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## Meet the OE



Your intrepid editor has spared no pains for this edition's "meet the OE." Whilst venturing all the way to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on holiday earlier this year, I took the opportunity to interview **Will Davis** (OE2004) about what he has been doing since leaving Emanuel.

"I went straight to university, no gap year, to

read PPE at Oxford which was great, it really was fascinating. I think Emanuel had prepared and supported me in applying for and getting to Oxford in a number of ways. I think the first was the intellectual curiosity and the sense that we weren't just trying to pass exams, we were trying to understand things that mattered, real world mysteries. I think both Mr Marriott in Maths and Dr Langelueddecke, who is no longer there, in History really helped to give that sense that we were trying to discover the natural laws that govern our world and these were fascinating, also helping us potentially to govern it better.

## Dates for your Diary

### Carol Service

Come back to School for carols in the Chapel.

Date: Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December

Location: Emanuel School

**Christmas Drinks** for those who left or would have left the 6th Form between 2010 and 2015

Simply go to the [Old Emanuel Website](#) in order to book.

Date: Tuesday 15th December, 6pm to 8pm

Location: Emanuel School

### OEA Christmas Lunch

Details for the OEA Christmas lunch are on the events page of the website.

Date: Monday 14th December

Location: The Archduke, Southbank

### 1973 Reunion

A tour of school and then lunch in the Roundhouse for all 1973 Leavers. Just email [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk) to confirm your attendance

Date: Saturday 30th January 2016

Location: Emanuel School

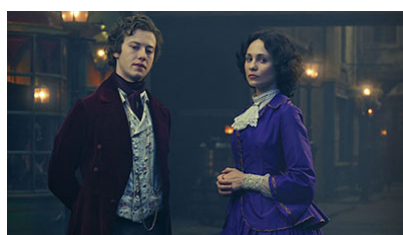
### Assisted Places Launch

The Launch event for the new Assisted Places Campaign. Email

The opportunity of doing Model UN piqued my interest in these sort of things. Some friends and I actually held a Model UN conference at Emanuel and the Head teacher at the time, Mrs Sutcliffe, was very accommodating. We came up with a proposal, which was very detailed about how it was all going to run, why we should host it and she said yeah ok. We did it twice in fact. Unfortunately the conference didn't continue after our year group left the School. It was a shame because we thought there were a number of younger pupils in the year below who were involved and so on but maybe they didn't have the confidence to take up the baton.

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## Dickensian



As you sit back over the festive period make sure that despite the haze of mulled wine and turkey you remember to tune into the BBC's major new series

Dickensian in order to watch rising star **Joe Quinn** (OE2012). This is a "mischievous and irreverent" take on the famous author's novels, featuring his best-loved characters reimagined into one street.

## The Bridge is Officially Open



This is the last article relating to the new bridge but we were delighted that, after years of planning and months of construction, the Memorial Bridge was officially opened on Monday 28th September by Chairman of the Governors Francis Abbott and Lady Emily Dacre. We were also joined by special guest, broadcaster and former Member of Parliament, Michael Portillo.

Mr Portillo was Minister of State for Transport at the time of the Clapham rail disaster in 1988 which claimed the lives of 35 people and is why the Memorial Bridge is so named. Many boys and staff assisted at the time of the crash and Mr Portillo spoke movingly of his memories of that day as well as speaking about his TV career and answering questions from the floor on such

[oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk) for more information about bursaries at Emanuel and the event.

Date: Tuesday 19th April 2016

Location: The Lansdowne Club

### 1980s Decade Reunion

An event for all OEs who left between 1980 and 1989. More information to follow shortly.

Date: Saturday 21st May 2016

Location: Emanuel School

### OEA Lunch

Open to all members of the Old Emanuel Association. Come back to School for lunch and a day of cricket.

Date: Saturday 18th June

Location: Emanuel School

### Join us on LinkedIn:

You can now connect with us and other alumni in a professional context. Just search for Emanuel School (Battersea) Alumni and ask to become a member of the group.

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wide-ranging topics as High Speed 2, the conflict in Syria and Europe's response to the current refugee crisis.

