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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER
DR PAUL OWEN

'WE'RE BACK!', at least at the time of writing. The usual September start of the 2020-21 year was overshadowed by one-way systems, social distancing, masks, ventilation, hand sanitiser and Perspex screens but beneath the paraphernalia of coronavirus safety precautions normal school was visible. Lessons were taught but with less group work and no sharing of equipment. Sports practices resumed, even on Saturdays, but without close contact between pupils the focus was on developing fitness and skills. Music ensembles rehearsed with the participants widely separated and needing to pay extra attention to the conductor to keep together. The Spring Term brought a renewed period of remote learning with webcams once again pressed into service to allow teaching and learning to continue. Pastoral initiatives, online sports and music challenges and quizzes all helped to sustain some sense of community when more or less everyone was learning from home. In March we returned to school once more and, seemingly, a cautious and gradual return to normality. I have been truly impressed by the resilience of the SGS community in coping so well with such rapid change, showing a shared determination to keep going, an ability to innovate and a strong sense of being in this together from pupils, the alumni community and our regular supporters.

Last year's GCSE and A Level results were excellent despite the disruptions of coronavirus and we look forward to more academic success this summer through a system of Teacher Awarded Grades in lieu of public examinations.

The new Sixth Form facilities are much appreciated by our oldest pupils. The new, purpose-built Nursery is also in operation. The building is surrounded by some striking planting and landscaping, all designed to provide the most stimulating of environments for our youngest pupils.

I have been impressed this year by the dedication of our pupils and staff who have fundraised and volunteered for Stockport Foodbank, The Wellspring, Mind and EducAid, along with many other causes helping those in need. This long tradition of looking outwards continues the wishes of our founder, Sir Edmond Shaa, and is at the heart of our strong and vibrant community. We are committed to transforming the life chances of children in Stockport. Through the bursary scheme we create opportunities for children to develop personally and to achieve highly regardless of the financial circumstances of their family. Sadly, each year the number of children who can only join the school with this financial assistance far exceeds the funds we have available. Our ambition is to expand the scheme and provide greater opportunity to more children. We are immensely grateful to the individuals and organisations who contribute to this and in so many other ways to the life of the school, through careers, life advice and co-curricular experiences – if you would like to offer your time, expertise or financial support we would be delighted to hear from you.

Virtual gatherings cannot truly replicate the experience of meeting in-person but we have been very pleased by the reaction to the online events created in place of the Remembrance Service, the Christmas Carol Service, Founder's Day and The Shaa Lunch. With the current gradual easing of restrictions, we are looking forward to welcoming Old Stopfordians into school and catching up at the events and reunions that bring our community together. An exciting development this year will be the launch of the new online community for Old Stopfordians – wherever you are across the globe, I would encourage you to join to connect with fellow alumni, catch up on news and explore photos from the recent and not so recent past.

I hope that you enjoy reading this magazine and learning more about SGS.



President's Message
2020-2021

I thoroughly enjoyed my term as President of the Old Stopfordians and feel more connected to the school again than at any point since the 1980s.

I have nevertheless been probably the school's first 'virtual' President as my presence over the last year has been restricted to uploaded videos for the Carol Service in December and Founder's Day in March. So, one suit jacket, a crisp shirt and a standard tie were duly dusted down - the beauty of video meaning, of course, that jeans could, however, still be worn and remain hidden. The central task then was to try to follow the school's instructions - to record in landscape not portrait, to keep your face firmly in the picture (or as it was put gently 'try to get as much of you as possible in the frame'), and to restrict any wobbles so that the result didn't look 'too jerky'. I was nicely reassured, though, by the subsequent key observation that we shouldn't ultimately be 'too concerned' about keeping steady as 'we don't want the broadcasts to look too slick'.

My main contact with the school apart from these events was through regular phone calls with Rebecca Shawcross and Rachel Horsford who, apart from all their other duties in the External



Relations Department, deal with alumni affairs. I was able through these discussions to follow the superb way in which the school has adapted and thrived over the past year to the unique challenges of the pandemic. I would, therefore, like to add my thanks to all pupils and staff for their fantastic efforts during this period. My term then ended - perhaps appropriately - with a Stopfordians' Committee meeting by Zoom.

This made it clear that planning is continuing apace for both the resumption of physical events and the development of improved ways for Old Stopfordians to connect using technology.

I would like to thank the Headmaster, Rebecca Shawcross, Rachel Horsford and Stuart Helm for all their help and support. It was very much appreciated. And lastly, I would like to extend my very best wishes to the new President, Clare Francis, for her term.

Former OS President
Graham Earles
(OS 1983)



Welcome to the
new President

SGS is delighted to announce the appointment of Clare Francis (OS 1994) as Old Stopfordian President.

Clare's term of office is from March 2021 until March 2023, and comes following the conclusion of Graham Earles's (OS 1983) term as President on Founder's Day, 19th March 2021.

Clare is Savings and Investments Director at Barclays and a Board Trustee for the Money & Mental Health Policy Institute. Her background is in financial journalism with over 15 years' experience covering consumer finance.

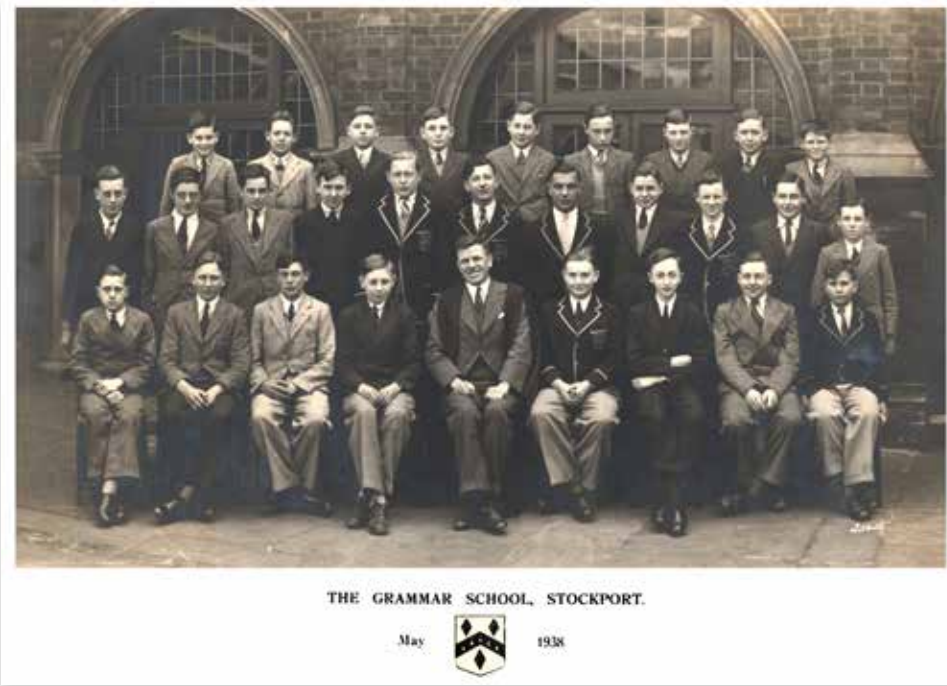
Clare said: **"I'm really looking forward to being the Old Stopfordian President and getting closer to the school again. I have some great memories of my time and while a lot has undoubtedly changed, I'm sure some things are still the same. And hopefully, we'll be able to resume some of the face-to-face events soon so I can meet people and catch up with some of those from the past. That said, I think the virtual connections we've all become used to over the past 12 months or so, open up new opportunities in terms of reconnecting and building links with former pupils as physical location is no longer an obstacle."**

FROM THE HELM:
THE SCHOOL IN WARTIME
1939 - 1945

When it became clear that war was coming, the school began to make plans. New electric lighting was installed in the cellars and sandbags were piled at the entrances to the areas soon to become the air-raid shelters.

