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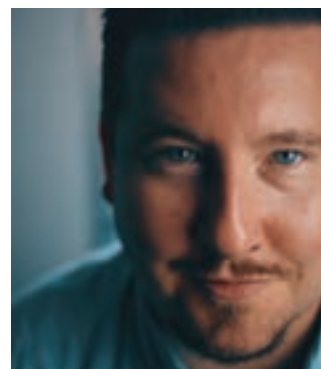
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Welcome to Memento

As I write, the school is gearing up for another academic year, but we are also mid-way through our 10th birthday celebration year – and there has been much to celebrate!

This summer, our students have enjoyed tremendous GCSE and A-level results, with some unprecedented performances in terms of value added achievement, particularly pleasing in a year when, as the media coverage highlighted, the public exam system has been very tough: we are proud of every one of them! This summer has also seen the addition of a new 3G pitch at Alwoodley as we continue to enhance our sports' facilities, as well as Junior School refurbishments and the development of a new careers' hub. Finally, we have embarked upon the expansion of our pupil IT devices, doubling the number of iPads in Rose Court and Junior School and preparing the roll out of 121 laptops for all students in Senior School.

Seeing what a modern GSAL education provides, we have also enjoyed some lovely birthday events and, particularly, been humbled by the generosity of donors who have given so charitably to our bursary appeal to create 10 new places for children to attend GSAL and benefit from its wonderful opportunities. We are truly grateful.

Of course, we are now working on the plans and ambitions for the next ten years, starting with the move of Rose Court to the Alwoodley campus, so that all of our children can be educated on the same site. We plan to realise this in 2020 and are working diligently towards this next goal.

However, this November, we will be celebrating again, with the shortlisted alumni for our Leeds Luminaries' awards, surely an appropriate way to recognise the achievements of some 'old boys and girls' who have gone on to make such a difference in their area of expertise. We plan to share their stories with current pupils this term, to inspire and to reassure them that, with a GSAL education and the character traits it can develop, anything you set your mind to is possible!

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Sue Woodroffe, Principal

Ben and Debbie

share a platform – and their experiences – at Speech Day

This year, for the first time, an ‘old boy’ and ‘old girl’ will share the stage at Speech Day in celebration of 10 years since The Grammar School at Leeds became co-educational.

Brother and sister entrepreneurs Ben and Debbie Wosskow will take to the platform to address students and their parents at Leeds Town Hall on Tuesday 20 November.

Returning as alumni has triggered memories of their own school days at Leeds Grammar School and Leeds Girls’ High School, recalling inspirational teachers and significant lessons learned.

Debbie (OG92), who studied philosophy and theology at New College, Oxford, said: “Miss Wall for history and Miss Rich for English were favourites, as was Dr West for biology - somehow with the knowledge of modern ethics to help me prep for my Oxford general paper. I also learned the importance of being the best you can be and that girls and women can achieve whatever they put their minds to.”

Ben (OL96) agrees that he was lucky to have brilliant teachers who played their part in his choices on leaving school.

“Mr Milner, Mrs Harris and Mr Moynihan probably had the biggest influence on me studies-wise. Their huge passion for their subject was the main reason I went on to study modern languages at university. I also took away with me the importance of hard work and the value of taking an interest in a wide range of activities, from sport to drama and young enterprise to music, as well as the need to have good people around you. My friends from school are still my very closest friends, 22 years on.”



Ben offers holiday alternatives with Love Home Swap

Ask Ben Wosskow to describe Love Home Swap and he'll tell you it's like 'online dating for homes' ... an apt description for a simple idea which is transforming how people take holidays.

The inspiration for the business came from sister Debbie at a time when Ben was at a crossroads in his career. He had been working in the marketing department of the Financial Times following a French and German degree at Oxford. It had been fun for a few years but he now had a place to complete an MBA – until Debbie convinced him to join her in setting up Love Home Swap together instead.

Ben said: “I wasn't massively into the idea of studying again and the chance to be part of a start-up business was really exciting especially in a sector - the sharing economy - that was starting to get very interesting with brands like Airbnb coming along.”

Love Home Swap launched in 2011 with Ben as chief commercial officer, working closely with Debbie and the different parts of the team to run the

business day-to-day. The following year they raised venture funding to help scale up the business, selling it to Wyndham Destinations in 2017.

The premise is simple - members of the international home-swapping website have the choice of thousands of homes and destinations at their fingertips. They post details of their homes, browse other people's homes, contact their perfect match and arrange a swap. Properties are high-end and range from a beach front villa in Thailand to Manhattan penthouses, French chateaux and Tuscan retreats.

Now managing director of the company, Ben is enthusiastic about the future.

He said: “We have exciting plans ahead as more and more holidaymakers look for alternatives to traditional hotel travel options. Being part of a big international travel group like Wyndham Destinations also offers opportunities as we work with their teams, everywhere from Singapore to Mexico City, to continue to grow internationally.”

Debbie opens first female-only private members club

This year Debbie Wosskow opened the first female-only private members club in the UK to provide working women with an oasis where they can 'create', 'collaborate' and 'thrive' – and ultimately – boost their careers.

The London-based AllBright opened its doors in Bloomsbury on International Women's Day in March and is already attracting female entrepreneurs, executives, creatives, and consultants from a wide range of industries.

The idea behind the club is to offer professional women space where they can work, hold meetings and socialise while also enjoying the benefits of a programme of events, talks, exhibitions, debates and networking.

Debbie and her business partner Anna Jones, the former CEO of Hearst Magazines UK, took their inspiration from the Bloomsbury-based author Virginia Woolf who wrote in 1929: “A woman must have money and a room of her own.”

The club, they say, offers women the support and camaraderie in their

professional lives which have been available to men for centuries through their gentleman's clubs and old-boy networks.

The five-storey Georgian townhouse features meeting rooms, a restaurant and a cocktail bar as well as a library, beauty bar and fitness area.

Members have joined from all walks of life and sectors, from art to science and CEOs to entrepreneurs, and there is currently a waiting list. High profile members include actors Naomie Harris, Tara Fitzgerald and Ruth Wilson; Mobo awards founder Kanya King; businesswoman Martha Lane Fox and global health campaigner Sarah Brown.

Debbie said: “Since we opened The AllBright, the club has become a Mecca for amazing women to meet, connect and build their networks. The feedback we have had from our members and the demand from women across London has led us to develop our second site to open early in 2019.”

Let's dance:

David gets toes tapping wherever he goes

David Pickering (OL88) has dedicated his life to dance, training with some of the greatest names in ballet and performing all over the world. But dance for him has always been about more than the performance.

David (right) performing with Royal Ballet.

Throughout his 23-year career David has been dedicated to sharing his love of dance through education and outreach programmes, working with people of all ages, abilities and disabilities.

And this year he was recognised for his work as a dancer and teacher at the Royal Ballet when he was awarded an MBE for services to the arts and education. David, who retired from performing in 2013, is now the Royal Ballet's learning and participation creative associate, a role which was created for him. His work involves creating online resources and training for non-dance teachers across the UK to give them the confidence to lead their pupils through a dance project within their school.

He said: "The teaching is creative, inclusive and fun. I act as a physical conduit between the Royal Ballet dancers and the learning and participation department, integrating them into primary and secondary school projects or community dance programmes. I also help with the strategic planning and artistic content of many national projects for schools."

It was at school that David took his own first steps in ballet at the age of six, starting dancing lessons along with his three older brothers Simon, Mark and Andrew (all LGS alumni) and his twin sister Rachael at Jean Pearce School of Dance in Leeds.

Throughout his schooldays he combined ballet classes with studies at LGS, training in Leeds and Harrogate. As his talent became more apparent he won a number of scholarships to take part in residential schools, where at one he was taught by the legendary Dame Alicia Markova. Eventually he was travelling to London by train every Saturday to learn from Royal Ballet ex-principal dancer Christopher Gable.

During this time, he says, he enjoyed huge support from both staff and students at school. Teachers were unfailingly encouraging, going out of their way to help.

He said: "LGS supported me entirely with the restrictions and requirements of my training. I was not permitted to participate in contact sports in case of career threatening injury so the rugby pitch was off

limits, which was very disappointing as I always loved sport – athletics in particular."

However to help with his dance training he was given special permission to use the school gym and weights, which were only usually available to the sixth form, and was also allowed time away from school for extra-curricular training or performances.

Recalling Peter Jolly as an inspirational teacher and a role model for fair play, he said: "I also remember in one of my gym training sessions watching him bench press 100kg without too much effort. Respect!"

Having turned down a place at the Royal Ballet when he was in his early teens, David successfully auditioned and accepted a place in 1988, leaving LGS after taking his GCSEs to train full-time.

