/18	Represented By:	
	Balance Lloyds	0.00
Add: Total Income	Balance Barclays	14127.41
	Cash in Hand	7.00
Less: Total Expenditure		
		<u><u>14134.41</u></u>
Balance CFWD		
		<u><u>14134.41</u></u>



## REPORT FROM 2019 SHS OGG AGM

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to begin by welcoming you all to our 110th AGM.

I must say how pleased I am to welcome you all today. Members as always have travelled from far and wide to be with us today.

There will be a Church Service at St Martins after this AGM, don't forget to join us for pre-lunch drinks on the 6th form lawn and your group photograph.

I would like to pass my thanks to Sarah Mahoney; some of you may remember the Old Girls Guild agreed to part fund a post with the Old Stamfordian Club and the Schools. Sarah has been fantastic all year, pulling together the magazine for us and doing much of the organisation for today.

Louise Rigby has done a great job as Treasurer, the most difficult part of taking over any treasurer role is to sort out changing the bank account which has now been achieved, thanks to Anita for all her help during the handover. Lindy Gosling is about to join the committee I am sure many of you remember Frieda, Lindy's mum. I have to thank all of the committee as ever hard working and loyal without whom today would not happen.

Thanks to Vicky, our President, for her continued support, Vicky has been the Head of Stamford High School for four years.

Thanks to Penny Hudson and the catering, estates and maintenance staff who have worked hard on our behalf.

Once again, I commend the Stamford Endowed Schools' Foundation to you, who continue to support pupils attending our former School and have raised money for a number of capital projects that you see around the site today.

Do take the opportunity to look at the archive material presented by James Buckman a big thanks to James for putting together the display for us. James wrote the excellent article in the recent magazine about one of the first girls at the school.

All that remains is for me to wish Stamford Endowed Schools a very successful 2019 – 2020.

May Christ us Spede.

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# MINUTES FROM 2019 SHS OGG

**Saturday 15 June 2019**

**Apologies for absence:** Seven apologies received.

**Minutes of AGM 2018** were approved and signed. The Chairman confirmed no business was agreed at this meeting due to low attendance.

**Matters Arising:** None

**President's Report:** Deferred to Luncheon.

**Chairman's Report:** As attached.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Louise presented the Accounts which were approved and signed. Proposed by Ann Turner (née Ingram) and seconded by Janet Darke (née Lawson). Louise reported the Accounts are looking better and we have a surplus of £3,000 this year. This is down to reduced costs for the magazine. Going forward we are looking to work more closely with OS and changing our year end to coincide with theirs.

**Constitutional Change/Membership Rates:**

Anita presented the paperwork to indicate the minor constitutional changes and structured membership rates which are to be introduced. The membership rates will bring our rates into line with those of the OS and the constitution amendments being made reflect the alignment relating to the Treasurer's brief and Alumni Relations Manager brief. Proposed by Christine Cocks (née Bennett) and seconded by Janet Darke (née Lawson).

**Any Other Business:**

Vicky asked for thanks to be recorded to the Committee for their hard work throughout the year and for organising Reunion Day - we have a record 167 attending today.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11am.

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# SHS Old Girls' Guild Reunion 2020

## Timetable

Do join us at this year's SHS OGG Reunion with lots happening throughout the day in Stamford.

### FROM

9.45am	Coffee and Biscuits	(SIXTH FORM COMMON ROOM)
10.30am	AGM	(GEOGRAPHY ROOM)
11.30am	Church Service	(ST MARTIN'S CHURCH)
12.30pm	Pre Lunch Drinks	(SIXTH FORM LAWN)
1.00pm	Buffet Luncheon	(SCHOOL HALL)
3.00pm	School Tours with current prefects	(QUAD)
4.30pm	School Closes	
7.30pm	FREE Joint former pupil hog roast	(MAINFIELDS, STAMFORD SCHOOL)

## Sport and Spectatorship on Reunion Day

Throughout the day across all of our sites, we will be hosting sport for former pupils.