Everyone had to carry a gas-mask at all times and an air-raid practice was held on the first afternoon of term, the 14th September. In time it was to take only three minutes for the whole school community to react from 'alarm' to 'all in'. This was an impressive performance as pupil numbers were to swell to over four hundred with the arrival of 'refugees' from Manchester Grammar School and William Hulme's Grammar School.

A pattern of wartime school life started to emerge. Masters began to be called up, to be replaced with female teachers. Boys responded readily to the call to assist in gathering crops in the summer holidays. Other boys took up duties in the ARP (air-raid precaution) with many older ones gaining qualifications in the organisation. In due course, the boys shared fire watching duties with members of staff and girls from Stockport High School (this activity being very popular). Although areas of Stockport were bombed on several occasions during September and October 1940, with damage in the Mile End area, the school buildings emerged unscathed. The wartime routine was enlivened by a series of afternoon concerts for secondary school pupils at the Davenport Theatre.



To save precious fuel, sheep were occasionally used on the front field instead of a motor mower to keep the grass in check, although it probably did not matter too much, as for a short period the field could no longer be used anyway for games, owing to the telegraph poles and other obstacles laid to thwart landings by German gliders and paratroopers. Despite this and other restrictions, such as shortages of equipment, most societies and sports were able to continue. Decorations for bravery won by past pupils were announced at morning prayers, and invariably earned the boys a half-holiday.

Sadly, on Sunday 10th November 1946, it fell to the Chairman of Governors, Sir Alan Sykes, to unveil the War Memorial now containing sixty additional names of Old Stopfordians and the one member of staff killed during this Second World War. By the end of the year all the other masters who had been in the forces had returned and life was beginning slowly to get back to normal.

Stuart Helm
(OS 1964)
School Archivist
(With reference to the History of the School by William and James Ball)



MR NEVILLE STOTT, OS 1947

I remember the school during the Manchester and Liverpool blitz times. On one occasion an incendiary device landed in the art classroom which put it out of action and burnt through some of the desks.

While running the quarter mile track near the railway line during my lunchbreak in 1940 I caught my foot in a hole and went flying. I pointed it out to a teacher and it turned out to be a 1000 pound unexploded bomb at the bottom that was targeted at the railway line at the back of the school. It had missed the railway line by 30 or 40 feet. The school was evacuated and they had to call in the army and bomb disposal crew to get rid of it.

CHRISTOPHER WILLCOCK, OS 1937-1948

My mother was one of the first Air Raid Wardens in Stockport. I recall distributing gas masks with my mother in Davenport.

But what about daytime at school? It was thought raids would be at night because Manchester was well beyond the range of fighter escorts for the bombers. At Speech Day in July 1939, the Headmaster, Mr C H Gilkes had announced that lighting, ventilation and seating had been installed in the school cellars to accommodate all the pupils. When the term started just after the outbreak of the war in September 1939, we had to have many practices to ensure we could evacuate the school swiftly. There were doorways and steps down into the cellars, but it was much more exciting sliding down the pole just inside the school entrance.

Gas masks had to be always carried. On certain Mondays at noon, the siren would first sound the All Clear and not the alarm, and that would be the signal for a practice descent to the cellars.

THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER FIRTH, OS 1947

Due to the fear that gas bombs might be dropped during the war, we practised filing in orderly fashion down into some cellars with our gas masks at the ready. We sat on benches, similar to those used in the gym.

My most remarkable memory is of how little the war interfered with our 'inner' life – the way we felt about school, growing up, and living. The war was interesting and we followed the campaigns on maps, but we talked excitedly about victories and defeats as if we were reporting on a war game someone else was playing.

School prize won by Old Stopfordian Sir Horace Lamb finds its way home

A book collection given to former SGS pupil and renowned Mathematician Sir Horace Lamb as a school prize more than 150 years ago has been returned to the school.

The complete collection of 'Oeuvres de Molière' resided in the possession of a Cambridge academic for many years having been found in a second-hand bookshop and the SGS community is delighted that it has now made its journey back to the school archives.

Born in Daw Bank, Stockport on 27 November 1849, Horace attended Stockport Grammar School.

Whilst at school he won a number of accolades including the unusual prize of a week's stay in Paris for his excellence in languages as well as awards in Mathematics.

After leaving SGS, he went on to study Mathematics at Owens College in Manchester and Trinity College Cambridge - where in 1872 he became second Wrangler and won the coveted Smith's prize.

Throughout his accomplished career, Sir Horace held a variety of roles in academia including a decade spent as the Professor of Mathematics at Adelaide University and he was made an Honorary Fellow by Cambridge.

Sir Horace retained a keen interest in Stockport Grammar School for life, serving as Junior Assistant Master in 1867, as a Governor for over twenty years and became the first President of the Old Stopfordians' Association.

Albert Johnston Award enables walking adventure

Upper Sixth student Matthew Howling will head to south-west England next summer after winning this year's Albert Johnston Travel Award.

Matthew impressed the six-strong judging panel with his confident and well-researched 'Walking the Cornish Coast Path' proposal and he will now put his plan, which is to walk the approximate 300 miles from Morwenstow to Plymouth over three weeks, into action.

Following the South West Coastal Path, the keen walker will stop off in places such as Boscastle, St Ives, Penzance, Charlestown and Portwrinkle and do a variety of activities including water sports, visiting St Michael's Mount and the Minack Theatre and going to museums such as the PK Porthcurno - the Museum of Global Communications - which has engineering aspects that link into what he is planning to do at university.

Speaking about his success, Matthew said: **"I was really happy when I found out that I had won. I felt fairly relaxed when I was doing my presentation - I had done a lot of research and I am used to doing online presentations."**

"I have been to Cornwall quite often on holiday with my family

but we usually stay around the same area, so I am looking forward to exploring other bits of the county."

"As well as visiting museums and theatres, I would also like to explore the small village churches along the way as I would like to plan a choir tour to Cornwall in the future."