The evening ended with a spectacular display of fireworks and was much enjoyed by all.

## Carols from Emanuel



It has been a great term for the Music and Drama Departments including the traditional St Cecilia's Concert, the senior play, 'Brief Encounter', the 6th Form Revue as well as the fiercely fought house

music competition, won by Rodney/Wellington. Rehearsals have also already started for the production of the musical 'Annie' - watch out for details about how to purchase tickets.

If you happen to be free on the **7th or 8th December** then come back to School for an evening of carols. There will be an organ recital from 6.30pm in the Chapel and the service will start at 7.30pm with mince pies and mulled wine in the Refectory afterwards. Simply email the music administrator Lucy Stevens, [lst@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:lst@emanuel.org.uk) for your ticket or email us at [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk) if you have any questions.

## 1973 Reunion Report



It was a scorching Saturday in central London. A group of middle-aged men gathered outside one of the nation's great cultural centres, diffidently enquiring of people they didn't recognise if they

were there for the same reason and then introducing themselves to each other, even though they had all spent considerable time together many years before.

And so it was that 11 of us from the Emanuel Class of '73 congregated outside the National Portrait Gallery for a special reunion.

Yes, we were at school with Tim Berners-Lee.

Now, I don't know about you but I have used this tenuous connection to great effect in numerous situations down the years:



and the alumni community. Just search for Emanuel School Alumni.

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## Archives Online

We have now completed the digitising of the Portcullis from 1893-2005.

This will be available to OEs soon through the password-protected area of the Old Emanuel Website.

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## Travelling Overseas?

Don't forget the OEA branches round the world:

Peter Lewis in Australia:  
90 Glover Street,  
Mosman, NSW 2088,  
Australia.

Tel: 0061 (2) 9953 0061

email:  
[pjlewis@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pjlewis@bigpond.net.au)

Alec Parley in Canada:

3, Firstbrooke Road,  
Toronto, Ontario M4E  
2L2.

Tel: 001 416 694 8119

email:  
[beachmap@sympatico.ca](mailto:beachmap@sympatico.ca)

Team day/workshop/anywhere they decide an 'ice breaker' is a GOOD IDEA:

Facilitator: So, Bob, tell us an interesting fact about yourself.

Me (desperate): 'Well, I was at school with...'

Tech conversation where I am obviously out of my depth (all of them, actually)

Techie: 'So Bob, what do you think about Drupal?' (Me neither)

Bob: 'Well, I was at school with...'

Dinner party where inevitably house prices are the only arbiter of one's own value:

Guest: 'Well I bought my house for tuppence and it's now worth 5 billion, what about yours?'

Me: 'Well I was at school with...'

You get the drift.

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## Work has started on the New Dacre Building



Buxton Building Contractors Limited (the same Main Contractor used for the Fiennes Theatre) started on site on 3 August 2015 and at the date of writing "old

Dacre" has been demolished and piling of the foundations for the new structure is nearing completion. The design, by Horsley Huber Architects, is a three-storey fifteen-classroom block which includes the complete renovation of the existing 4 art classrooms on the north side of the existing building. The project has a two-year duration, with completion of Phase 1 (new build) anticipated in December 2016 and Phase 2 (renovation) in the Summer of 2017. The end result will be four large, specialist art classrooms, two economics, four history, three geography and one learning support classroom as well as a film studio and various music practice rooms, offices, a lift and washroom facilities. □

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## Tossed

**Vincent McKevitt** (OE1993) came into school to talk about his burgeoning business

## Old Emanuel Golf Society

The Autumn Guest Meeting of the Society was held this year at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club, near to Leatherhead. This venue was booked for us by OE Simon Park, who was a member at Tyrrells. Sadly, Simon passed away earlier this year, finally becoming a victim of his cancer, and we considered it most appropriate to use this venue as a tribute to him from the Society.

OE golfers and their guests played 18 holes on 16<sup>th</sup> October in this attractive parkland setting while the Clubhouse provided panoramic views of the wooded slopes. On a hot day in the summer, Tyrrells is a testing walk, but this partly cloudy day in early autumn saw the course at its best as our thoughts turned to Simon.