We are encouraging all our alumni to bring a picnic with the family to Stamford School Mainfields at any point during the day with the site open to all.

We are also happy to host The Wine Bar, Stamford owned by Old Stamfordians on site at Mainfields covering all your Pimms requirements!

# SHS Old Girls' Reunion Day - Saturday 13 June 2020

## Booking Form

9.45am Coffee and Biscuits

10.30am Annual General Meeting

11.30am Service at St Martin's Church

1.00pm OGG Reunion Day Lunch

Members' Rate: £23.00

Non Members' Rate: £26.00

3.00pm Tour of Stamford High School

7.30pm FREE Hog Roast at Mainfields,  
Stamford School for all alumni



All arrangements subject to change and alteration. All guests will be alerted to any changes (if at all) of location before the event. All rooms will be signposted on the day.

Name: .....

Maiden Name (if applicable): .....

Address: .....

Telephone No: .....

Years at SHS: From ..... To ..... Left from: U5 L6 U6

I wish to be sat with: .....

Dietary requirements: .....

Accessibility requirements: .....

I will require disabled parking: .....

## News Update:

Let us know what you have been up to in the last year...

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I am happy for this information to be published in next year's OGG magazine.

I would not like this information to be published in next year's OGG magazine.

Please be aware that we are normally oversubscribed for bookings at this event. We will do our best to accommodate all requests at the event, but cannot guarantee.

### Payment:

#### By post:

Cheques payable to: Stamford Endowed Schools

Applications to: SES Development Office  
Brazenose House  
St Paul's Street  
Stamford  
Lincolnshire  
PE9 2BE

#### Online:

[stamfordschools.org.uk/events/os-reunion-weekend/](http://stamfordschools.org.uk/events/os-reunion-weekend/)

#### Queries:

For any queries about this year's event, please feel free to contact the Development Office:

T: +44 (0)1780 750032

E: [community@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:community@ses.lincs.sch.uk)

**Closing date for applications to the SHS Old Girls' Guild Reunion Day:  
Monday 1 June 2020**





## Stories from the Archive...

AGNES EDMONDS (OS 1884)

#archivestories

**Last year, I gave you the story of Dora Abdy, a former Stamford High School pupil who went on to become a missionary and a pioneer of education for women in Africa. This year, I am going to give the life and work of another Old Girl who attended the school during the Victorian Era.**

Like Dora, Agnes Edmonds was never an active member of the SHS Old Girls' Guild. The only records of her adult life to be found in the SHS archive are updates which were provided by her younger sister, Alice. For this article, however, I got in touch with the archivist at the Cheltenham Ladies College, where Agnes was a pupil and member of staff, and she supplied me with some letters from Agnes in which she describes her college days in France, and her work as a medical missionary in India.

Agnes Sarah Edmonds was born in November 1867. She was the third of eight children to Orlando Edmonds and Mary Jane Arnold. The Edmonds family had strong connections with



the Stamford Endowed Schools during the nineteenth century. Orlando had attended Stamford Grammar School during the 1860s. Edith Edmonds, the eldest child, was one of the first thirty-two girls to be admitted into Stamford High School when it first opened on

10 May 1877. Agnes joined the school in 1879, followed by her two younger sisters, Helen and Alice. The earliest surviving prospectus to be found in the SHS archive lists the girls' mothers as sitting on the Board of Governors for the Stamford Endowed Schools.

We can only assume that the expectations of the Edmonds sisters would have been the same as for any daughter of Victorian Britain: they would grow up to get married and have children. Their responsibilities would be the household while their husbands

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went to work. Helen did fulfil this social norm. Of the other girls, Edith obtained a secretarial job with the parish of St Barnabas, Bexhill, while Alice performed parochial work in connection with the St George's Sunday School. Agnes, on the other hand, might have got her aspirations during her time at Stamford High School.