Ballet has taken him all over the world as a dancer and his work today continues to take him abroad.

He has attended and presented at international dance and wellness conferences in Amsterdam and Aix-en-Provence; taught workshops to children in Japan within the Kumamoto prefecture that had been devastated by two consecutive earthquakes; taught workshops within a favela in Rio de Janeiro; and last year was part of the We All Dance project in Brisbane and Cairns, Australia, which brought together 12 community groups including indigenous Australians, vulnerable adults and mixed ability and disabled children and adults to learn from and dance with members of the Royal Ballet.

Back home, David has also worked with Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, writing and performing all-sensory stories that include movement and cognitive response and he teaches a weekly ballet class for blind and partially-sighted adults called Monday Moves.

He said: "It is remarkable to experience how an art form as technical as classical ballet can positively impact on people with profound disability. I have always been passionate about involving myself in education and outreach, making ballet accessible to anyone irrespective of age, ability or disability."

Suzy hits new heights with England hockey squad

Suzy Petty (GSAL10) was just nine-years-old when she picked up her first hockey stick at Adel Hockey Club. Now with an international career to her name, Suzy looks back on a year which saw her win a Commonwealth Games bronze medal and a place in the World Cup squad.

And as she eyes a place at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020, Suzy reflects on a crucial decision that she made while playing both hockey and netball for Leeds Girls' High School.

"I loved both sports," she said, "but my first love was hockey. I started playing for Wakefield Hockey Club when I was 15 and that gave me my chance to play for England, so I decided to concentrate on hockey from then on. It was a difficult decision but I had great support from my LGHS sports teachers Miss Rostron (now Mrs Glass) and Mrs Johnson and I haven't regretted it."

Suzy played for the U16 and U18 England teams while still at school. Following a degree in sports sciences at Loughborough University, she has spent the last two years training full-time on the GB programme, while also playing and coaching at Wimbledon Hockey Club.

This year, all of her hard work and dedication paid off when she was selected for the England squad to compete in the Commonwealth Games and the 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup.

The England team finished third in Australia's Gold Coast to bring home bronze but were disappointed to be knocked out at the quarter final stage of the World Cup.

Suzy said: "You always look back and think 'we could have done better'. At the Commonwealth Games we had topped our group and set our sights higher, but it was the most amazing experience. It was great to win my first medal."

"Also it was my first time at a multi-sports games so I saw sport from a different perspective and it was really cool to be in the Commonwealth Games Village, staying in an England house."

Back home in London the team started their preparations for the World Cup. With a new format of group stages, the players found themselves facing Ireland for a place in the quarter finals after two below par performances in their first two matches. They won that match 1-0 but were defeated by eventual World Cup winners, the Netherlands, at the next stage.

Suzy said: "We have learned for the future from that experience. As a team we are all incredibly close and supportive of each other and the good thing is that, as part of the programme, when things go wrong we talk it out so we will be prepared next time."

As well as training either on the hockey field or in the gym five days a week, the GB programme

also offers advice from psychologists and nutritionists, as well as sessions with a performance lifestyle coach.

"The support we receive is absolutely brilliant and no-one leaves the programme with no plans for the future."

Suzy is hoping to be part of the Great Britain squad at the Tokyo Olympics and is not ruling out the Paris Olympics in 2024.

After that a career in finance appeals, but for now it's back to the hockey pitch and the intensity of full-time training.



Suzy (right) in action against Korea during the Vitality Women's World Cup.

Memories of Mr Fry

Derek Fry was a communicator *par excellence*. Pupils, parents, colleagues and friends were often on the receiving end of one of his beautifully-crafted letters.

He was also fondly remembered for his anecdotes, so it came as no surprise that so many people wanted to express in words their feelings for Mr Fry when he died.

Many wrote letters, or left their favourite memory of him on specially-printed cards at his memorial service. However it was

ironic that, for a man who famously eschewed new technology, many took to social media to express their feelings. A hashtag set up on Twitter by his friend and former LGS colleague, the novelist Joanne Harris, attracted hundreds of comments.

#RememberingMrFry and GSAL's Facebook page were inundated

with tributes and anecdotes from ex-pupils, many recalling his refusal to use a calculator in favour of his trusty old slide-rule, while others described his irrepressible sense of humour, his unfailing support and friendship, his intelligence, dedication and erudition.



Derek Fry pictured with one of his lunch time astronomy classes.



Out of school Derek was rarely seen without his dog Patch.

Here are just a few of those tributes and anecdotes:

I was delighted when Derek described my letters as having a racy, anecdotal style!

Margaret Beckett

Having spoken to Derek on the telephone he would, on occasion, thank me for 'transforming' his morning. I would like to thank Derek for transforming the quality of my life.

Bill Gough

What a gentleman, in the true sense of the word. Integrity, sincere, personable, kind, a few words which spring to mind when I think of him and an inspiring professional.

Joel Mack

I'll never forget how he would do a handstand and walk across the classroom at the end of the year. Legend.

Rob Yates

He held everyone, literally everyone, in the highest possible esteem and had the knack of making you realise how highly he thought of you; teachers, students and thousands of acquaintances ended up striving to be a bit better: a bit more polite, a bit more respectful to be a bit more worthy of his appreciation.

Tom Rogerson

A wonderful mentor, friend and human being. Thank you for all you did for me Mr Fry . . . you were the epitome of absolute class.

Rishi Dhir

I miss my dear friend and I know that I am not alone. Derek was unique but his wish for us all to be a force for good in the lives of others is something we can all strive to do every day and, when you do, smile and remember the wonderful man who inspired you to be the very best that you can be.

Michelle D'Vali

Quoting Goethe in a Friday morning Clarell House assembly, Derek advised us: "Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them become what they are capable of being." Like all of the maxims he shared with us in those Friday morning thoughts, Derek embodied this virtue fully in his behaviour. And in doing so provided the greatest lesson of my school years: the example of his behaviour.

Anas El Turabi

I remember my first lesson with him that started "Gentlemen, there is no back row in my class, please advance" and then ended up with him walking around on his hands.

Ben Ryder

The world just lost a truly wonderful man; the kindest soul who had time for everybody, always.

Emma Forbes

Mr Fry commanded a classroom through calmness and wit; he never raised his voice once.

Simon Thornton-Graham

Handstands in class a personal highlight, as well as when he would pull you aside in the corridor if you had a top button undone and say in his calm voice: "Young man, what would your mother say if she saw your top button undone?"

James Joseph

"I may be your senior, but I will never be your superior". A philosophy that made him a great teacher to all and a great person.

Matthew Li

A truly delightful teacher. I was, in his words, 'a vexation to my spirit!' Still makes me chuckle to this day that he put it so politely. Made physics and chemistry both interesting and entertaining.

Ian MacKay

Seeing how stress at A-level was damaging my confidence, Mr Fry met with me for additional lessons, during which he challenged my academic curiosity and provided a beacon in the fog of exams. Imparting wisdom and igniting passion for physics was not his 'job'. It was his vocation.

Katie-Lou White

Toby Castle:

from breaking news to mentoring tomorrow's journalists

BBC deputy news editor Toby Castle (OL94) is using his expertise to mentor aspiring young journalists and increase social mobility in newsrooms.

As a television journalist, who joined the BBC in 2014 after a career at Tyne Tees and ITN, he is well aware of the difficulty in attracting a young audience to tune into television news.

He said: "If you're supposed to reflect the audience that you are broadcasting to, then it's got to be relevant. To encourage young people to switch on our bulletins, we need reports from people who are under 30."

With that in mind, he became a trustee of the John Schofield Trust in 2011, a charity set up by the family and friends of a BBC journalist who was killed in Croatia in 1995. It supports young journalists, offering a mentoring scheme and a Royal Television Society Young Talent of the Year Award with a bursary.

Toby said: "It's an invaluable scheme where you can find somebody that can share your fears, answer your questions and offer advice."

He is also involved in Brightside, a social mobility organisation which uses online mentoring to connect young people with inspirational role models to help with their education and career prospects.

Back at his desk at BBC Television Centre in London though, Toby says that his job is to manage stories not people.

He said: "There are cycles of stories of course, but it really is true of this job that no two days are the same."

Journalism was not his first choice as a career. On leaving LGS, he initially joined the Army on a short-service limited commission which involved a month at Sandhurst before a year in Colchester with the Royal Artillery.

He then went on to study history and politics at Dundee University and tried unsuccessfully to get into the Foreign Office.

Both his parents were working in television and, while back home



for the summer in Leeds in 1999, a family friend recommended that he should apply for a job at Tyne Tees Television. He got the job, training as a journalist with them before transferring to ITN in London on an attachment after a year.