We had five playing guests, including the very welcome lady golfer, Susan Coombe, who was our host at St. Pierre when she was Lady Captain in 2012.

The "Cyril Shaw Cups" since their presentation to the Society in the 1950s have always been eagerly contested at the O.E. Spring Meetings but, following the



empire. Students from Years 10-13, studying Business and Economics sat transfixed as Vincent took them on his journey from 'bad boy' teenager to multi-millionaire entrepreneur. Vincent started the 'Tossed'

chain of restaurants in 2005 and it now has over 20 stores all over London and up and down Britain's motorways in the 'Welcome Break' service stations. Vincent also now owns his favourite restaurant - Megan's on the Kings Road and he has opened the sister restaurant to that in St John's Wood recently. Instead of paying to eat there five times a week he now gets free meals.

Tossed is now international, having opened up in Dubai recently and Vincent expects further international expansion in Hong Kong and in various airport terminals around the globe - the sky really is the limit. Students enjoyed the video that Vincent has recently produced that successfully helped him raise £1.25m by way of 'crowd funding', which cost him just seven per cent of the shares in his business. They were also allowed to ask questions and these ranged from the intellectual ('what are the main barriers to entry...?'), to the outlandish - he still won't reveal why he was asked to leave Emanuel back in the 1990s!

## Major Rowing Medal Donation



We recently received an incredibly generous and valuable donation to the School Archive from **Dr Iain Reid** (OE1967). Iain rowed for Emanuel in the 1960s in what is widely regarded as the finest Emanuel rowing crew of all time. Their greatest triumph was winning the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup, the blue-ribbon race on the final Sunday at Henley and were

the only crew to defeat overseas opposition in their final that year. Of course, this triumph is well documented in Emanuel School history and the crew were honoured again at Henley in 2008 when they had a 40th anniversary row past and there are rumours of a 50th anniversary row-past in the offing! Iain's crew also won the Schools' Head for the fourth time in five years as well as many other major regattas. In the adult Head of the River race the same crew finished 6<sup>th</sup>, the highest place ever for a school crew until 2009. Iain has very

adoption of a single round format, these trophies were those competed for today. In a nail-biting finish, the results were as follows:

Roger Gillett and his guest, Scott Whyte – 40 points, 20 on the back nine.

Simon Muskett and his guest, John Cavanagh – again 40 points but 19 on the back nine.

Graham Smith and his guest, Susan Coombe, yet again 40 points, again 19 on the back 9, but less on the back 6

Dave Newdick with Peter Lippiatt - 39 points, with 20 on the back nine just holding off another pair with the same points total.

'The Longest Drive' (as well as the longest drive to get to Tyrrells) was achieved by Graham Smith while 'Nearest the Hole' was Dave Evans – which, surely, must give hope to us all!!

The venue for Autumn 2016 has yet to be decided as several options are under consideration and our choice will be advised when known. For the OE Spring Meeting in 2016 we will be returning to Cuddington Golf Club at Banstead. This venue was enjoyed by all when we played there in May

generously donated to the School his Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup gold medal, as well as a collection of other medals from some of his other triumphs. These are incredibly valuable items for the School Archive, as this victory was one the School's greatest ever sporting triumphs and the medals will soon be on display to remind us of this proud moment of School history.

## Shame



We would like to give a bit of a plug for up-and-coming Punk band Shame. You can catch rhythm guitarist **Eddie Green** (OE2015), bassist **Josh Finnerty** (OE2015) and **Charlie Steen** (OE2015) at various locations round London including the Brixton Windmill. Just check them out on

Facebook or Twitter for upcoming dates.