The judging panel this year included Old Stopfordians Hayley Shepherd (OS 2007), Oliver Hopwood (OS 2003), Bursar Chris Watson (OS 1973), Archivist Stuart Helm (OS 1964), Governor Chris Muscatt and Psychology Teacher Mrs Larkin, who is the organiser of the Award. Hayley and Oliver are both former winners of the prize.

Mrs Larkin commented: **"The standard of the applications for the Award was extremely high this year - the nine applicants made it a very difficult decision for the panel."**

"Matthew's proposal was outstanding - he had clearly spent a lot of time researching his proposal and his passion for the outdoors shone through."



SGS COMMUNITY GOES VIRTUAL

Gratitude is the theme of Founder's Day

On the 19th March, SGS celebrated Founder's Day with pupils, staff and Old Stopfordians marking the occasion with a Virtual Founder's Day Service directed by School Chaplain Reverend Leaver.

The service included traditional readings and messages of gratitude by pupils, the Headmaster Dr Paul Owen and Chairman of Governors, Mr Christopher Dunn (OS 1976).

Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton also shared a special message about friendship and we were delighted to be able to welcome him to Stockport Grammar School to meet with the Senior Prefects on Founder's Day.

The service was accompanied by a variety of choral pieces including Pitoni's Cantate Domino performed by Chamber Choir; the School Psalm led by Director of Music Mr Dow; and 'An Irish Blessing', a beautiful piece composed by Ollie Mills (OS 2012), performed by Junior Chamber Choir and directed by Mrs Matthews.

Virtual Carol Service

Pupils and Old Stopfordians created a Virtual Christmas Celebration in place of the traditional Stockport Grammar School Carol Service, which is usually held at St. George's Church each year.

The virtual celebration brought together carols performed by the Chamber Choir, Chorus and Junior Chamber Choir with the story of the birth of Jesus, read by current and former Head Girls and Head Boys, Old Stopfordian President Graham Earles, former Headmasters Mr Wright and Mr Chicken, and current Headmaster Dr Owen. The Service was directed by School Chaplain, Reverend Leaver, and Director of Music, Mr Dow.

The school is grateful to all participants and we look forward to welcoming Old Stopfordians at next year's service which has been scheduled for Monday 13 December, 2021 at St. George's Church, Stockport.



Remembrance Day

This year's Remembrance was marked with a virtual service shared across the Senior School.

The service was led by Senior School Headmaster Dr. Paul Owen, with Upper Sixth Form pupils present for their final service in school. Readings were given by Upper Sixth Form pupils Rabeeah-Nuur Mohammed, Henry Davies, and Holly Buckley.

The Last Post was played by Patrick Owen, while the wreath was laid by Head Boy, Cam Wylie, and Head Girl, Grace Shropshire, during a two minute silence.

Old Stopfordians who were unable to attend the service were asked to share their school-time memories with the school. For the service for Old Stopfordians, a selection of memories was read by Upper Sixth Form pupils Cam Wylie (Head Boy), Grace Shropshire (Head Girl), Panashe Munaiwa (Deputy Head Boy) and Lydia Johnson (Deputy Head Girl).

A musical performance of Mozart's Eine kleine Nachtmusik (1st movement - Allegro) was played by the school's String Quartet and Fifth Year pupil, Ella Moran sang Handel's Lascia ch'io pianga alongside Director of Music, Mr Dow, on piano.

In the Junior School, the Head Boy, Finn R, and Head Girl, Charlotte U, created a short video about Remembrance Day that was shown to pupils before they went outside to mark Remembrance.

ROBERT RIDING
OS 1958

Robert Riding is President of the Island Trust trustees, a charity that for almost 50 years has provided life-enhancing, residential and day-sailing activities for young people with special needs, disabilities, and those experiencing hardship and deprivation. When Robert left SGS he went to Christ Church at Oxford University on a scholarship to study Chemistry, followed by a high-flying career in banking. Starting his professional life at Williams Deacon’s Bank, he became Finance Director at Williams & Glyn’s Bank and then a Director of the former Royal Bank of Scotland as Group Treasurer.

Robert’s love of sailing
started at SGS and grew into
a lifelong passion:

“Donald Roberts was the teacher who got me fired up about sailing. A group of parents had bought a seaworthy sailing dinghy that was taken to the ICC, the Island Cruising Club at Salcombe. I put my name down for what was the second school trip to Salcombe. Various people at school thought I knew how to sail because my father had a little motorboat on the Macclesfield canal. The truth was I knew nothing about sailing, but I was a bit reluctant to admit it! Wednesday afternoons were given over to sports and a great school friend, Dean Wilson, and I got permission to go up to the reservoir at Whaley Bridge, catching the train from the station at the bottom of the school grounds. We borrowed a dinghy and taught ourselves to sail before we went to Salcombe.

The ICC club was, in a way, a co-operative club with many members and a large fleet of dinghies and offshore yachts. When I went on the school trip I thought: ‘Yes this is for me.’ So, in the long vacation between school and going up to Oxford, I worked down there as a volunteer and that was the first of several

summers. I started off as a general dogsbody, gradually qualifying as a dinghy instructor and a launch driver. I was enjoying the life but after my third year at Oxford, Father summoned me – I had to buckle down and so I became a banker.

I managed to run parallel my working life with my voluntary work which was all to do with the sailing world. When I was a Director at RBS, I had offices in London, Cheltenham, Manchester and Glasgow and attended fortnightly group boards in Edinburgh or London. I was a non-executive director of organisations in Zurich and Geneva and had responsibilities in Boston. It was a lot of whizzing round. I was determined to keep sailing at the weekends so I would drive down to the West Country on a Friday night and drive back to Surrey on a Sunday night.

I gradually went through the training programme at the ICC, progressing to become a skipper on the offshore wooden yachts. Meanwhile, the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) started a training programme which the ICC became affiliated to through ASTO (Association of Sea Training Organisations). Over the years, I became the club representative at

ASTO and Chairman of the RYA training division. My proudest achievement was that I persuaded them that as more and more people were buying motorboats rather than sailing yachts, we ought to be training people to drive motorboats. To this day, the power boat courses of the RYA are mandatory instruction for RNLI coxswains. I also became Treasurer of the RYA.

A group of senior members at the ICC formed the Island Trust to raise funds to pay for the sailing fees for kids less fortunate than most of us, like the school’s bursary fund in a way. It gradually grew bigger. We were hiring boats and then built our own boat, Pegasus, which we still have. It enabled us to get the kids out to sea in the way we wanted but we also saved a Bristol boat yard from closure and they took on apprentices, so we were achieving good works in two directions. We now have a fleet of three offshore boats.

*In the last year before
the pandemic, we took
just over 700 kids to
sea for at least a week.*

HRH Princess Anne said she’d like to come and see, so the summer before last she spent an afternoon with us. She is President of the RYA and at RYA council meetings I used to sit next to her – I can tell you she has a very good memory for all the discussions. The Island Trust continues, and we need to desperately balance the books – because of the pandemic we have no income currently apart from donations and some of the government funds.