He said: "There were fantastic opportunities to get on in ITN and I travelled a lot covering some great stories."

He has a BAFTA for his part in the coverage of the Cumbria shootings in 2010 when lone gunman Derrick

Bird killed 12 people and injured 11 before killing himself.

Toby said: "I had a tip-off from a reporter in the area and we were first on the scene, chartering a helicopter to fly Mark Austin up there to anchor the news."

Other major stories that he has covered include the disappearance of the Soham schoolgirls in 2002; the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004; Michael Jackson's trial and his death; and the 2006 conflict in the Lebanon.

Frank's heroism

comes to light after more than 70 years

When pilot Frank Bolton (OL33) was killed in action over Holland during the Second World War, his family knew very little about what had happened to him.

Now more than 70 years later his daughter Margaret has pieced together her father's heroic story and visited his grave with her family.

Frank was killed on 26 September 1944, at the age of 29, just before Margaret's birth, and because of the confusion of war she grew up believing that he had been shot down and died when his parachute failed to open.

Through contact with the RAF she later discovered that the shots had been fired by an American gunner and, although saddened by the news that he was killed by 'friendly fire', says she felt no animosity to either the Americans or Germans.

Still trying to find out exactly what happened to the father she never knew, her son Paul started to help in the search for information.

She said: "Fast forward a few years and Paul found an article written about an airplane that had been exposed by the floodwaters of the River Meuse near a town called Gennep and that this plane had belonged to my father. A man called Han van Avensbergen had been searching for our family to tell his amazing story.

"His uncles had often told him about the plane being shot down and a British pilot struggling to avoid their village as his plane fell. By not bailing out immediately my father's actions had undoubtedly saved many lives in Gennep."

Paul made contact with Han and the family was invited to Gennep to hear the full story and to meet an eyewitness to the tragedy, 88-year-old Jacob van Tankeren, who had been 17 at the time.

Margaret and her husband Richard travelled with their son Paul, his wife Emma and their children Jessica and Charlie, plus daughter Anne, her husband Dan and their two

children Joe and Marion. Han had assembled some parts of the aircraft to show them and they marvelled that after so long there was anything left to see.

Margaret said: "We stopped at the spot from where Jacob had seen the burning plane, my father wrestling at the controls rather than bailing out. He saw that when my father passed over the village he climbed onto the wing of his plane and threw his parachute as high as practicable and bailed out. Finally he saw my father fall to earth and his plane crash land in the River Meuse."

Jacob was the first to reach Frank's body and was affected deeply by the experience. The Germans originally ordered the villagers to bury Frank in the Roman Catholic Church but, in time, he was moved to the Jonkerbos war cemetery at Nijmegen.

Margaret and her family visited both cemeteries and scattered dried rose petals at the scene of the crash.

She said: "It was a very moving visit. We thanked Han for all he had done for us, but he said that nothing was too much trouble for our family because of what my father had done for them. The village of Gennep is now engraved on my heart and I am very thankful that I was able to hear this story."



It's party time!

The Grammar School at Leeds celebrates 10 years

Year of celebration kicks off at GSAL . . .

A year of celebrations kicked off with a reception at GSAL where one of the highlights for the 240 guests was the performance of three original pieces of music.

Young musicians from Y9 had composed the music to mark the school's 10th birthday.

Also announced was the creation of the Leeds Luminaries Awards to mark the outstanding achievements of alumni; and the launch of a birthday bursary campaign, raising money to fund an additional 10 places for students starting in September.



The 2017-18 head boy and girl team with the 10th birthday cake (L-R): Lexy Shipley, Harin Wijayathunga, Lewis Freeman and Lucy Burgin.



(L-R): Helen Clapham, GSAL director of external relations with Robert Dyson (OL64) and Jonathan Straight (OL83).



Renewing old acquaintances are a group of OGs from 1965 (L-R): Victoria Littlewood, Jane Aldrick, Shelagh Dixon, Paddie Breeze and Lynn Aspland.



Judith Kerr, former head of English at LGHS and deputy head of English at GSAL, is pictured with her daughter Emily (OG04).



(L-R): Margaret Mould and David Coates from the Sir George Martin Trust with Shelagh Robinson (OG50).



Twenty O'Eight, a beer specially brewed to celebrate GSAL's 10th birthday, are: (L-R): chemistry teacher Ray Peacock and Sir Stephen Brown KCVO (OL65), GSAL governor.

...before heading to the House of Lords

The historic surroundings and splendour of the House of Lords was the venue for GSAL's London 10th birthday celebrations.

The event, held in the stunning Cholmondeley Room and Terrace, overlooking the River Thames, was hosted by Baroness Neville-Jones DCMG (OG58). Around 100 alumni, from the 1940s to the present day, gathered for an evening of networking, drinks and canapés.

Also present were four heads: GSAL Principal Sue Woodroffe, Professor Mark Bailey, former head of LGS and first head of GSAL, Sue Fishburn, former head of LGHS and retired dean of GSAL and Mike Gibbons, retired head of GSAL.



James Hughes (OL90), Paul Hutton (OL90) and Norman Leinster (OL83).



Oldest and youngest guests meet up (L-R): Sam Harman (GSAL14), Thelma Ruby-Frye (OG39) and Matthew Li (GSAL14).



Four 'heads' in a selfie frame (L-R): Sue Woodroffe, Mike Gibbons, Mark Bailey and Sue Fishburn.



(L-R): Head of governors David Gravells, Joel Harrison (OL97), Stuart Prince (OL97) and Penelope Renwick (OG76).



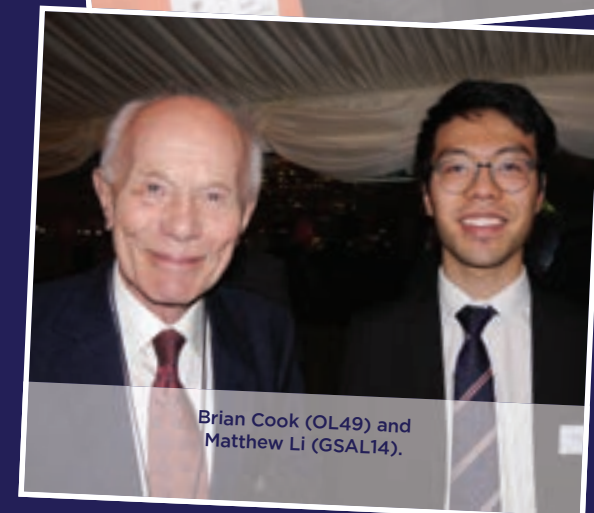
Lydia Danon (OG97), Vivien de Tusch-Lec (OG99) and Amy Lacey (OG98).



Sue Fishburn, Antony Drake (OL79) and Anna Farrer née Richmond (OG76).



Dr Michael Stephenson (OL56) and daughter Anna Stephenson (OG82).



Brian Cook (OL49) and Matthew Li (GSAL14).

Birthday lunch brings staff and alumni back together

It was a day of recognising faces, renewing old acquaintances and sharing memories when current staff and students were joined by alumni and retired staff to celebrate 10 years of GSAL.

The birthday lunch in the sixth form centre brought together staff, students and alumni from GSAL, LGS and LGHS.

Among the guests were the current head boy and girl team of Joshua Borlant, Toby Kulin, Niharika Manu and Nicole Smith, who welcomed six former head girls and a head boy, including Helen Millner and Yande Kasolo, the first to fulfil the role in the new school in 2008.



Head of history Keith Milne is pictured with the first GSAL head girl team Helen Millner (centre) and Yande Kasolo.

thank you . . . thank you . . . thank you . . . thank you . . . thank you .

We have been overwhelmed by the generous response from our alumni, parents and staff to our 10th Birthday Bursary campaign. Thanks to everyone’s support we have welcomed nine new pupils to the school this September.

First Tebb winner returns for 10th anniversary competition

David Franklin (GSAL10), the first ever winner of the Robert Tebb Piano Competition, returned to school to present the prize in its 10th anniversary year.

David, who won the inaugural competition as a Y12 student in 2009, handed over the coveted award to the youngest-ever winner, 12-year-old Yuan Xu, telling him how watching the competition had brought back all the nerves and excitement of his own day.

Both winners had the distinction of playing for Dame Fanny Waterman, founder of the the Leeds International Piano Competition. She was the adjudicator on the day that David won and was in the audience to hear Yuan play – a treat for her 98th birthday.

David, who studied political science and international relations at the University of Birmingham on leaving school, continues to play piano. At university, he was president of JabSoc, the Jazz and Blues Society, running regular jam sessions in the students’ union bar and events for students across Birmingham.