## Archive Matters

### "The Tall Man" or the Emanuel School Ghost

The development of the School Drive in 2014 and 2015 has led to the most radical geographical reconstruction of the entrance of the School since Emanuel relocated to Wandsworth in 1883 and this has a major bearing in any discussion about the Emanuel School ghost as the building work has made it difficult to pinpoint the exact spot where the ghost usually appeared. An issue of the Portcullis published in 1954 makes a full reference to the 'Emanuel School Ghost' which has also been referred to as 'The Tall Man' on numerous occasions. The ghost appears sporadically in the School history, but his guise seemed to change with different generations. An Old Boy, who attended Emanuel during the First World War, notes that *"When you next go down the Drive from the School to the Gates, count the trees carefully on your left, and just past the fourth of those that are in a straight line (the first is opposite the road to the cobblyard) [now the road that leads towards the Common Room and Year 8 playground] you will notice a slight depression in the ground. It was here that the Tall Man used to appear"*. The Tall Man appears on all school maps dating from 1935 until the mid 1970s, however, by that time you would struggle to find a boy who had even heard of the ghost never mind claim to have seen him. Sadly because of the passage of time and the changes in geography it is impossible to use the map accurately to locate the exact spot.

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and, consequently, 18 holes have been booked for the afternoon of

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

In accordance with what has become a tradition we plan to enter a team in the Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf Competition to be played at Clandon Regis Golf Club in June 2016 where we hope to repeat our previous success.

Please contact the Secretary, Clive Galyer on 020 8643 1834 or 07859 8215 42, or preferably via

[clive.galyer@gmail.com](mailto:clive.galyer@gmail.com),

for further details on any of the Golf Society events. At our next meeting in the Spring we would really like to welcome old and new friends from the OE ranks (among which there may now be many golfing ladies!) all competing to represent the OE team in June.  
CMG

### **Note of thanks to OERFC**

The Rugby Club received this lovely note from a parent...

*My two boys just had their third trial session this week and we are definitely going to sign up for the year. We just wanted to say how impressed we have been with all of the coaches and the whole set up*

## **OEA Lunch & Summer Get Together**

As the OEA October Dinner had to be cancelled, the Headmaster has agreed to us holding an early Summer Lunch so that OEs of all ages will be able to meet up.

### **SATURDAY 18th JUNE, 2016**

This is the proposed date which has the added attraction of featuring a cricket match in which the School 1st XI is hosting Kingston Grammar School.

However, we would stress that as much as we would all want to witness Emanuel's performance and eventual victory, this is not primarily an occasion for cricketers alone. All OEs are, of course, most welcome and we look forward to seeing as many of you who would like to make the journey over the new Memorial Bridge.

Should you wish to come for the day and partake of Lunch and Tea, then the estimated cost will be in the region of £35 which must be ordered and paid for in advance.

The main object of the exercise, though, is to invite you back to School to catch up with your contemporaries and possibly make the acquaintance of some past pupils that may turn out to be slightly older than yourself and who might be persuaded to talk about the Emanuel of their day and hear from you of your own experiences.

Should you plan to attend this Day, so that we can get some idea of numbers expected, please contact [mikemarkland@uwclub.net](mailto:mikemarkland@uwclub.net).

Further details, including final cost of this, will be advised when known.

## **Emanuel in the Cricketer**

Summer and the cricket season may seem like an eternity away right now as Christmas approaches so this piece, which featured in the current issue of the 'Cricket Bible' magazine 'The Cricketer' should hopefully raise a smile... When browsing through the attached supplement pictured on the left we were



*which is so welcoming. We have tried lots of football type sports with them from an early age and have found that they are generally left on the sidelines chasing a crowd around and having a really poor self-image of themselves and sport because of this. However at each of the rugby sessions the coaches have encouraged each of them individually and then publicly applauded them when they have scored a try.*

*We are very grateful for this and just wanted to pass this on!*

### A family affair



Congratulations to both Danny (OE1992) and Stuart Legg (OE1989) for completing the New York marathon. In the picture you can also see their father, long-serving former member of staff, John Legg.