I was a stand in relief skipper and spent my holidays taking trainees to sea on these big boats. I was very prone to finding fog at sea. You had a good Mate who had fair knowledge of sailing but handling a yacht with a crew of 10 who knew very little you can get yourself into all sorts of situations. There’s not just the sailing side, there’s also the human understanding of what makes people tick. The offshore sailing is where you mould people together and shape their life. It is all about teamwork which I’m always in favour of.

Team spirit takes me back to Stockport Grammar – even in those days it had a lot of extra-curricular activities and that continues to the present day. It’s not just about academic learning, it’s about the whole bringing on of the pupil’s personality that I think is so important and that I hold in very high regard. I learned the first stages of public speaking and it has stood me in good stead for the rest of my life – I’ve had to speak out and chair at the AGMs of public quoted companies.

We held a mock election and the teaching staff started to get worried that it was almost getting out of hand. I held a rally of at least 200 boys if not more and I remember the staff watching out of the windows of the Sykes Lecture Theatre.

I won the scholarship to Oxford thanks to the instruction of David Cassie. I became a part of an Any Questions team which went to village halls in towns and villages around Oxford. It was a panel of four and I was the only one who didn’t go on into politics.

I gave up the actual sailing some years ago and went into classic cars. I was Chairman of the Sir Henry Royce Memorial fund. Here on the Isle of Man I am Chairman of the Manx Motor Racing Club and President of the Manx Classic Car Club. I have a 1924 3 litre Bentley, but I don’t race it.

*I am a Shaa Society
member – it’s extremely
well worthwhile as it
enables kids who have
ability to benefit from
a SGS education
regardless of whether
their parents can pay.*

I wholly support the concept. I enjoy and appreciate coming to things at school, it really reinforces my thoughts that my bequest in due course will be well spent.

The Island Trust is doing the same thing – some of the beneficiaries come back to teach the next generation and at least half a dozen have gone on to make a professional career in the sailing industry, it has a flow through that I particularly value.”



To learn more about the Island Trust visit
www.theislandtrust.org.uk

KRISHANTHI CARFRAE
OS 2004



A champion for diversity in the workplace and built environment, Krishanthi Carfrae followed her love of geography at SGS to become a Chartered Landscape Architect and Chartered Town Planner.

Krishanthi took a four-year undergraduate degree at Manchester University in Landscape, Planning and Management. She then went on in 2015 to study a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at Alliance Manchester Business School whilst working full-time. Now a Chartered Landscape Architect and Chartered Town Planner, she currently works for Arup as a Senior Cities Advisory and Economics Consultant.

Tell us about your career so far
As part of my degree and during my university holidays, I managed to secure a mixture of paid and unpaid work experience. Finding these placements was tricky and often involved being a bit direct and asking for a week or two's work experience but this paid off enormously in being able to talk passionately about planning and landscape when I was interviewed.

I've had four distinct roles in the 13 years since I graduated. I graduated in the 2008 recession so having a dual accredited landscape and planning degree really helped me out as I was eligible for two different types of roles. As it happened my first job was in landscape where I spent four years and gained my Chartership. I then moved within the same company to gain town planning experience and my Planning Chartership.

I left my first company after nearly six years as a Senior Environmental Planner advising on electricity consents for overhead lines and substations for clients such as National Grid and Orsted (formerly DONG Energy).

My next role was as an Environmental Planner co-ordinating Environmental Impact Assessments for predominantly housing developments and tall towers in London. My new company secured a contract to work for a new nuclear power station developer, so I was seconded to a client organisation for two years. It was during this role that I started my MBA.

Progressing my career following my MBA was important, so I found a job in Arup as a Senior Project Manager. It brought together my transferrable skills to deliver construction projects but this wasn't really my passion. Within the same firm I manoeuvred into a role in Cities Advisory and Economics. In this role I advise towns, cities and city regions on economic development strategy and increasing innovation whilst addressing societal challenges such as decarbonisation and inclusive growth.

How do you champion diversity?
I work in the built environment so I shape places where people live, work and spend their leisure time. As part of my work it is imperative that we create spaces, places and opportunities for the people who use them. We try to ensure our project teams are as diverse as society, as we all experience things differently.

Arup prioritises Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) through the anonymous hiring processes for CV sifting to get to interview, to supporting schools and STEM programmes in a range of schools from different demographic backgrounds.

Over the last year, we have had some challenging internal discussions about societal challenges such as inequality as highlighted by the Black Lives Matter movement and personal safety as highlighted by the tragic death of Sarah Everard. We need diverse teams from a range of backgrounds and experiences to help us shape a better world and solve some of the most pressing challenges of the day. Arup is developing its response to the Government's Levelling Up agenda and working out what tangible actions we can take to make a difference to inequality in the communities in which we live and work.



Describe what inspires you in life and work
I'm now running a team and I really enjoy seeing my colleagues at the beginning of their career learning new things and bringing a fresh perspective to problem solving. I work in economic development and want to make places better for the people that live and work there. My colleagues are very inspiring, and I am lucky enough to work with some of the best minds in the built environment.

In life, I think my Mum is the most inspiring person – she always told me I can do anything I put my mind to. I don't think you need famous people or huge role models to succeed; you just need a small handful of people who believe in you.

How did SGS help you get to where you are now?
What I learned from SGS was grit. To hang in there when things are tough or to dust yourself off from a set back and keep going.

Having been at SGS from 5 to 18, I have so many fond memories. I did quite a lot of music whilst at school so singing in the choirs and playing in wind orchestra were probably my standout memories, the concerts we did were always great both to play in and listen to the other talented musicians in the school.

Do you have any mantras?
The one I use a lot came from a former colleague who was from the North East and it's 'Shy bairns get nowt' and I would couple that with 'what's the worst that can happen, they say no?'

Describe your future aspirations
I would like to continue making an impact in people's lives through regeneration and economic development and upskilling and sharing knowledge with the generations entering the workforce.

JENNY THOMPSON OS 1997

Jenny Thompson, a former assistant editor at ESPN and passionate campaigner for women in sport can trace her love for getting active back to SGS and her family.

As a child she always played cricket in the back garden with her brother and dad.

She told us: **"My older brother, Neil, was captain of the first team at SGS, and then I followed him to SGS two years later. As soon as I joined I was always hanging around playing cricket in the yard, the passion for the sport has just always been there."**

But Jenny's first experience of playing the game in a team came after SGS teacher and First Year cricket coach Colin Dunkerley spotted Jenny helping her brother's team warm up. After spotting her talents and joy he invited her to play with the team.

She commented: **"I learned more in that match than I had in all the years of watching it beforehand. I never realised that you could play cricket as a girl unless you played in a boys' team. But I soon discovered there were opportunities to do this."**

"Gradually, I progressed to Junior County and Senior County level. I had some matches with England Under 17, 18 and Under 21. At one point I was captain of British North team."