Now working for Virgin Trains (West Coast) in Birmingham he is involved with Virgin Rocks, an annual charity gig by a band composed entirely of Virgin Trains HQ staff, which has raised over £3,000 for mental health charities in the last two years.

The Robert Tebb Piano Competition takes place annually at GSAL and this year was a special birthday edition of the competition.

The adjudicator, concert pianist Cecilia Xi, listened to 11 finalists, who played a wide range of repertoire from jazz to classical. Yuan’s winning programme featured the contrasting Mozart’s Sonata in Bb 1st movement K333 and

Gershwin’s Prelude for Piano no 1. Each year the winner receives £300 and a cup, thanks to the generosity of Robert Tebb, alumnus of Leeds Grammar School.



Tebb winners past and present are: Yuan Xu (left) and David Franklin.

Pupils piece together birthday birdbath at Rose Court

Rose Court pupils have marked GSAL’s 10th birthday by creating a beautiful and lasting memorial to a former pupil.

Taking daffodils as their theme - flowers often associated with 10th anniversary celebrations - the children created a mosaic birdbath. This will have a permanent home in a daffodil garden which was planted in the grounds of the school in 1994 in memory of Catherine Apps, a Y8 pupil at Leeds Girls’ High School.

Her mother, June Apps, who taught chemistry at Leeds Girls’ High School from 1992 to 2007, visited Rose Court to meet some of the children and to see the birdbath, in which each pupil had placed a piece of mosaic.

She said: “The birdbath is beautiful - a combination of wonderful creativity by the children and touching thoughtfulness of the staff. I am delighted there is a link from

the past to the present in such a special year- evidence that GSAL both nurtures its current pupils and still remembers and cares for its former ones.”

The birdbath project was led by teaching assistants Bev Nicholaides and Bernadette Butler.



Pupils (back) Athena Cooper and Yuvraj Thakker, both Reception, (front) Jennifer Rogerson and Shaheer Abdul-Halim, both Nursery, show the birdbath to June Apps (second right), with Bev Nicholaides (left) and Bernadette Butler (right).

Junior School pupils plant birthday flower bed

A striking floral figure 10 overlooking the cricket pitch has been planted by Y3 pupils in celebration of GSAL’s 10th birthday.

The pupils had the bright idea for the new landmark as they were enjoying studying plants in science. They even linked the project to their



maths curriculum by measuring up the flower bed themselves.

Grounds and gardens team leader, Ian Lead, guided pupils through the planting process of the fragrant lavender-filled bed.



Planting out are: back Eliza Locke (left) and Emma Levelt; front Sebastian Hassan (left) and Aarav Verma.

Leeds Luminaries Awards 2018: VOTE NOW

There is still time to cast your vote in the 2018 Leeds Luminaries Awards. Who wins is entirely in your hands . . . so vote now.

The awards have been launched as part of GSAL’s 10th birthday celebrations to honour high-achieving alumni of Leeds Grammar School, Leeds Girls’ High School and The Grammar School at Leeds.

To help you make up your mind, take a look at our talented shortlist of 21 old boys and old girls and a retired teacher. For more information on each nominee go to www.gsal.org.uk/alumni/leeds-luminaries-voting and click on a name.

You may vote once in each of the seven categories, either online or in person at one of our birthday events. Voting closes on Wednesday 17 October 2018.

Winners will be announced and presented at the Leeds Luminaries Awards Dinner at GSAL on 17 November when the host for the evening will be the writer, comedian and actor Barry Cryer (OL53).

STEM and Medicine
Zoe Hudson (OG84)
Dr Sam Cohen (OL05)

Business and Enterprise
Graeme Lee (OL83)
Kathryn Cearnas OBE (OG82)
Debbie Woskow OBE (OG92)

Charity and Community
Gareth Dunn (GSAL09)
Kate Newton (OG93)
Barry Brindley (LGHS/GSAL)

Sport
Lucy Harris (GSAL14)
Yona Knight-Wisdom (GSAL11)
Gordon Benson (GSAL12)

Arts and Humanities
Lady Valerie Solti (OG55)
Richard Price (OL50)
James Brining (OL86)

Rising Stars
Olly Cracknell (GSAL12)
Luke Johnson (GSAL10)
Haaris and Shaan Ahmed (GSAL09/11)

Lifetime Achievement
Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones (OG58)
Jennifer Bray (OG61)
Lord Dyson (OL61)
Sir Harry Ognall (OL52)

OLA celebrates 100 years of friendship

A desire to form lasting bonds of friendship among former pupils of Leeds Grammar School was the inspiration for the setting up of the Old Leodiensian Association (OLA) in the wake of the First World War.

Now, the OLA is preparing to celebrate 100 years of camaraderie as it marks its centenary in 2019 with a year of commemorative events. These will include a trip to WW1 battlefields, an official dinner and fundraising to create a garden of reflection at GSAL.

As the centenary year approaches, Memento looks back on how it all began.

The association was formally set up at a meeting in the Civil Court in Leeds Town Hall on 20 February 1919. However the idea was first proposed in 2018 at a dinner in the Hotel Metropole attended by about 200 old boys, many of them still in uniform.

The effect of the war had been to strengthen the bonds of former pupils with the school and at the dinner Lieutenant-Colonel Bousfield, who had commanded a Leeds battalion at the Front and who had only recently been released from a German prisoner of war camp, said that one of the biggest lessons of the war was the value of *esprit de corps*. He spoke of his desire to see an organisation set up to which a boy would automatically become a member on leaving school.

Headmaster at the time, Rev. J R Wynne-Edwards, welcomed the proposal to form an 'old boys' club'. There had been a feeling for many

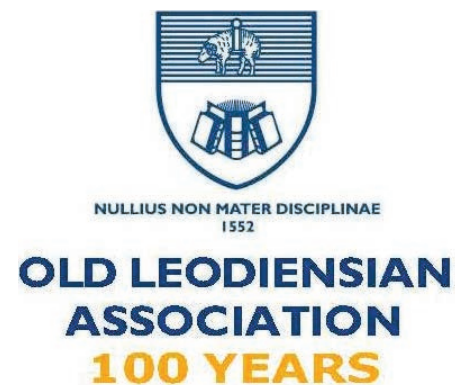
years, accentuated by the recent conflict, that there was a need for such an association as many had lost touch, not only with the school but also with the friends they had made there.

In the early days of the OLA, it was run as a social club for recreational activities such as billiards, debates, smoking concerts and lectures. However, a main aim was also to maintain links with the school by attendance at concerts, sports, speech days and old boys' matches – a tradition which remains to this day.

Current OLA president Professor Tristram Hope said: "The chief aims of the association these days are to strengthen and perpetuate comradeship amongst all former LGS pupils and staff members, as well as promoting activities with GSAL.

"As such, the OLA runs regular annual events like the Leeds Lunch and the London Dinner, as well as the biennial Hill-Briars Memorial Cricket Match. We also support other activities including the publishing in 2015 of the book *A High Ideal - Leeds Grammar School and the First World War*, written by former LGS teacher and GSAL archivist John Davies. Our links with the school today remain strong."

To find out more about the 2019 programme of OLA centenary events, and how to book, go to **page 25**.



Reunions

20 year reunion is a family affair

Celebrating 20 years since leaving school was a family affair for the class of 1998.

The fun day out was the idea of April Dickson (née Keech) (OG98) and Dave Wood (OL98) who, together with a group of school friends, decided to host a combined 20-year reunion weekend for LGS and LGHS

alumni and their young families at The Grammar School at Leeds.

Guests started the day with a tour of the school before enjoying a barbecue and a mini-sports day – for all ages – on the athletics track.

The day culminated with a few well-deserved drinks in a Leeds pub.



The girls . . .



. . . and the boys

Class of '72 weekend reunion

The LGS class of '72 had three opportunities to get together and reminisce about their schooldays when they met up for a weekend reunion.

First up was a visit to the old Leeds Grammar School, now the University of Leeds Business School, on the Friday. That was followed on the Saturday by a visit to GSAL for lunch and a tour of the school, plus a visit to the archives in the company of archivists John Davies and Neill Hargreaves. The event, which was also attended by retired deputy head Peter Jolly and Kathleen Grainge, widow of former deputy head Marshall Grainge, ended with a dinner in Leeds.

The reunion was attended by 22 OLs, who had travelled to Leeds

from all over the UK, with John Pickard picking up the prize for the longest journey from his home in Norway where he has lived for many years. Others who attended were: Peter Olley, Keith Riley, Irv Lee, John Leventhall, Chris Mooney, Graham Connell, Mike Thornton, Geoff Owen, Will Irving, Graham Bickler, Adrian Binks, Hugh Tomlinson, Richard West, Andrew Baildam, Jeremy Emmott, Jeremy Roberts, Dave Hill, Phil Sutcliffe, Johnny Solity, Ian Clarkson and Raymond Wolfson.