One Old Girl from around the same time as the Edmonds sisters recalled that the then-headmistress, Miss Monro, was a deeply faithful churchwoman who had a particular interest in the work of missionaries and it was through her influence that several of her most distinguished pupils found their

vocation in missionary work abroad. This could be applied to Agnes, who was reputed to be a favourite of Miss Monro. Alice Edmonds recalled later in life that the headmistress always 'thought very highly' of Agnes' abilities. Her scholastic attainments were also 'highly commended' by an examiner from the Cambridge Syndicate.

Agnes left SHS towards the end of 1884 and was admitted into Cheltenham Ladies' College in January 1885. She continued her studies as a pupil here until she took her University of London

Degree examinations in 1890. Agnes was one of only four candidates from all England to pass this exam. She was subsequently appointed an assistant teacher at Cheltenham. In 1891, Agnes and a fellow CLC student were admitted, free of charge, into all courses of the Ecole Normale Supérieure (Normal Training College) at Fontenay-aux-Roses by the kind permission of the Director-General of Primary Instruction.

Agnes found college life in France different to that which she had experienced back in England, and this is particularly shown in a letter she and her friend wrote to Cheltenham Ladies College. On a typical school day, the French students had to be at the college by seven in the morning for an address by the school inspector. After the pupils had assembled in one of the lecture

rooms, five or ten minutes would be given over to 'part-singing', followed by an address from the Principal for half-an-hour. At eight o'clock, the lectures and study sessions would commence; each lasted one hour and three-quarters followed by fifteen minutes of recreation. Lunch break started at twelve and finished at one-thirty. There were then another four hours of study and recreation following the same pattern as the morning schedule. After thirty minutes for recreation (five-thirty to six), there was another hour and a half of study. The day concluded at half past seven with dinner and relaxation, and bed at nine o'clock. Agnes received much kindness from the staff and students at Fontenay, and she became well-known in the village. During her frequent walks through the main street, she would be assailed with questions as to her nationality and occupation. She came away with happy memories of her

time here.

Upon her return to Britain, Agnes entered into the Preliminary Scientific at the University of London in September 1893. One year later, she passed this course

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and was able to devote most of her time to medical studies. She was awarded a scholarship of £70, which would cover the fees for her year of studies at the London School of Medicine for Women; the first medical school in Britain to train women as doctors. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, Agnes was not only a Gilchrist Medallist, but she had 'distinguished herself' at Medical College. In the spring of 1898, Agnes was accepted into the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (S.P.G.). She was appointed resident Medical Officer for the Women's Mission Association Hospital at Cawnpore in India. This was scheduled to open for its first patients in November 1899.

Agnes spent two years at Cawnpore, before she moved to the Kinnaird



Hospital in Lucknow. In her next letter to the Cheltenham Ladies College, she describes her daily routine at the hospital. During the spring of 1902, her work was 'anything but light'. A summer day would begin at six in the morning with prayers in the ward, followed by outside visits, operations and church.



Agnes and her nurses would then tend to out-patients until 11. The hardest mornings were those when one could be 'constantly interrupted by notes requiring answers' or when the need to persuade patients to come in or to prevent relatives from taking them out was necessary. After evensong at 7.15, Agnes would return home for dinner and bed.

At the time she wrote this letter, Agnes was engaged to a fellow missionary, the Reverend Arthur Austin Blair. The couple married on 28 December 1901 in

Cawnpore. They had three sons during their marriage. She concludes the letter saying that she hoped to hear from the Women's Nursing Association about starting another medical mission, and that she wanted her future medical work at Banda to be the starting point.

In the next letter from the autumn of 1908, Agnes describes her medical work in the city of Roorkee. She strongly implies in her letter that her work here were temporary postings on an annual basis, as she says at the start that in October 1907, she was able to 'resume' her work sooner than the year before. About her

'steady seven months of work' at this Mission Station, she wrote: "My patients were still largely Christian members of our Mission, Presbyterians or Methodists; but with a nice sprinkling of non-Christians, chiefly of servants' families, or from two small villages near. Women from 'Roorkee', i.e. the native town, though the centre of the bazaar is not half-a-mile away from the Mission bungalow, are still shy of coming to it. I had to keep three mornings a week for our orphanage boys, and other men and boys connected with the mission... Dispensary work lasted for two hours

only every morning, and I had a native Christian woman to help me in dressings, etc. My numbers seem but small, only averaging eleven dispensary patients a day, and one to two visits made outside; of these women and children outnumber men and boys this year”.