After leaving SGS, Jenny studied English and Business Management at Leeds University. Following graduation, she combined her passion for English and sport by joining the Sky Sports editorial team.

Sky Sports was then taken over by ESPN but this gave Jenny the amazing opportunity to transfer her role to Adelaide. This was 13 years ago and she's still there now, but her job involves working for the Media, Dept of Premier & Cabinet, South Australian Government.

In an interview with SGS Director of Sport Danny Thomson for the school's Talk Sport podcast series she discusses the prominence of women in cricket and sport overall.

"Back in the day women's sport and female role models were absolutely invisible apart from some tennis players, like Martina Navratilova. This is changing but I want to do more to encourage everyone to find an activity they enjoy and have role models to look up to."



"One of my ideas of changing that culture is at the junior school level, instead of gendering sports lessons have mixed blocks of sports throughout the term. This will foster a culture from a young age, but of course there's a point where you probably do have to genderise it in terms of safety."

In her interview with Mr Thomson, she discussed her non-negotiables for success: **"I think integrity is very important, good communication is key along with the willingness to be open-minded and go into things wholeheartedly."**

"I've come to learn that high performance is not just consistently performing at a high level. It also incorporates resilience; your ability to learn from challenges."

Looking back on her time at SGS, Jenny said: **"I'm grateful for Mr Dunkerley for giving me the opportunity to get involved with a cricket team at SGS, it was the start of a lifelong passion."**



EXCITED PUPILS WELCOME NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL HEADMASTER

Stockport Grammar Junior School welcomed their new Headmaster Matthew Copping in September 2020.

Mr Copping was first inspired to become a teacher by seeing children understand a new concept or master a new skill whilst volunteering in a local primary school at the age of 16.

Prior to being appointed to the role, Mr Copping was Headmaster of Brooklands Primary School in Sale, and has spent almost 30 years sparking the academic ambition and curiosity of the children he has taught.

The Nursery and Junior School has seen a myriad of exciting new developments this year including an entire new Nursery building and outdoor learning areas – check out the full story on page 22 of your magazine.

SGJS Headmaster Matthew Copping said: **"It has been an absolute privilege to lead the Junior School over what has been a very challenging year for the whole school community. The children have shown huge amounts of resilience and adaptability – particularly when learning from home. I have really enjoyed getting to know the children, parents and staff, everyone has been extremely welcoming."**

"During this challenging period, we have continued to undertake a great deal of development work at the Junior School – revising our school values, updating our school rules and making several changes to curriculum plans and assessment."

"In addition, we have extended one of our Reception classrooms, completely redeveloped the outdoor learning environment for Reception pupils and completed and moved in to our new Nursery building – a busy year! These recent additions have ensured that our youngest children now have exceptional facilities, providing the very best start to their educational journey at SGS."

"Looking ahead, our new Cottage Garden will provide not only a quiet space at break and lunchtime but also a great educational resource for the children to use, explore and learn in. Throughout the year we have managed to continue with our extensive range of co-curricular activities and I very much hope that the new year will enable us to fully return to educational visits, residential and fixtures – all of which further enrich our curriculum."





Bursary Fund and Development

Welcoming SGS's new Head of Development, Suzanne Mullock

For me, applying to work at SGS was always going to be personal. Although I'm not an alumni, my sister is. My sister was one of the most influential figures of my teenage years and her school featured heavily in my sibling education. I learnt how to defend a cause – her attendance at Model United Nations improving our collective sibling debating skills. I also saw first-hand how hard work and determination will deliver results and I discovered that friendships will be the glue that keep you together. To this day she counts her school friends as some of her closest. My sister is creative and bold and has gone on to achieve great things in her professional and personal life. The opportunities she experienced at SGS played a huge part in that.

I'm delighted to have joined the External Relations team, working with colleagues as we find yet more ways to build our community – to benefit you in your career, in your connections to the school and enabling you to give back too.

As former pupils, former parents, former staff members and businesses we all have one thing in common, a deep belief in the power of education for the children in Stockport. Many of us are extremely proud of our Stockport roots, and want to see this area continue to make progress economically, socially and culturally. Did you know one in every five children in the Stepping Hill ward live under the bread line? SGS also holds a story very close to its heart – that there has been a long history of philanthropy, but if we are to provide an education to more bright, locally based children, regardless of their family's ability to pay – we must do more.

What can a bursary do for a pupil?

Former Headmaster Hugh Wright, 1979 - 1985

When I applied for the Headship of Stockport Grammar School – now rather a long time ago – the Governors were concerned about the future of the school because it had been announced a few years before that the Direct Grant Scheme would end soon and indeed it was already being phased out.



Our new online portal means, that from autumn 2021, you will be able to sign up to your Alumni network and benefit from those who share your experience of being connected to SGS. Connect to ask questions about careers and to offer your expertise to current pupils.

We will be continuing to offer you a chance to re-live your school days as we make more of our archive material available – particularly the digital photo archives from 2008 onwards. We will also be holding small bespoke gatherings as we come slowly out of the pandemic. Did you attend school when Hugh Wright was Headmaster? Contact us to have Tea with him in the Governors' Room.

We hope that you will gather around a shared vision to increase our Bursary provision and to expand access to education in its broadest sense – Academic, Sports, Arts, Culture and more.

For more information on the Bursary Fund contact Suzanne Mullock on mullocks@stockportgrammar.co.uk

But the school has flourished as never before since losing the Direct Grant.

The huge success of the school in recent decades is there for all to see as they drive past it on the Buxton Road. That is the best possible basis on which to remake the point that has been made so often and which has met with a most generous response from so many whose donations have been funding Bursaries to replace as many of those state funded places as possible.

Now, after the stern test of a pandemic, there is the need perhaps as seldom before to open the doors of the school to even more boys and girls who pass its entrance exam but whose parents need help to pay the fees.

I hope that many will feel able to give generously, as many already have, to the School's Bursary Fund.

Christopher Fox, OS 1966

In 1959 I sat the SGS entrance examination and was fortunate to be offered a place at the school. I was also fortunate to be granted a scholarship by Cheshire County Council which covered the majority of the fees, given that there was no

way my parents could have afforded them. I spent seven years at the school receiving an excellent education followed by attending university in London and a career of over thirty years with Shell as an engineer and manager.

I have come to realise how my education provided a very positive influence on my life and have therefore become a passionate believer in the provision of high quality education for all children regardless of their background.

Unfortunately today there are no bursaries provided by government to allow able students from financially limited families to attend schools such as SGS and thereby maximise their potential.

I am now in the fortunate position of having an income sufficient to allow me to contribute each year to the SGS Bursary Fund and thereby assist in allowing a limited number of able students from financially limited families to be educated at the school. It is highly desirable that the school is able to provide many more such places so that students can attend based upon their ability, but not limited by their family income. I therefore ask all of you, especially those of you who are alumni of the school, to consider contributing to the Bursary Fund.