This was the second get-together of the class of '72 whose first reunion was held in 2012 to celebrate 40 years since leaving school.

Irv Lee said: "Some amusing memories were aired in daylight again for the first time in decades, (fortunately the short versions), and everyone certainly appreciated how the school had given them a great start in their chosen careers."



Some of the class of '72 reunion are pictured during their visit to GSAL. They are (L-R): Peter Olley, Keith Riley, Irv Lee, John Leventhall, Chris Mooney, Graham Connell, John Pickard, Mike Thornton, Geoff Owen, Will Irving, Graham Bickler, Adrian Binks, Hugh Tomlinson and Richard West.

From reunion to regular get-together

A group of 'A-stream' students from the class of '78/79 enjoyed their 2010 reunion so much that they have turned it into an annual event.

Christopher Rees, who has lived in North Carolina, USA since 1983, initiated the first reunion and has travelled back to Leeds for the reunions every year.

The OLs became firm friends when they were put into the same stream from the third form through to the sixth form.



Back (L-R): Mike Osborne, Dave Hodson, Adrian Palmer, David "Ted" Bartliff, and John Mullins; seated (L-R): Christopher Rees and Trevor Burton.

Apart from Christopher in the USA, most of the group come from Yorkshire with Adrian Palmer travelling from Oakham, Dave Hodson from Derby and Mike Osborne from Oxford.

The first get-together was held in The White Hart in Pool in Wharfedale, with all subsequent reunions at the Fox and Hounds in Bramhope.

Christopher said: "I am glad to say that these events seem to be very much enjoyed by all, and I can say for myself that I look forward to them each year. We have a lot of laughs and a lot of pints . . ."

Alumni making headlines

Dream come true as film goes on international release



Writer-director Chris O'Neill (OL96) has achieved his dream of making it in the world of movies with the international release of his debut film, Absolute Debauchery.

Chris, who moved from Leeds to Los Angeles to pursue his film career, said he is elated after his latest film was released on Amazon Prime Video following its successful showing at a Hollywood film festival.

The film tells the story of two small-time gangsters who lose \$30k of their ruthless boss's money on a card game, forcing them to go on the run through the LA criminal underworld and is the result of years of hard graft for Chris, including working in a string of call centre jobs to raise money for his 'LA Move Fund'.

While saving, he was writing screenplays, sending emails and making calls as soon as LA business hours started, in an attempt to get his work seen. His persistence paid off when he got a call from a production company based at Paramount Pictures on the strength of one of his scripts.

Chris said: "I stayed for three months, getting more meetings and more scripts seen. I really enjoyed pitching my screenplay ideas to people who had made some of the films that inspired me to do this in the first place."

He decided to move full-time to LA in 2003 and spent several years hearing people liking his work but getting turned down. Eventually he decided to make his own film Absolute Debauchery.

"Los Angeles has no shortage of people who want to work on projects and the one thing we had in common was that we were starting from the same place - the bottom. The only way was up."

Chris managed to cast, shoot and put the film together and was delighted when it premiered at the Hollywood Reel Independent Film Festival on Wilshire Boulevard last year.

He said: "It was a great feeling of accomplishment that I had not given in, stopped or taken the rejection to mean I should do something other than what my passion told me to do."

He discovered a love of acting at LGS, staging several shows at school which he had written and directed, and appearing in an LGS/LGHS production of Grease as the 'nerdy' Eugene. He was then accepted into the National Youth Theatre before going on to complete a degree in film studies at the University of East Anglia.

His ambitions were supported by teachers Steve Alderson, Peter Jolly and Derek Fry.

He said: "They were probably the first adults who spoke to me about my interest and passion and took me seriously."

Chris is now working on his second film, Headshots, a sinister tale of a British actress in LA who crosses paths with a serial killer in her acting class.

He said: "As we were putting the film together last year, the #metoo elements were coming out in the press, so Headshots has suddenly become more prescient."

OL behind improved medical facilities for Chapeltown



Rohin Dhand

Developer Rohin Dhand (GSAL09) is making his mark on the Leeds property scene with the opening of a £3m medical facility to benefit the Chapeltown community.

St Martins Practice, which houses a GP surgery, pharmacy and eye health clinic, is the biggest project to date for Rohin's company, Mayfair Group Investment (MGI), which specialises in medical centre development, commercial property investment and luxury residential apartments.

The Chapeltown development now houses the former St Martins Surgery, which has a patient list of about 8,000 and where GPs had been forced to use Portakabins as consulting rooms due to lack of space.

They had been looking for new premises in the area for about 14 years when Rohin came up with the vision of converting the existing St Martins House building into a medical centre. He took charge of the project from start to finish - approaching the GP practice with his ideas,

gaining the initial NHS approvals and planning permissions to purchasing the property and paying for the construction and redevelopment of the building.

The project took determination and self-discipline on Rohin's part to see it through - the latter a characteristic which he attributes to his education at LGS and GSAL.

He said: "Self-discipline, hate it or love it, it was a great life lesson. It is quite easy to put things off and say 'I don't feel like it!' and I've definitely not felt like working ridiculous hours every day for weeks to get over a project issue or get a new one started on site. I did those things because I promised myself I would get them done and they would help me to achieve what I had set out to do."

Rohin took his first steps in the property business at the age of 19 while still a student at Northumbria University, where he gained a first in quantity surveying and won the Turner & Townsend Award for best overall performance on his course.

He said: "The projects I started with were very small and I've built them up over time to where we are now, working on developments in excess of £3m.

"One of the things I am most proud of at St Martins Practice is the fact that we have integrated health care with the GP practice, the Medichem pharmacy and Newmedica ophthalmology clinic. Property is an enabler for great services like these to take place which is why I enjoy what I do so much."

And there's a family connection to the project. His father Raj founded the Medichem pharmacy chain in Chapeltown 35 years ago and Rohin worked in the first store part-time while he was still at school.

Robbie helps GB team to European softball win



Robbie Studholme celebrates after the GB team's European victory.

Softball player Robbie Studholme (GSAL15) was part of the GB squad crowned the first-ever European Men's Slowpitch Champions at the Softball Championships.

The newly-established tournament took place in Chocerň in the Czech Republic and team GB went through undefeated with an 11-0

Katie picked for England U21 hockey team

Distance means nothing to Katie Birch (GSAL16) who has been selected for the England U21 hockey team - despite living and studying in the USA.

She was picked for the England squad in a series against Ireland after taking part in a development training camp.

Katie, studies physiotherapy at the University of Iowa, and has made a name for herself as a regular on the university's Hawkeyes field hockey team.

While at school, she played for GSAL, along with her twin sister Rebecca. She reached the national schools finals three times and captained the England U18s to win bronze at the European championship in Cork in 2016.

Both girls were spotted by US talent scouts and offered full hockey scholarships to US universities - Katie to Iowa and Rebecca to Old Dominion University, Virginia.



Katie Birch

record and produced a 20-5 win over Germany in the final.

Robbie was a keen softball player while at GSAL, having started playing thanks to his dad. While still at school he played for the Leeds softball team and represented GB in the U19 squad. He also represented the school in squash.

Robbie has graduated this year from Nottingham University and plans to take a year out to pursue softball in New Zealand.

Alumni making headlines

Alex switches GSAL on to electric car charging

An electric vehicle charging point (EVC), using renewable energy, has been installed at GSAL courtesy of Alex Hinchcliffe (OL94).

The charging point, believed to be the first available in school grounds in the region, has been fitted after Alex contacted the school to offer to carry out the work free of charge as part of the launch of his new business, Alfa Power.

As well as the charging point, the company also supplied the civil works and electrical connection work plus connectivity to a cloud software package which provides up-to-date analytics of usage.

The EVC has been installed outside

the food tech department for use by staff.

Alex said: "The siting is perfect as it means that only staff with electric cars will use it. As it is not in the staff car park, there is no danger of 'ice-ing' which is EV-owner speak for when a car with an internal combustible engine is parked in a charging bay, blocking access to the charging point."

Alfa Power was set up in November 2017 and is part of the Leeds-based Group Alfa, an ethical company with interests in property development, power, renewables and retail.

Alex joined as business development director, to set up Alfa Power, after

returning from 10 years in Australia where he had worked in educational recruitment before re-training as a fitness instructor.

He said: "We returned to the UK after the birth of our second child as we wanted to be close to family and friends. I started working as a fitness manager at David Lloyd Club where I used to have discussions with one of my clients about the importance of sustainability. He founded Group Alfa a few years ago and offered me the chance to set up Alfa Power.