### Congratulations

#### EMANUEL SCHOOL

Battersea Rise  
London  
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**Established** 1594  
**Notable fixtures** Tiffin School, MCC  
**Head coach** Mark Stear  
**1st XI coach** Malcolm Roberts  
**Teams** 1st XI, 2nd XI, U15AB, U14AB, U13AB, U12AB. Girls' cricket runs as an extracurricular option in the summer term, with the school running two squads at U13 and U15 levels.  
**Facilities** Two sites. The main school is home to the main square, plus one junior square with further access to the Old Boys' ground, Blagdons. A sports hall with four indoor nets, three outdoor synthetic-grass nets and portable batting cage.  
**Club/county affiliation** Spencer CC, Bank of England CC, Surrey  
**Brief history** Emanuel was founded in Elizabethan times by Lady Dacre for the education of 10 boys and 10 girls. In 1873, the girls at the school transferred to Grey Coat Hospital and 10 years after that the boys' school relocated to the current site in Wandsworth. The school became a voluntary-aided

grammar school in 1944 until it resumed its independent status at the end of the 1970s. In 1995, Emanuel returned to being a co-educational school.  
**Cricketers of note** Stuart Surridge (Surrey), Ian Payne (Surrey, Gloucestershire)  
**Extras** The main school site sits in walled grounds in central London, just minutes from Clapham Junction. The school has close links with the Barry Army Colts team and has hosted fixtures against a number of touring teams, including a Darren Lehmann Academy side from Adelaide. Last year an under-19 team formed by a Sri Lankan charity – the Unity Squad representing the Foundation of Goodness – played at the school. Emanuel produced the greatest captain in the history of county cricket. Surridge led Surrey to five County Championship titles in succession, from 1952–56. Four Surrey County Cricket Club presidents (including Surridge) went to Emanuel.



bowled over to see Emanuel featured alongside the likes of Eton and Harrow in this 'Top 100' of English cricket schools! Congratulations to all involved for ensuring Emanuel cricket continues to hit for six and live up to the great reputations set by previous generations.

## OE in Business



At Emanuel **Anne Fison** (OE2006) loved sport and was in the netball, rounders, football and athletics teams. In netball she won MVP (Most Valuable Player) in year 10 and the Sutcliffe Cup in year

11. After leaving Emanuel she lived in both France and Greece working the seasons skiing and sailing. Her love for sport and activities continued and, wanting to help and encourage others to get the same enjoyment out of exercise as she did, she became a personal trainer. After 5 years of self-employment she has now opened her own fitness studio in Herne Hill. Fison Fitness Ltd. opened in September this year. At the age of 25 we are really proud that one of our students has taken the leap into owning and running her own business. We are pleased that her enjoyment for sport, developed at Emanuel, has contributed to her starting this new and exciting venture.

Good luck Anne.

## Obituaries





**Surrey OEA Girls**

Position	Full Name	School	DOB
1	Rebecca Lee	Putnam	Putnam RFC
2	Lucy Longman	Putnam	Putnam RFC
3	Caroline Smith	Putnam	Putnam RFC
4	Emily Marshall	Putnam	Putnam RFC
5	Rebecca Robinson	Putnam	Putnam RFC
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Substitutes to be selected from the following:

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Manager: Jo Fisher  
 Lead Coach: Ann Wood  
 Coaches: Laura Oakes/Hughes  
 Nick Baker  
 Medical: Jo Fisher  
 Captain: Laura Oakes

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 Last updated: 07/03/2017

OERFC have four girls in the U15 Surrey Squad!

## Your Details:

These are the details we have for you. [Log in](#) to the OE Website and update them if they are out of date. If this section is blank then please get in touch with your address: [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk)

## Careers Help

Could you offer advice to current pupils or attend our annual Careers Convention? Email [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk) to find out more.

## Join the OEA

If you are interested in joining the OEA simply contact membership secretary Roger Udall or Hon Social Sec. Mike Markland. Just visit the [OEA pages](#) of the website for contact details.

We are very sorry to have to announce the death of a number of OEs. Denis Lane (1957), Richard Barlow (1967), John Chiles (1939), Brian Grainger (1967), Barry Godden (1954) Gordon Burrett (1940) and Dr Ronald Gray (1938). You can read obituaries for some of these OEs on the [website](#).

## OEA News

The reason for the cancellation of the OEA Dinner 2015

Most of you will know that having dined at a variety of West End venues since the formation of the OEA, some years ago the Headmaster kindly agreed to the OEA holding its Annual Dinner at the School. This gesture was gratefully accepted by the Association and for every other year since 2003 it has enjoyed the surroundings - and the fare provided - of, and by, its Alma Mater.