Staff Farewell

As we reach the end of the academic year we say thank you and farewell to the following long serving members of staff. We wish all of them the very best for the future.

Mr Chris Watson (OS 1973) Bursar
(Retiring, joined 13.11.2006)

Mrs Donna Harris Maths & Deputy Head (Academic)
(Retiring, joined 01.09.1992)

Dr Wally Krywonos Chemistry & Head of House
(Retiring, joined 01.09.1980)

Dr Stephen Smith Head of History
(Retiring, joined 01.09.1996)

Mrs Esther Suttle English & Head of First Year
(Joined 01.09.2009)

Mr Mike Sallabank English
(Joined 01.09.2016)

Mrs Katy Harmer (OS 1996) Learning Support

Mrs Elena Short Music
(Retiring, joined 01.09.2006)



Philip Hallworth, Ben Armitage, Chris Watson (Dr. Faustus, 1968).



Watch the Founder's Day video on SGS YouTube to view memories from our retiring staff.

ALUMNI IN THE SPORTING WORLD

PHYSIOTHERAPIST TO JOIN ENGLAND RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Rob Artingstall (OS 2002) who has been appointed as a physiotherapist for the England Rugby League, ahead of June's mid-season international against the Combined Nations All Stars and autumn's Rugby League World Cup.

Rob will also continue in his role as Lead Physiotherapist at Salford Red Devils RLFC.

Speaking on his appointment, Rob said: **"Working with England has always been a goal of mine since I started working in rugby. It is such an unbelievable honour and I'm so excited and privileged to get to work together with all of the staff and players at England.**

"Everyone has been so welcoming and I can't wait to contribute towards what is going to be an amazing World Cup campaign."



TROPHY CARRIED IN MEMORY OF FATHER

Former Head Boy Dr. Jon Bell (OS 1997) carried the Premier League Trophy in memory of his father Colin Bell MBE, one of the finest Manchester City players of all time.

Dr Jon Bell, Consultant Radiologist at The Christie Hospital in Manchester, was inspired into medicine after spending time with his dad who had an injury towards the end of his career.

JESSICA PIASECKI HEADING TO TOKYO OLYMPICS

Congratulations to Jessica Piasecki née Coulson (OS 2008) who has been selected for the Tokyo Olympics.

Jessica's selection comes following her 2019 Florence Marathon win which she ran in 2:25:38, making her the third fastest female in British marathon history.

We can't wait to see Jessica in the Olympic Marathon.



NEIL PENNINGTON CREATES A VIRTUAL RUNNING PLATFORM

Neil Pennington (OS 2008) owns Run for the World, a virtual running events platform to give participants that extra motivation to start (or keep) running.

Virtual running has come into focus quite a lot over the past year and it is a fantastic way to keep your motivation up and to get yourself off the couch.

You can find out more, and take part in challenges, by visiting runfortheworld.org



SGS Community

Make rewarding connections, reminisce about your school days, and help shape the future of Stockport Grammar School.

About the SGS Community

The SGS Community is a global network of alumni, parents and friends connected with, and passionate about, Stockport Grammar School. It's your chance to learn about, support and get involved with everything that's going on at the school today.

That could mean inspiring new generations with insights from your life and career, or volunteering your skills to strengthen what the school can do for its pupils. And it could mean giving what you can to ensure that the brightest local children of all backgrounds can access a life-changing SGS education.

In return, you'll benefit from making rewarding connections within a network of talented, inspirational and committed people. And you'll have the chance to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about your school days, attend events and play your part in the future of Stockport Grammar School.

Proud to be Old Stopfordians

Everyone at SGS is proud of our thriving Old Stops community. You're part of a special association of former students, all connected through your life-shaping education in the heart of Stockport. Across the generations, so many of you have brought the distinctive SGS ethos to successful careers in business, medicine, the arts, the public sector and more. You are an inspiration, helping to create change locally, nationally and across the world as leaders, influencers and entrepreneurs. As if to underline the unique and far-reaching influence of the school on people's lives, we're thrilled that a large number of Old Stops send their own children to SGS.



Golf Day 2019



Old Stops' Dinner 2013



Summer Reunion

Ways to get involved

- Be part of the Old Stops Careers Network, with opportunities to provide or receive mentoring, as well as the chance to advertise your business and jobs.
- Connect with like minded alumni in your area and with alumni who share your interests, for example the arts or sports.
- Attend reunions and special events.
- Give back through a donation to our Bursary Fund, and ensure more local Stockport children have the chance of a life-changing education at SGS.
- Get involved with the Stopfordian Committee, to help shape how we connect as a community.

The new online alumni community will launch in autumn 2021. Make sure we have your up to date email address to receive your invitation.

Announcements

Sarah Thomas née Lee, OS 2002

Sarah says: "We didn't announce at the time but I met my husband at school and got together in 1999. David Thomas and I are happily married with three boys.

"My sister Lauren McAllister currently teaches Classics at SGS so it is a real family affair."

Matthew John Parker BA MA

The Queen has approved the nomination of former SGS Chaplain, Venerable Matthew John Parker BA MA, Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent in the diocese of Lichfield to the Suffragan See of Stafford, in the diocese of Lichfield, in succession to the Right Reverend Geoffrey Peter Annas who retired last year. Matthew was appointed Curate of St George, Stockport and Chaplain of Stockport Grammar School in the diocese of Chester in 1991.

In Memory

Stockport Grammar School was saddened to receive notice of the following deaths in the Old Stopfordian community. To read the tributes and obituaries that have been shared with the school in memory of Old Stopfordians passed, please visit the In Memory section of the school website. If you would like to receive the notices as and when they are received by the school, or if you would like to contribute to our tributes and obituaries, please email us at externalrelations@stockportgrammar.co.uk.

Dr Gordon Court (OS 1959)
Friday 18th June 2021

Major Christopher H. Walton MBE (OS 1949)
Thursday 29th April 2021

Myles H. Farnworth (OS 1947)
Tuesday 27th April 2021

Walter Griffiths Deacon (OS 1961)
Sunday 14th March 2021

David Glendinning (OS 1949)
Thursday 4th March 2021

Geoffrey Oldham (OS 1946)
Wednesday 10th February 2021

Derek G. McCrossan (OS 1942)
Monday 25th January 2021

Graham R. Berry (OS 1961)
Tuesday 5th January 2021

Martin Argument (OS 1988)
December 2020

Peter H. Smith (OS 1947)
Wednesday 23rd December 2020

Michael Clark (OS 1971)
December 2020

Graham Farrand (Old Stopfordian Event Host)
Wednesday 18th November 2020
Mr Farrand supplied catering for school events for many decades.