"To have the opportunity to do something with such an emerging industry was not to be missed."

www.alfapower.co.uk



Cars charged and ready to go...(L-R) Martin Gibson, head of classics, Jane Davis, Junior School teacher, Shirley Jeffs, transport liaison manager, OL Alex Hinchcliffe and Alex Pull, design technology teacher.

Amara wins leading role in Les Mis

Amara Okereke (GSAL15) has stepped into her first leading role in a West End musical this summer, taking over the part of Cosette in Les Misérables.

Amara made her professional debut in the long-running musical at the Queen's Theatre, London, fresh from Arts Educational Schools, London.

While still a student at GSAL she appeared in a number of school productions and also played leading roles with the National Youth Music Theatre, including Maria in West Side Story at Manchester Warehouse, The Hired Man at the Other Palace and 13 The Musical at the Apollo Theatre.



Gareth smashes his £100,000 target

Gareth Dunn (GSAL09), who pledged to raise £100,000 for Cancer Research UK after being given a year to live, has smashed his target ...with money still pouring in.

Gareth has raised £116,000, including gift aid, through his own efforts and those of friends and family and hopes that the fundraising will continue.

He said: "I'm delighted to have finally got there and it'll be a nice marker from which the family can keep that fundraising effort ticking over in the years ahead."

Gareth was about to achieve his greatest ambition of becoming an officer in the British Army when he was diagnosed with cancer. However

three months after surgery to amputate his leg below the knee, he was fitted with a prosthetic running blade and went on to successfully apply to train with the cycling, canoeing and athletics squad of the GB Paralympic team.

He also embarked upon a new career challenge in international affairs with the aim of joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Just as it seemed he had his life back on track Gareth was dealt another blow when a regular scan showed a massive tumour in his left lung and 14 smaller ones in his right lung. But after his initial fear and anger, he once again looked to the positive.

He is, he says, eternally grateful

to family and friends who have supported him through fundraising challenges and continue to come up with ideas to raise money for his cause.

Friends have run marathons and half marathons, including London and New York, while Gareth completed the Nepalese Annapurna Circuit Challenge, which was 150 miles at 16,400 feet around the Annapurna Massif.

Earlier this year GSAL staff raised over £2,500 for Gareth's fund and in a message of thanks he said: "It goes without saying that I am humbled beyond measure by your generosity and your kindness. I have such fond memories of school, and most especially, the dedication of the staff that instilled the positive values I hold dear to me today.

"I have to make every day, every moment, count. I do have dark days, but that is just a waste of time."

One of the ways Gareth copes with his prognosis is through humour and he writes a blog, Chemotionally Unstable, poking fun at his illness.

"People are scared of talking about cancer and death, but it is important to talk about it and I find that humour, for me, is one way of dealing with it," he said.

Gareth's blog is at: www.chemotionally-unstable.com

To support Gareth's fundraising go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chemotionally-unstable



Gareth in training earlier this year.

Old Girls' Club news

OGC round-up: From the archives to wine tips to golf

The Old Girls' Club has had a busy year with plenty of opportunities for OGs to meet up.

The London branch of OGC played host to two speakers at their regular autumn and spring meetings.

First up at the autumn meeting in Lancaster Hall Hotel, was school archivist John Davies, who took his audience on a trip through the Leeds Girls' High School archives. This included pictures and records from key moments of the school's history and had everyone reminiscing, disagreeing and comparing experiences.

The archive contains the beginnings of the Leeds Girls' High School Company, dating from 1875 when £1 bought a £5 share, as well as handwritten curricula from Miss Kennedy, the 24-year-old first headmistress. This showed a heady mix of French, Latin, German, mathematics, English and natural sciences - and that was just the mornings!

At the second meeting Yorkshire Post wine critic and international judge Christine Austin, née Wedge (OG69), shared her knowledge and love of wine at the spring meeting, held at the home of Lady Solti.

Christine described soil types, slope differences and grape varieties. The audience were advised how to drink and appreciate wine - in a tulip shaped glass, always held by the stem - and helpful hints included: don't worry if you haven't got a posh decanter, just splish it

into a glass jug - twice; and keep any leftover wine in the bottle as it can improve the next day when the oxygen balance has adjusted.

This year's annual OGC get-together of golf or a walk, followed by dinner, was held at Wetherby Golf Club.

The event was organised by Dr Sue Jacklin, taking over the role from Lynn Aspland who stepped aside after 10 years.

Lynn presented the prize to the winner of the golf tournament, Lynne Pearson, at the dinner. Earlier in the day Paddie Breeze guided the walkers on a route which took in a stretch of the Ebor Way. The walkers set off from the car park on the Harewood/Collingham Road, crossing the River Wharfe and then up towards Woodhall Hotel, Sicklinghall House and on to the Golf Club at Linton.



Archivist John Davies with Jackie Chalmers, secretary of the London branch of the OGC.



Christine Austin (left) and Sue Woodroffe, Principal of GSAL.

Calling all alumni . . .

Thinking of organising a reunion of your year?

We can help.

Alumni are welcome to host reunions at The Grammar School at Leeds where there is a range of indoor and outdoor venues and on-site catering.

We can also help you get in touch with school friends that you may have lost contact with over the years

and to promote your reunion. All our facilities are available to hire for private and commercial use.

For more information, contact Anna White in the alumni relations team at alumni@gsal.org.uk

Events 2018-2019

Tuesday 16 October 2018

LGHS Class of '71 Reunion - London
Venue: Hampstead
Time: 18:00 onwards for dinner at 18:30

Old girls who left in 1971 (who started at the bottom of Rose Court in 1957 and/or left UV in 1969 or UV1 in 1971) are welcome to attend this reunion in London hosted by Angela Hey (OG71). Please contact Angela if you would like to attend amhey@heymash.com

Saturday 27 October 2018

OG Club London branch event
Venue: York Room, Lancaster Hall Hotel, Craven Terrace, London W2 3EL
Time: 13:00 for 13:30 start

All OGs, friends and family are invited to the London branch autumn event. The talk 'Sandstone in my blood: the Bower family at Ashwood' is by Jane Bower (OG73). Please contact alumni@gsal.org.uk

Friday 9 November 2018

OLA Leeds Lunch
Venue: Banyan, Leeds
Time: 12:00 - 16:00

All old boys are welcome to attend the alumni lunch. If you would like to attend please contact Paul Miller (OL95) paul@blackorange.co.uk

Saturday 17 November 2018

Just for Fun Symposium
Venue: GSAL
Time: 14:00 - 16:00

A special event in our 10th birthday year held in honour of Mr Fry. He created the Just for Fun society to share his knowledge, expertise and curiosity about an eclectic range of subjects. We want to honour Mr Fry's quest for knowledge with this symposium and invite alumni to deliver a range of talks lasting 15 minutes on subjects that evoke the spirit of 'Just for Fun'. Please email alumni@gsal.org.uk if you would like to deliver a talk.

We will also be launching Mr Fry's digital astronomy archive which has been funded thanks to the generosity of alumni, current pupils, parents, colleagues, friends and family.

Saturday 17 November 2018

Leeds Luminaries Awards Gala Dinner
Venue: GSAL
Time: 19:00

Barry Cryer (OL53) will be our special guest for the inaugural Leeds Luminaries Awards Gala Dinner. This black tie event will feature entertainment, awards and is a fitting finale to our 10th birthday celebrations. Why not gather a few of your year group to make up a table? More information and tickets via www.gsal.org.uk/events

Saturday 1 December 2018

2008 LGHS reunion
Venue: GSAL
Time: 18:00 - 23:00

All OGs who left in 2008 are welcome to attend this 10th alumni reunion. Please contact Alice Rose (OG08) for more information and to book alicevrose@aol.com

Friday 15 March 2019

OLA London drinks and networking

All old boys are invited to this informal drinks and networking evening in London to kick start the centenary celebrations. The venue and date will be announced shortly via www.gsal.org.uk/events but if you would like to register your interest please email alumni@gsal.org.uk

Saturday 23 March 2019

Old Girls London Spring Event
Venue: Lady Solti's home in North London
Time: 14:00

The guest speaker will be Cllr Judith Blake CBE (OG71), Leader of Leeds City Council. Her talk is 'An Unexpected Adventure'. Please contact alumni@gsal.org.uk

Friday in May 2019

Alumni Leeds Lunch - LGS, LGHS and GSAL
Venue: Banyan, Leeds
Time: 12:00 - 16:00

All alumni are welcome to attend the alumni lunch which is held on a Friday in May. The date will be confirmed on our website soon but if you would like to register your interest please contact Paul Miller (OL95) paul@blackorange.co.uk