Roorkee experienced scarcely any outbreaks of plague in 1908, but ‘pneumonia cases were unusually numerous’, and Agnes says in her letter that she had one in-patient with this illness whom she had to nurse for 19 days. In May 1908, she and her family were stationed at Mussooree, where they had abundant rains during the summer, and she did hope to return to Roorkee again. After this letter, the next update we get on Agnes comes from the autumn of 1916. By this time, she had a missionary dispensary for women and children in Banda. It seems she achieved her ambition mentioned in her letter from 1902.

Agnes continued her work in the United Provinces until she and her husband both retired during the 1920s. The couple returned to Britain and retired to Saxlingham in Norfolk. After the Rev. A.A. Blair passed away on 1st December 1931, the widowed Agnes became Secretary to the Missionary Circle of the Old Girls’ Guild at the Cheltenham Ladies College. She died on 25 February 1944 at the age of 76.

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### **About the Author:**

Our Archivist, James Buckman, first came to the Stamford Endowed Schools in 2016 as a volunteer. Over time, his position was turned into a part-time job. He has a BA degree in History from Canterbury Christ Church University, and an MA in Museum and Gallery Studies from Kingston University. His final project with the latter course focused on the conservation of the archives at Stamford High School.



When he first visited the School, the archive was a chaotic jumble of artefacts and documents relevant to the history of the school. As part of his MA project, he turned this collection into an organised, accessible and appropriately preserved archive.

## Stay in contact with Stamford!

As a former pupil of Stamford High School, we hope you value the contact you have with the School and the Old Girls' Guild.

You are receiving the Old Girls' Guild magazine in hard copy because we do not have an email address for you.

You will continue to receive the magazine in hard copy, but to ensure you receive information about news and events via email, please do send in your email address.

Please help us to keep in touch with you by emailing us at: [community@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:community@ses.lincs.sch.uk)

## LANSDOWNE CLUB 2019



**Join us at this  
year's event:**

**Thursday 14  
May 2020**



## Students shine at Rotary Young Chef Competition 2019

Students from across the Stamford Endowed Schools have achieved the top three places at the Rotary Young Chef Competition. First place was awarded to George Worthington, Year 9 at Stamford School, who has additionally qualified for the District Competition, which will take place in February. Second and third places were awarded to Jess Gilson, Year 7 from Stamford High School and Louie Raybould, Year 9 from Stamford School.

The annual competition, held at Stamford High School at the end of November, invited eighteen Year 7 to 10 students to take part, with six students each coming from Stamford High School, Stamford School and Stamford Welland Academy. The students were required to prepare, cook and serve a two-course healthy meal, suitable for two people. This was required to comprise of a main course and dessert and be created as economically as possible.

Mrs Karen Wilson, Head of Food and Nutrition at Stamford High School, said: "All of the students from each of the three Schools were amazing. As soon as I said 'start', their heads went down

and you could clearly see the focus and concentration on their faces. They all finished on time, to produce some skilful and well-presented dishes.

"Overall, it was an extremely successful evening, with some of our students already planning ahead to next year's competition!"

## Equestrian Success for Stamford

The Stamford Endowed Schools are celebrating show jumping success after two teams have become Lincolnshire county champions and qualified for the National Show Jumping Championships, held at Hartpury College in April. To add to their success, three of the students have additionally qualified to compete at the prestigious international Royal Windsor Horse Show in May.

Seven students entered the competition, held by the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) at Epworth Equestrian, competing in three classes across a highly technical course.



The 105cm team, made up of Natasha Williams, Year 8, Jemima Hitcham, Year 9, Izzy Key, Year 10 and Sophie Golland,

Year 12, won their class, therefore qualifying, and defending their county champion title. James Wagstaffe, Year 10, scored a well-earned 3rd place individually.