Lawrence F. Jones (OS 1961)
Sunday 15th November 2020

Anthony (Tony) Fort (OS 1958)
Sunday 27th September 2020

Debbie Szakal (Member of the Catering Team 2000-2020)
Saturday 19th September 2020

Frank Roland Huxley (OS 1951)
Tuesday 7th July 2020

David W Price (OS 1951)
Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dr Jeffrey G Bissenden Mb ChB MA FRCP (OS 1963)
Sunday 12th July 2020

Margaret Davies née Cocksworth (Former Member of Staff until 1944)
Tuesday 27th October 2020
Mrs Davies née Cocksworth taught at the school during the war.

Ann Shirley Ramsden Blaxland (Former School Governor)
Sunday 4th October 2020

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Adrian Lord

OS 1985

Talented pianist Adrian Lord released his brand new EP 'Piano Meditations'.

Adrian told us: **"It was inspired by last year's Facebook Live performances, when people told me that it was the slower and more relaxed pieces that they found a connection with during this time."**

Piano Meditations is available as a CD and Piano Sheet Music Book. All Adrian's piano sheet music books are available to purchase at Forsyths in Manchester and Margin Music in Macclesfield and his pieces can be listened to on Spotify and Apple Music.

Artwork for the cover was designed by Millie Moth.



Abigail Dean

OS 2007

Abigail has hit the Sunday Times bestseller lists with 'Girl A', her shocking debut novel about siblings who flee abusive parents.

Abi has had a passion for writing since her days at Stockport Grammar and the novel includes a thank you to the school's English department and her teacher Mr Howson. After leaving Stockport Grammar, Abigail studied English at Cambridge University.

Elizabeth

Lawrence

OS 1992

To support individuals through the challenges faced in the last year, trained hypnotherapist, Elizabeth Lawrence hosted free relaxation sessions.

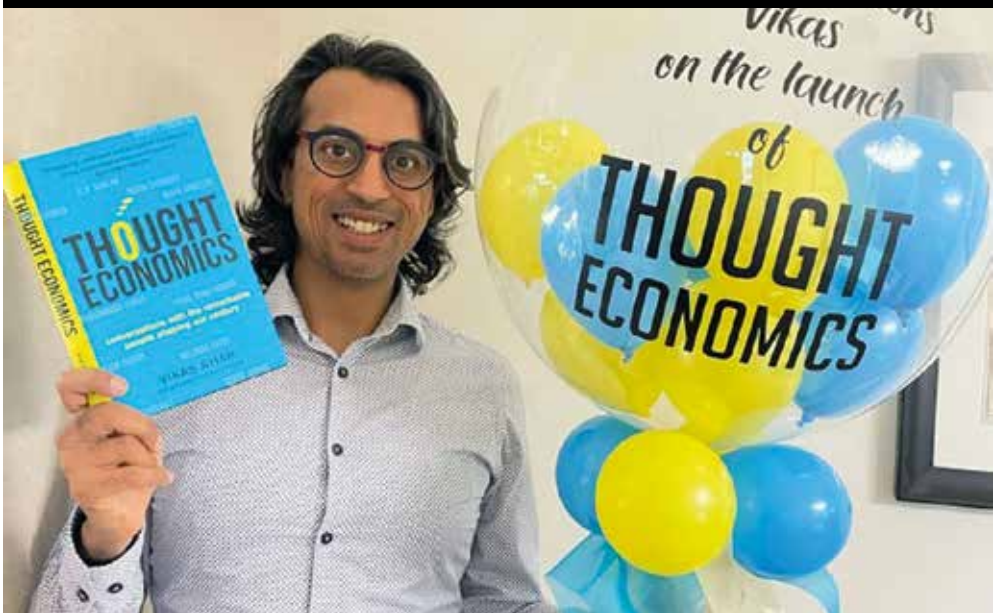
Each session lasted no longer than 30 minutes and provided a chance for attendees to switch off, relax and recharge as their imagination takes them somewhere soothing such as a log cabin in winter or a beach.

The sessions weren't interactive and participants could remain anonymous. Anyone from over the age of eight could benefit from the mindful sessions.



Vikas Shah MBE OS 1999

Naomi Clarke OS 2012



Entrepreneur Vikas Shah MBE launched his new book 'Thought Economics' earlier this year, in which he interviews the people shaping our century. Sound Engineer Naomi Clarke also collaborated on editing the audiobook version.

'Thought Economics' includes conversations with Nobel Prize winners, business leaders, politicians, artists and Olympians – everyone ranging from Richard Branson, to Melinda Gates, will.i.am and Usain Bolt.

In an interview on ITV, Vikas shared: **"I was lucky with work to meet interesting people, and I just thought how much fun would it be to get to know them a bit better. It was economists and bankers, but one day I thought there's a big wide world out there and why not just speak to different people about their experiences."**

John Millington Burgess

OS 1942

After leaving SGS, John went on to study at night school to qualify as a banker. During his career he managed branch banks of NatWest in Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire.

He progressed to be Area Director of NatWest in Bolton, Regional Director of NatWest in North Region

controlling branches from Chester to Aberdeen as well as Director of Isle of Man Bank, Douglas I.O.M.

He comments: **"I always enjoyed the annual dinner and the regional branch luncheon and service. I'm a past winner of the Old Stops Golf Society and really miss playing golf."**

Alastair Lydon

OS 2000

Head of Physical Education at The Harrodian School, Alastair Lydon has teamed up with Gabriel Jagger to interview some of the most influential and award-winning names in education, rugby, theology and even zoology, to uncover some golden nuggets of wisdom via a new podcast series, Golden Nuggets.

Golden Nuggets forms part of Whynow, a new positive media platform launched by Gabriel Jagger in March 2020. The launch of the platform was strongly supported by Gabriel's father and founding member of the Rolling Stones, Sir Mick Jagger.

Alastair's guests on the podcast have included; Rugby World Cup and Sevens World Cup winner, Lawrence

Dallaglio OBE, Former England 7s and Harlequins Rugby Coach, Warren Abrahams, Rugby European Cup winner, Russell Earnshaw, and former England Head Rugby Coach, Stuart Lancaster.

In an interview with SGS he shared his own golden nuggets of wisdom: **"Vincit Qui Patitur – this SGS motto resonates with me. I see it as perseverance, which for me rang true as I was always ranked bottom of my class growing up. I am sure they don't do this now but it always made me graft a lot harder than a lot of others."**

"As Michael Jordan puts it: Never say never, because limits, like fear, are often just an illusion."



Amazing literary potential showcased

A new literary magazine packed with brilliant articles from pupils and staff in the English department has been developed.

'Like, Literary' covers a range of genres from high level academic criticism to film reviews.

The magazine, which features pieces from pupils from a variety of years, was edited by students in the Sixth Form who attended meetings, made the final selections and composed section introductions.

Literary criticism articles included a piece exploring whether we should "judge past literature by our present moral standards".

'Ambush', 'The Worst Highwayman' and 'The Masked Figure' are the titles of some of the creative writing pieces and theatre, film and TV shows including 'Chicago', were reviewed.