Saturday 27 July 2019

1974 LGHS reunion
Venue: GSAL
Time: 12:00 - 16:00

All OGs who attended LGHS between 1961 and 1974 are welcome to attend this reunion lunch, organised by Pippa Simpson. If you would like more information please contact pippa19farsely@virginmedia.com

September 2019

Battlefields tour to France

Old boys are invited to register their interest in a four day WW1 battlefields tour to Ypres and Somme led by our school archivist and author of A High Ideal, John Davies. Personal visits to cemeteries can be incorporated. Two nights will be spent on the ferry (Hull to Zeebrugge) and two nights in hotels. The approximate cost will be £500 per person. Full details can be found on www.gsal.org.uk/events soon but we request that you register your interest to alumni@gsal.org.uk as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

Saturday 9 November 2019

LGS Back to School day
Venue: Former Leeds Grammar School, Moorland Road
Time: 9:00 - 15:00

Following the success of this event in 2015 and 2018, we are delighted to be holding it again in the OLA's centenary year. Join fellow alumni at the Moorland Road site for assemblies, lessons, a tour and a traditional school lunch. The school day will culminate with an OLA Centenary Dinner at The Grammar School at Leeds in the evening. Please register your interest to alumni@gsal.org.uk and we will be in touch as soon as the details have been finalised.

Saturday 9 November 2019

OLA Centenary Dinner
Venue: GSAL
Time: 19:00 - 23:00

To round off the centenary year and provide a fitting finale to the Back to School day we will be holding an OLA Centenary Dinner at The Grammar School at Leeds. Tables will be available to block book for year groups. More details and online booking will be available via www.gsal.org.uk/events from Spring 2019.

Sunday 10 November 2019

Remembrance Service
Venue: GSAL
Time: 10:00

Alumni are invited to join other members of the GSAL community at the annual remembrance service.

Fond farewells

Trevor Fawcett (OL52)

1935-2018

Trevor Fawcett, who has died aged 83 in Bath, accumulated an encyclopaedic knowledge of the city's 18th-century heyday through intensive research, particularly through newspapers, directories, diaries and public records of the period.

He lived in Bath for 33 years, moving there after taking early retirement from his post as a librarian at the University of East Anglia. He quickly recognised that research into Bath's past was largely undertaken by non-professionals, and believed they would benefit from mutual support and collaboration. From this was born the History of Bath Research Group.

Trevor was intrigued by all aspects of the city's cultural life: entertainment, education, medicine, shopping, town planning and administration, printing, the place of horses and the diversity of the population. His monographs included Bath Entertain'd (1998), Bath Administer'd (2001), Bath Commercialis'd (2002), Voices of 18th Century Bath (1995), and Georgian Imprints (2008), about the history of printing and publishing in Bath. Many of his articles were published in journals and magazines.

He was born in Leeds and following LGS he studied geography, French and Portuguese at Leeds University.

After a postgraduate course in librarianship at University College London, Trevor joined Leicester College of Art and Technology (now De Montfort University), then Southampton University. In 1965, he was appointed chief cataloguer with responsibility for art and music at the new University of East Anglia.

Trevor regarded his family to be his greatest achievement. He is survived by his wife Mary, their sons, Adrian and Jon, and three grandchildren, Elsa, Oscar and Stella.

Derek Fry

1940-2018

Many people go into teaching to make a difference to the lives of young people, but few can claim to have had the impact of Derek Fry, teacher of physics and astronomy at LGS and GSAL who continued to teach until his sudden death aged 77.

Mr Fry taught with undiminished passion and enthusiasm for more than 50 years. For the last 18 years he worked on a voluntary basis as, following his retirement in 2000, he chose to continue teaching several times a week to the delight of the school, pupils and his colleagues.

Derek was born in London, moving to Leeds shortly after his birth to escape the war. He attended Blenheim Secondary Modern School, leaving at 15 to work as a laboratory assistant in the refractory department of the Leeds Fireclay Company. However he always wanted to be a teacher and, while employed full time, studied for his O-levels and A-levels at night school. He started teacher training at the age of 24 at James Graham College in Leeds.

His first teaching post was at Greenhill Primary School, Bramley, and during his time there, he was accepted to study for a degree as one of the first students of the Open University. From there he moved to Mirfield Grammar School and, following a 20-year career there, joined Leeds Grammar School in 1987. Soon after joining he introduced GCSE astronomy, which students studied in addition to their core curriculum. Currently more than 20 students give up their own time for astronomy lessons and associated study.

He was also a key speaker on the Ogden Trust physics summer schools, running science sessions for children from inner city primary schools, delivering master classes and providing individual tuition, while refusing payment.

Mr Fry's impact extends beyond GSAL. In 1981 Sir Patrick Moore nominated him as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and in 1993/4 he was made a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, the first time the institute had formally recognised a school teacher in this way. In 2017 he received the Royal Astronomical Society's Service to Astronomy Award, donating the prize money to the school library for the purchase of astronomy books for all age groups, saying with characteristic modesty that the award was entirely thanks to his pupils.

His tremendous legacy includes inspiring numerous students to pursue a career in science and the impact of his teaching inspired more than a dozen former students to dedicate their doctoral theses to him.

A memorial service was held at The Grammar School at Leeds in May. Mr Fry's digital astronomy archive will be launched at the Just for Fun symposium on Saturday 17 November, see page 25.

David Graham (OL46)

1936-2017

David Graham was born in Glasgow, however when the family moved to Leeds he spent five extremely happy years as a pupil at Leeds Grammar school between 1941-46.

He was a proud past pupil of LGS and would talk often about his time there. In recent years he visited the school on an open day with one of his grandchildren to share some of the family history.

On returning to Glasgow in 1946, David continued his education at Hillhead High School and then the West of Scotland Commercial College (later to become the University of Strathclyde).

He started work as a commercial trainee with J&P Coats, now the world's largest manufacturer of sewing threads, before moving to Imperial Tobacco as a marketing trainee. After working with Nestlé, Findus and Baxters of Speyside, he left Scotland and moved to Shropshire to take up the post of sales and marketing director for Belstaff International.

He was a keen sportsman who took part in athletics, tennis, rugby, swimming, cricket, squash and golf, and was an active member of Market Drayton Golf Club for many years.

David was married for 59 years to Elma, who survives him along with three children Ewan, Anne and Amanda and five grandchildren.

Dr Donald Hunt

1930-2018

The distinguished musician and former teacher at Leeds Girls' High School, Dr Donald Hunt, was a man of many parts: choirmaster, conductor, composer, organist, festival director, author and Elgar specialist.

Born in Gloucestershire, he was regarded as one of Yorkshire's leading musical practitioners from 1957 until he moved away in 1975 to be cathedral master of the choristers and organists at Worcester where he directed eight Three Choirs Festivals. He was also the long-serving music director of the Elgar Chorale and principal of the Elgar School of Music.

During his time in Yorkshire he taught music at

LGHS and lectured at the Leeds College of Music, receiving an honorary doctorate of music from Leeds University in 1975.

He later returned to Yorkshire with his Elgar Chorale and as guest conductor of the Leeds Philharmonic Chorus, the Leeds Festival and the Leeds Minster-based St Peter's Singers.

He was awarded the OBE in 1993.

Dr Hunt is survived by his wife Jo, daughters Jacqueline and Jane, sons Thomas and Nicolas, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Stanley Metcalfe (OL50)

1932-2017

Stanley Metcalfe, retired chairman of Rank Hovis McDougall (RHM), has died after a long illness at the age of 85.

Stanley joined Leeds Grammar School in 1941 and distinguished himself in both academic and extra-curricular activities. He was a keen sportsman, representing LGS in rugby and cricket and achieved a number of cricketing awards including winning the Batting Cup for best average in the 1949 season.

He was also heavily involved in school life as a prefect, Command Sergeant Major in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF), reporter and editor of the Leodiensian magazine, and a member of both the Literary and Debating Society and the Dramatic Society.

After school he studied at Pembroke College, Oxford, where he won a cricket blue, enough to earn him a brief career with Yorkshire's second eleven. He also played for Marylebone Cricket Club in London.

Stanley joined what is now RHM on leaving Oxford in 1959, becoming managing director in 1981 and taking over as chairman in 1989. During his career he held a number of advisory roles including president of the National Association of British and Irish Millers, president of the Food and Drink Federation and chairman of the Institute of Food Research Advisory Board.

He is survived by his wife Sarah, children and grandchildren.

Barbara Milburn (OG43)

1925-2018

Barbara Milburn was a pupil at LGHS who went on to become a respected and much-loved teacher at the school for many years.