In the 95cm class, Natasha, Izzy, James and Sophie scored 1st place, also qualifying for the Nationals, and winning them a well-earned place at the Windsor Horse Show. Henry Wharton, Year 10 scored an individual 5th place. Tom Wagstaffe, Year 8, Natasha and Henry entered the 85cm class, coming 3rd as a team with Tom scoring 4th individually, and Henry achieving 6th.

The team's co-ordinator, Jayne Wagstaffe, said: "What made this competition special is that all of the students, regardless of age or gender, compete at an equal level. All pupils rode brilliantly over a technical course and should be hugely proud of their achievements!"



### **Helen Richardson Walsh MBE coaches and presents to students**

The Olympic Gold Medal winning hockey player, Helen Richardson Walsh MBE, visited Stamford High School to coach and inspire young Hockey

students and sports scholars.

Following a guest coaching session, Helen gave a presentation that was focused around the key topics of confidence, striving for the best, and using mistakes as catalysts for progress.

She culminated her speech by sharing the quote, by Norman Vincent Peale, that she has used as her ongoing inspiration throughout her career: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars".



### **Stamford's U19 Netball team remain undefeated**

Stamford High School's 1st VII Netball team have been rewarded with the sought-after title of 'County Champions', through remaining undefeated in the U19 Schools netball tournament. This marks the team's fifth consecutive win in the championships and qualifies them for the regional tournament round in January

Jessica Wilkinson, captain of the Netball team, commented: "We have had a lot of tough matches in this tournament, and I am so impressed with the determination



that each individual has shown. We have worked so well as a team, and I know that we are all so excited to play in the regional finals in the new year!"

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### **SES Choirs embrace the culture of Venice**

Over 30 students from every year group across Stamford School and Stamford High School travelled to Italy over half term for a choral and cultural tour.

Following performances within two masses at famous renaissance buildings, St Mark's Basilica in Venice and St Antoni's Basilica in Padua, the choir were delighted to receive a standing ovation after their final concert, held in Abano Terme.

The group were also invited to sing in the earliest surviving permanent covered theatre, where Monteverdi staged his operas. An extraordinary glass blowing workshop and visit to the Venice Lagoon islands concluded their cultural tour.

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### **CCF Remembrance Parade**

Over 90 cadets and officers from Stamford Endowed Schools' Combined Cadet Force (CCF) marched in the Stamford Remembrance Parade, as part of the town's Armistice commemorations. Fourteen other cadets and officers from the Contingent also participated in Barnack's act of Remembrance – a commitment that the Schools have also honoured each Remembrance Sunday for many years.

Mr Nick Davies, Deputy Headmaster of Stamford School, said: "Cadets, from all 3 sections, had spent several hours preparing for these events over the previous week. This meant lots of marching practice (in some fairly inclement weather), as well as committing to the challenge of preparing their uniforms to the highest possible standard in advance of the day. Given the importance of the occasion, the cadets were honoured to take part and



were glad to have this opportunity to pay their respects to those who fought on our nation's behalf over the last century."

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## **Stamford win Ladies Bowl at RFA Fives Tournament**

An eager group of twelve Stamford Endowed Schools students recently took part in a Rugby Fives Association (RFA) tournament, held at the University of Cambridge. One determined pair; Zara Pollock, Year 10, and Chase Burgess, Year 8, emerged triumphant, winning the 2nd tier trophy, the Ladies Bowl.

The tournament was primarily designed to promote the sport of Fives to female beginners. 50 students from five schools competed for four awards, with each female player being matched with either a young male player, a coach or a parent.

Six girls and six boys entered the mixed doubles competition from the Stamford Endowed Schools, with each Year 10 girl being partnered with a Year 8 boy

With all Stamford pairings initially playing against teams from Cambridge University, Bedford Modern and Alleyn's School, the duo from Stamford finally triumphed against Rugby,



winning against a pupil and coach pair in the 2nd tier final.