The Life and Culture section concludes the magazine with pieces tackling a wide range of issues.

Second in English Mr Ollie Johnson said: **"We are very proud of our energised and enthusiastic Sixth Formers, who have brought the magazine to life with sensitive literary eyes, a genuinely inclusive approach, and high editorial standards. It really is the product of the fantastic work done by English pupils across the School."**

SGS Highlights

An exciting time of change at SGS

The Senior and Junior Schools have had a series of exciting developments in the last year culminating in the opening of the new Sixth Form Centre, Nursery building and outdoor learning for the Junior School.

Our youngest pupils are over the moon with their brand new Nursery building.

The single storey Nursery is within the grounds of the Junior School. With large bi-fold doors, the new development links the inside and the outside enabling the children to fully embrace outdoor learning whilst at the same time benefitting from high quality teaching from fully qualified teachers and Nursery assistants.

The exciting and varied programme for the pupils includes reading, writing and numeracy along with specialist Music, Modern Foreign Languages and PE sessions, as well as weekly swimming lessons in the school pool, again taken by specialist teachers.

During the first week of the move, our pupils enjoyed the spring weather and headed outside to discover the wide range of activities on offer. They built sand castles, mixed mud, shared stories, splashed around with the water equipment, ran up the mini-hill and made their way through the tunnel with delight.

It was an exhilarating experience for the children as they went on to explore the brilliant bike track, discovered the tree trunks and

enjoyed sharing the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' amongst their very own tall trees.

Stockport Grammar Junior School's Headmaster, Mr Matthew Copping said: **"The move into the new Nursery building has created a great deal of excitement amongst the children and staff. Our youngest children in the school have delighted in exploring both their new outdoor environment and also their classroom. Highlights have included the opportunity to explore the wooded area, covered sand pit and the water play area."**

In the Senior School, there was no hesitation from the Sixth Form – as soon as the doors to the new Sixth Form social and study spaces swung open the students were eager to make great use of the large, modern and well-equipped areas. The stunning glass roof creates a bright and vibrant atmosphere, allowing a great sense of community to flourish, and there is ample space for students to quietly get on with their studies. Head of Sixth Form, Mr David Stone said: **"It's fantastic to be able to provide this new space for our Sixth Form students. It is providing our Sixth Formers with excellent social and study spaces which will help further support their personal and academic development."**



Stockport Grammar School celebrates record-breaking art competition



Now in its seventh year, the Stockport Grammar School Year 5 Art Competition, sponsored by Brewin Dolphin, celebrated the artwork of 220 local young artists from 59 primary schools in a virtual arena.

The competition's theme of 'Portrait' inspired a wealth of entries from self-portraits and pet portraits to famous faces in a vast variety of sizes and mediums.

Mr Richard Davies, Head of Art and Design at SGS said: **"We were unsure how many entries we would receive this year with the competition being run online and the constraints experienced by so many schools during the lockdown periods. However, we are delighted by the record number of entries – the children have certainly risen to the challenge and produced the most fantastic artwork."**

Emil Semaniszyn of Oldfield Brow Primary School won the competition with a piece inspired by the work of Roy Lichtenstein. The judges were impressed by the tonal range in the skin and hair, which gave the piece a 3D quality.



Hallé selection success for musicians

A number of the school's talented musicians have cause for celebration after gaining a place in The Hallé's prestigious ensembles.

Fifth Years Lily Amet, Liv Dow, Eloise Scott (all soprano) and Ella Moran (alto) join the Upper Sixth's Kate Langton (soprano) in the Hallé Youth Choir whilst Liv (cello) also appears in the Hallé Youth Orchestra alongside Sixth Former Zoe Shah (violin) and Fifth Year performers Talia Zelhof (oboe), Ben Wood (clarinet) and Patrick Owen (trumpet).

The Hallé Youth Choir, which was established in 2003 and is recognised as one of the country's leading mixed-voice youth choirs, is for talented young singers aged 13-19 across the North West who feel confident reading music and are passionate about singing in a choir.

SGS is delighted to see such strong representation in the Hallé's highly respected ensembles and we look forward to watching the gifted students continue to flourish.

SGS Sport named 'Best in North West'

We are delighted to be ranked the top independent school in the North West for sport by School Sport Magazine in their annual Top 200 schools list.

The rankings were created by School Sport Magazine using the sporting results of each school's teams. Congratulations to our pupils on the motivation, skill and teamwork they have demonstrated and to our Sport, PE, Health and Fitness department along with our specialist sport coaches for this remarkable achievement. SGS provides exceptional sporting opportunities for every child with an inclusive approach focused on 'Be the Best you can' and over 30 sports on offer.

Whilst our pupils have been remote learning and to aid their development, the Sport, PE, Health and Fitness department have created the 'SGS Talks Sport' series where they speak to figures from the world of sport including Sally Gunnell, British former track and field athlete who won the 1992 Olympic gold medal in the 400 metres hurdles.



We want to hear from you!

What does Stockport Grammar mean to you? What are your favourite memories? What happened next? We'd love to know. Thank you to everyone who has shared their news and kept in touch. Old Stops have continued to support current pupils through virtual careers advice, volunteering for co-curricular activities and much more. It has been amazing just how connected we have been at a time when we haven't been able to meet in person.

Thank you to Enfys Bosworth and Rebecca Shawcross for bringing together such a full and fascinating Old Stops' Review. The stories are full of enthusiasm, grit, curiosity, community ethos and social intelligence – all attributes that have long been at the heart of SGS and which are now formally encouraged in SGS's character education.

We are very grateful to our donors to the Bursary Fund, particularly at this difficult time for many families. This year we have been delighted to welcome Suzanne Mullock to the External Relations team as Head of Development, you can read an article from Suzanne on page 14.

For this autumn, we are planning a return to real live events and will also be launching our new online SGS Community so you can share your experience and connect globally and locally. It is so easy to keep in touch – by email, Old Stopfordians Facebook, LinkedIn, the Stopfordian Committee, phone, post and soon via the new community. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

Rachel Horsford
External Relations Director



Rachel
Horsford



Enfys
Bosworth



Rebecca
Shawcross

Please visit www.stockportgrammar.co.uk/alumni/events/ for further information about our upcoming events.

Dates for your Diary

Careers Convention

6pm-8pm, Thursday
23rd September 2021

Can you represent your business/ industry at our upcoming Careers Convention?

Remembrance Reunion

Thursday 11th November 2021

Carol Service

Monday 13th December 2021

The Shaa Society Lunch

Thursday 17th March 2022

By invitation only

Founder's Day and Annual Dinner

Friday 18th March 2022

The Bursary Fund Golf Day

Thursday 16th June 2022

Summer Reunion Barbecue

11am-3pm,
Saturday 9th July 2022

In a break with tradition we will also be hosting touch rugby, football, hockey & netball matches as part of this event. We hope you can join us!



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