



News from the School

The Michaelmas term started on 8th September with a healthy number of 854 pupils on the roll. There are 613 pupils in the Senior School (which now starts at the age of 11), and 241 in the Upper and Lower Preparatory School.

The new Sixth Form Centre opened last week. Built on top of the Dining Hall roof, this is a tremendous asset to the 150 Sixth Formers. Thanks again to all those OWs who kindly responded to the fundraising appeal – their invitations to the Opening Ceremony next term will be sent out in January.

Work is now starting on designing the Wall of Donors inside the Centre, where we shall record for perpetuity the names of all the donors. If you have not yet made a donation and would like to do so, please send me a quick email as soon as you can.

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The School is also announcing exciting news for the development of the school site over the next few decades. With the exotic title of "Project Copernicus", schemes are being drawn up for a new Technology Centre and a new Nursery. If you would like more information, please email me.

Careers

The 2022 Wellingborough School Careers Convention will take place on Thursday 1st December 2022 from 5.30pm onwards. Head of Careers, Mrs Arber (aar@wellingboroughschool.org) is very much aware that many OWs have kindly offered their help previously to man a stall to talk about their career, company and/or any school leaver/apprenticeship opportunities. If you (or anyone in your company) would like to be involved, please do get in touch with her.

Careers Lunches will be running again this academic year. If you feel you would be happy to deliver a short presentation and answer questions about your career and role, please email Mrs Arber.

The Careers Department is always keen to hear from OWs who may be happy to offer Work Experience to current students, particularly in the current climate where it has been so hard to secure face to face placements due to the pandemic. Students are very keen to find Work Experience during school holidays; if you and your company are happy to welcome a student, please get in touch. Your support is greatly appreciated.



OWs in the news

Many of his contemporaries and former teachers will have spotted Capt. Andrew Canale MVO (83-92, G) as one of those escorting Her Late Majesty's coffin throughout the funeral procession. Andrew served as her equerry between 2012 and 2015.

As I write, Hamza Yassin (04-08, G) has just appeared in the latest series of the BBC series "Strictly Come Dancing". Good Luck!



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 12th November: OW Club AGM (4pm) and then the OW Annual Dinner in the School Hall (6.45 for 7.30pm). Club President Peter Crisp (73-83, PI) hopes many will support this great event in the annual calendar. For the booking form please click [Old Wellingburian Annual Dinner](#)

Sunday 13th November: Service of Remembrance in the School Chapel (10.15am). As space is limited, please email me if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 30th November: OW London Drinks for Younger OWs (18-49ish!) in Davys Wine Bar, St James. Again, space is limited and you need to pre-book to attend. To reserve a place please click on the following link: [OW Christmas Drinks](#)

Friday 13th January: OW Oxbridge dinner at Peterhouse, Cambridge. If you went to Oxford or Cambridge, do please contact me if you would like to receive further details.

Friday 10th March: OW London Dinner at the National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place.

Calling all OWs who have left the School since 2000: Where are you now?

We love to hear about our alumni and what they are doing since leaving Wellingborough and are pleased to share their stories with you. If you'd like to feature in 'Where are they now?' please get in touch via LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6925474265202884608>



Helping the next generation



Since 2018 a number of OWs have been helping to fund a 100% bursary for a gifted child from a family that could not otherwise afford to send them here. We are thrilled to report that a youngster achieved great A Level results this summer and has secured a place at a top university. All these life-changing opportunities for this gifted teenager have been made possible by the generosity of those few OWs.

Every year the Headmaster has to turn away similar talented youngsters as our Bursary Fund is not large enough. Can you help us fund another youngster through the School? To receive more information about the Bursary Fund, email Foundation Director, Neil Lyon at nbl@wellingboroughschool.org

And finally...

The news of the recent death of Her Late Majesty has prompted a flurry of reminiscences about the day she and Prince Philip visited the School in July 1965. These will form a centrepiece of the next OW Newsletter, due to appear around Christmas. We are grateful to Keng Thay Thio (61-66, F) of Singapore for supplying us with these photos that he took from the Weymouth and Fryer's dormitories on that magical day.