After gaining a degree in chemistry at Manchester University she spent time working in industry and research before returning to LGHS as a chemistry teacher.

She was also an active member of the OGC from 1990 until the time of the merger of LGS and LGHS in 2008.

Former pupils remembered her fondly and fellow teachers recalled her as conscientious, kind and sympathetic.

She died in February and her funeral was attended by old friends from her LGHS and OGC days.

Tom Pelham (OL99)

1981-2017

Tom Pelham was well-known in the town of Ashford in Kent for his vision, innovation and passion to support young people and improve their lives.

He was a committed Christian and swapped a successful career with Kent County Council to study at Spurgeon's Bible College to become a Baptist pastor in Ashford.

Tom was active in youth work in the town. He was team leader for the youth charity Uprising which he set up four years ago to manage and deliver youth projects, and worked with the council over many years to establish and deliver different schemes across the town. He also chaired the What Matters Forum, where youth professionals came together to support each other.

In 2014 Tom was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, and despite two-and-a-half years of intensive treatment, he died at the end of March 2017.

Among the many tributes paid to Tom in Ashford, Tracey Kerly, chief executive of Ashford Borough Council, said: "Tom was an inspiration to all and was able to touch so many young people's lives and support them through challenging times. We will miss him enormously."

Tom was a pupil at LGS Junior School from 1990, leaving Senior School to attend Sheffield University where he graduated in history and politics.

His wife Anna and their children Zachary, Samuel and Faith remain in Ashford.

Margaret Roberts (OG49)

1931-2017

Margaret Roberts started at LGHS in Ford House and, early in World War 2, was among the pupils who were evacuated with the school to Bolton Abbey.

On leaving school she went to medical school in Leeds, following in her brother Paul's footsteps. Whilst working as a junior doctor at Leeds General Infirmary (LGI) she became a Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists and spent the rest of her working life as a valuable and respected consultant in anaesthetics at St James's Hospital.

Margaret was always interested in sport and the outdoor life, and spent a lot of her spare time playing tennis, cycling and on walking holidays in the Himalayas and Europe. As a member of the Fell and Rock Club, many weekends and short holidays were taken in the Lake District and Scotland.

She was interested in music and after retiring, joined a choir, took piano lessons and was a regular visitor to Opera North. She also helped with reading at the local primary school.

Margaret was always a great support to her nephews, nieces and their families. She also kept in touch with former school friends and with the school as a trustee for the LGHS Trust Fund until the school merged with LGS to become The Grammar School at Leeds.

Audrey Salters (née Still) (OG57)

1938-2017

Audrey was a pioneer in the field of fostering and adoption of young children in Scotland, setting up a ground-breaking service for adolescents which has been adopted as a model throughout the country.

After gaining an English degree at St Anne's College, Oxford, Audrey went on to study social administration at the London School of Economics and, following that, obtained a qualification in social work at Edinburgh University.

In 1968 she and her husband settled in St Andrews. After a year tutoring in social administration at the university there, she went on to lecture in social work at Dundee College of Education. In 1982 she became principal family placement officer for Tayside Regional Council. It was here that she did her most pioneering work.

In 1989 Audrey joined the staff at the Centre for External Studies at St Andrews, working as children's panel trainer for the Fife, Central and Highland region, responsible for designing

training programmes for lay people and organising national events.

After retirement she embarked on the major task of editing letters her parents had written while working as missionaries in China from 1935 to 1945. For the latter part of this time they were interned by the Japanese and the letters provide a vivid account of the period. In 2007 she self-published Bound with Love, her edition of the letters, as Agequod Publications. It sold so well that she had to produce a second edition.

In 2015 Audrey suffered a stroke, leaving her with limited mobility. Undaunted, she embarked on a PhD at the University of Edinburgh. The subject of her thesis was the experience of Baptist missionaries in China in the early 20th century. She was awarded the degree in 2016.

She was diagnosed with cancer at the end of that year and died in September 2017.

Graham Snowden (OL73)

1955-2018

Graham Snowden spent his working life in the advertising industry. On leaving LGS in 1974, he started working at the Advertising Bureau and later went into partnership with K&A Advertising, based in Howden, before forming his own company, Wharf Media in Ilkley.

He was passionate about sport, representing Yorkshire in both tennis and squash, and was also a keen supporter of Leeds Rhinos and Leeds United.

Graham was married to Debbie and they had a daughter Zoë, who lives in Australia. He also leaves a sister Jill Walton and his partner Alison Rose.

Jennifer Spearing

(née McKenny) (OG66)

1948-2018

In 1958 Jennifer was among the first of a small number of girls from Leeds primary schools who attended Leeds Girls' High School on a scholarship following the 11-plus.

After taking her A-levels at LGHS, she went to Brighton College to study for a pharmacy degree and, after qualifying, held a number of posts in pharmacy departments of hospitals in the London area.

After taking up a position in Bedfordshire, she met Alan Spearing at a squash club. Alan was a teacher and, later, headmaster of a school in Bedford. The couple married and had one son, Christopher, continuing to live in the area for the rest of their lives.

Jennifer met up with old friends at a school reunion a few years ago and kept in touch with them on a regular basis, swapping emails and getting together whenever they could. She also attended meetings of the Old Girls' Club in London.

When her husband was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's a few years ago, Jennifer became involved in charities supporting the conditions. Alan predeceased her two years ago.

Jennifer died suddenly of a heart attack on 2 February 2018. She is survived by her son Christopher.

John Taylor (OL45)

1929-2018

John Taylor was a talented architect who, in the 1970s, developed a ground-breaking design for low cost social housing in Sheffield.

Smaller flats were arranged over larger ones in three-storey terraces, stepping back at each floor, thereby creating generous balconies on the two upper levels. Each flat was approached from the balcony, or from the garden on the ground floor, on the living-room side as in traditional streets where front parlours face the pavement.

This was radically different from other deck-access designs where, to maintain privacy, much of the access was hidden from view. More than 400 of these dwellings were built in Stannington, Heeley and Gleadless and were all wheelchair accessible, with no need for lifts and stairs.

His 1970s social housing flats are still cherished by their occupants, 40 years on. They are a testament to John's genius for counter-intuitive, modest and humane design, domestic in scale, and adaptable to almost any site.

John was born in Cookridge, Leeds, to Russell Taylor, a manufacturer's manager, and Olive (née Quilliam).

Following an architecture degree at Leeds College of Art and two years' national service, he worked briefly for West Riding before moving to the Sheffield city department of planning and design in the mid-50s, where he stayed for his working life.

John became seriously ill and took early retirement in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Marion Watson, his son, Rowan, daughter, Zoe, stepdaughter, Alison, and younger brother, Guy.

Peter Tinsley (OL54)

1936-2018

Peter was born in Wickham, County Durham in 1936, moving to Oakwood in 1938, then to Alwoodley in 1956 where he lived for the rest of his life.

He attended Leeds Grammar School, where he was a classics scholar, before studying for Greats at Wadham College, Oxford. He was also involved in various activities within the local community of Alwoodley, including St Barnabas' Church and The Alwoodley Community Association, as well as the OLA Club on Crag Lane, where he was treasurer for many years.

On his retirement from the OLA Club, the then President of the OLA, David Bell, presented him with a waistcoat in LGS colours, with thanks for his diligence and hard work on the club's behalf.

After university, Peter moved from classics to accountancy in 1962 and qualified as a chartered accountant with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co, retiring in 1998.

He met and married Maureen in 1964 and they enjoyed 54 years together. Peter was very proud of his son, James and he closely followed the educational progress of his granddaughters, Sophie and Megan.

Cricket was an early sporting interest, both playing and scoring with the Airedale and Wharfedale League. He was also a keen bridge player, a classical music lover, a skilled cryptic crossword solver and an excellent carpet bowls player.

At his funeral service his brother, David, gave a moving tribute to a packed congregation.

He finished with the words: "It remains for me to thank my brother for a lifetime of service to others. His amazing skills and memory are now lost, but our memory of Peter will always be with us."

Andrew Wilson (OL87)

1969-2018

Andrew Wilson stepped down from his role as head of Teesside High School shortly before his death from cancer at Butterwick Hospice in March 2018.

He had been appointed as head of the independent co-educational school in Eaglescliffe, near Stockton-on-Tees, in 2015, joining from New Hall School in Chelmsford, Essex, where he was vice-principal.

Andrew had taught for more than 20 years and had been a housemaster and director of music at Milton Abbey School, in Dorset, and was also previously organist and choirmaster at Great Malvern Priory.

He leaves his wife Abbey and three children Gregor, Euan and Lydia.

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