## **Sixth Form students visit China**

An excitable group of our Stamford Endowed Schools Sixth Form students travelled to China for a week within half term on a joint Geography, Business and Economics trip.

Starting their adventure, the group visited the Temple of Heaven Park in the Dongcheng District, Beijing. Within the following days they proceeded to partake in a dumpling making masterclass, visit the Great Wall of China, Forbidden City and Terracotta Army. A day in traditional China brought a home cooked meal and an experience of Hutong rickshaw rides.

For the final part of their trip, the group travelled from Beijing to Xian on an overnight train. The final days of the trip were action packed; exempling Shanghai by night and tours of both the Yakult and Baosteel factories.

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## **Sixth Form enjoy cultural tour of Washington and New York**

An enthusiastic group of students from the Stamford Endowed Schools have visited Washington and New York, to further their understanding of the history, politics and culture of the United States of America.

The students began their tour by

visiting The White House, and Congress at the United States Capitol visitor centre. A trip to Ford's Theatre, the site of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, The Arlington



Military Cemetery and memorials, and the Holocaust Museum were noted as particularly powerful experiences.

An enjoyable road trip between Washington and New York started the second half of their trip, where Ellis and Liberty Islands, in the Upper New York Bay, gave views of the landmark Statue of Liberty. The 9/11 Memorial Museum, at the site where the Twin Towers once stood, proved unforgettable, with the museum's dynamic blend of architecture, archaeology and history creating a truly moving experience. Students also participated in some sightseeing, exploring Central Park, The Empire State Building, Times Square and China Town.

## House Singing Competition 2019

The Schools-wide House Singing competition began with a bang on both Thursday 17 and Friday 18 October, where the four Houses of Stamford Junior School, Stamford High School and Stamford School performed a wide variety of musical ensembles.

At Stamford High School, each House presented a senior choir and whole House ensemble. Beginning the afternoon, Beale's seniors sung 'Put Your Records On', by Corinne Bailey Rae, followed with a whole House performance of 'Shine' by Take That.

An enjoyable Senior House rendition of Elvis Presley's 'Can't Help Falling in Love' was followed up with the entirety of Eliot House enjoyably singing 'Don't Stop Me Now', by Queen. Anderson House presented a duo of more contemporary songs; beginning with their Senior House interpretation of



'Demons' by Imagine Dragons, followed up by 'Dance with me Tonight', by Olly

Murs. To close the competition, Cavell House performed 'Somewhere Only We Know' by Keane, concluding with a complete House representation of The Greatest Showman's 'A Million Dreams'.

Cavell's 'Million Dreams' did in



fact come true upon reveal of the competition's results, with Cavell scoring overall first place, closely beating joint second place Houses; Eliot and Anderson, followed by third place House, Beale.

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### **Stamford High School students inspired by STEM careers event**

Eleven of Stamford High School's Year 11 students were welcomed within a group of 100 girls to attend a Girls Schools Association UK's careers event, exploring STEM related opportunities, at the National Space Centre in Leicester on the 9 September 2019.

At a plenary talk within the planetarium, the keynote speaker, Dr Alice Bunn, spoke of her role as the International Director of the UK's Space Agency,

and discussed the importance of self-reflection of personal strengths in aiding decision making when pursuing a STEM career path.

A series of small workshop environments enabled the students to meet and discuss a myriad of topics with women currently working in STEM careers, providing real examples of the diverse careers that studying STEM subjects can provide. Following this, a view of the centre's exhibits proved highly insightful, with the students being especially amazed by the iconic 42-metre-high Rocket Tower and wide plethora of interactive exhibits.

In the afternoon, the National Space Centre displayed an engaging film to the students, discussing the Apollo Space Programme.

Mr Adam Patchett, Head of Science at Stamford High School, commented: "Throughout the day, our students were awestruck by the breadth of possibility in space and related industries; from engineering solutions, to the use of satellite data, and even matters legal."

"Of particular enjoyment was our afternoon, whereby following a look around the exhibits, we were treated to a new film about the Apollo Space Programme. Having ended in the 1970s, long before our students graced the corridors of our Schools, it is exciting to consider that this new generation have

the potential to forge the path of science in the future.”



### **Professor Lord Winston enthralled pupils from the Stamford Endowed Schools**

Professor Winston, the preeminent scientist and popular BBC presenter, enthralled children from Stamford Junior School with a talk on science and the amazement of the human body on the morning of Monday 7 October.

Professor Winston then moved onto the Senior Schools where more than 200 students had the opportunity to ask a variety of questions ranging from ethical issues to biological findings following his talk on in vitro fertilisation and human life.

Will Phelan, Principal of the Stamford Endowed Schools commented: “Professor Winston held the students he spoke to (and the staff) absolutely spellbound. His insights into research, scientific findings and ethics resonated as much with our Junior School students as they did with the sixth form. We were

exceptionally privileged to meet him at Stamford.”

### **Charlotte celebrates gold at British Junior Rowing Championships**

Whilst studying diligently for her GCSE examinations, Year 12 student Charlotte Bolton competed alongside her team in the final of the British Junior Rowing Championships in July this year,



winning a gold medal for the Isle of Ely in WJ16 Quad.

Her recent success adds to an already impressive track record of achievements last year where she won a gold medal and set a new GB record in the mixed junior relay at the British Rowing Indoor Championship (BRIC). This follows her title of women’s junior national champion, with her partner Poppy, at the junior national rowing championships in the preceding Spring.



### **Summer of sailing success for Jess Nelson**

Jess Nelson, a Year 13 student at the Stamford Endowed Schools, has enjoyed a summer of sailing success, alongside her partner Hannah Roberts Straw.

Upon achieving the Welsh Ladies Youth 29er Champions title in June, the pair went on to achieve third place in both the Ladies Trophy and Eurocup in August, at the National 29er Championship.

Rounding off an outstanding summer, the pair accomplished third British Ladies boat in their final tournament racing together, in the beautiful Lake Garda, Italy, at the 29er European Championships.

### **Students celebrate their A Level results**

A quarter of all A Levels were passed at the top grades of A\* - A. Four out of five of all exams were passed at A\* - C, in line with last year's results.

Students achieved exceptional results in the EPQ, or Extended Project Qualification, which requires students to work independently to complete a detailed project and is highly valued by employers and universities. Overall, 72% of EPQs at Stamford were passed at A\* or A grade.

Will Phelan, Principal of the Stamford Endowed Schools, said: "Our students have worked extremely hard and I am absolutely delighted for them as they embark on the next stage of their lives. Their dedication, their curiosity about the world, and their ability to work independently, have been especially apparent in their outstanding EPQ grades. Our students are learning to think for themselves, to work hard, and to pursue the things that interest them –



the key life skills which they will carry with them as they move on to life after Stamford.”

### **Stamford pupils celebrate GCSE results**

Girls at Stamford High School achieved excellent results – 56.7% of all exams were passed at grades 9-7, 2% higher than last year.

Meanwhile, boys at Stamford School passed 10% of all grades at the highest

level, grade 9, outperforming all predictions. Across the cohort as a whole, results for grades 9-7 matched or exceeded predictions.

25% of the boys, and 31% of the girls, passed at least five exams at the highest 9-7 grades.

Vicky Buckman, Head of Stamford High School, said: “These are absolutely brilliant results, and our students have proved that they are developing all the skills that they need as a foundation for A Levels and beyond. I am so proud of all of them.

# OGG Reunion Day 2019

The SHS Old Girls' Reunion Day at Stamford High School continues to gain popularity year on year. Last year's event was held on Saturday 15 June 2019. Another reunion enjoyed by all who attended with a record-breaking 167 former pupils attending the lunch!















45 Year



20 Year



49 Year



40 Year



30 Year



25 Year

# Merchandise

From Christmas 2019, a range of gift merchandise for alumni! Purchase everything from tea towels, to umbrellas.



New for 2020 -  
Katie Cardew for SES  
mugs and tea-towels!



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Umbrella:	£20.00
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