Last October we were due to dine again at the School. Plans were laid, the date was arranged and the menu was chosen but, despite the ample and timely advertising of the arrangements, only three weeks before the date, owing to the lack of support, we suffered the embarrassment of informing the Headmaster, "thanks, but no thanks". As you might imagine this did not show the Association in a particularly good light.

Therefore, on behalf of the many members who failed to register their intention to attend this event, which has hitherto been rightly known as the flagship of the Association's year, please let me apologise here to those OEs who had loyally answered 'the call', but who were subsequently disappointed by the enforced cancellation.

Not only was this annoying to these few who had made reservations and plans to attend but, as I say, it was extremely embarrassing to have to cancel this long-standing arrangement with the School. This was especially so as the Headmaster had generously offered to provide, at no cost to the OEA, a welcoming wine reception.

As you would expect, your Committee has searched hard to find why there was such a poor uptake, but there seems to be no one reason why this should have occurred. We are, therefore, left to guess. Perhaps getting to the School on an autumn evening may not be everyone's choice, especially if one was not prepared to drive home after such a convivial event. But who knows - although "it never happened in my day!"

Consequently, in an attempt to replace this opportunity for meeting with old friends and contemporaries, and after consultation with and support from the Headmaster, the thought is to hold a Saturday Lunch, hopefully in flaming June of next year. The date

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proposed is SATURDAY 18 JUNE, 2016 and, for your added entertainment on that day the School XI will be hosting Kingston Grammar School. However, if cricket or a couple of perambulations of the field is not really your scene, then I'm sure that the School will do its best to provide other events which be of interest to you.

I hope that this proposed replacement for last October's Dinner meets with your approval and is worthy of your support. If so I would urge you to contact me soonest at [mikemarkland@uwclub.net](mailto:mikemarkland@uwclub.net) and register your interest in attending the School for lunch on SATURDAY 18 JUNE, 2016. I estimate the cost for lunch and tea will be in the region of £35 - hopefully below - and I look forward to your early responses.

*Mike Markland*

## OERFC

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Old Emanuel Rugby Football Club won promotion to Surrey 1 and has taken to the new season with confidence and one of the strongest squads in many years. 27 new adult players have recently joined the

club, some after University and some because of the high interest in the World Cup. Old Emanuel is one of just a few clubs having three teams playing in the Surrey leagues, with OE 2nds in the highest Reserve League.

Paul Wilson continues to coach senior players while the club boasts 55 coaches working with each year group of boys and girls from under 5s to under 17s.

OE Vets (over 35s) now known as "Portscullers", were recently asked by RFU and Surrey RFU to host a team from Uruguay, who were part of the official support group of the Uruguay national team in England's group in the Rugby World Cup. A splendid competitive match against some huge South Americans took place on a Monday night under floodlights at Blagdons. Despite the language difference, a wonderful post-match meal and party demonstrated that the traditions of the sport are worldwide.

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## Raglan House award returns to Emanuel after nearly 60 years

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During one of my  
Historical Walking Tours of



Historical walking tours of Emanuel School last Friday I had the pleasure of meeting Stephen Dix (OE1962). Stephen was donating a trophy given to him in the First Form (now Year 7) by his then form teacher Miss Polly Bedford. He had fond memories of the teacher who worked at Emanuel for her entire career and was very popular with the younger boys. Because of

a list of names engraved on the trophy from the 1930s we concluded that the trophy was awarded to the Captains of Raglan House. Until 1948 Emanuel had a prep-school for pupils as young as eight years old, all of which were in Raglan House. Ms Bedford was in charge of this younger group of boys. One assumes that when Emanuel was evacuated to Petersfield the trophy remained in Battersea and so no further names were added. Once the Prep ended in 1948 Raglan House was disbanded and Ms Bedford probably recycled the trophy as a class prize which was eventually handed down to Stephen. It's a lovely item to have returned to the school after so many years, especially since Stephen has kept it in such splendid condition. *TRJ*

## School Sport Update

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The frenzy of interest surrounding a home **Rugby** World Cup certainly had all the Emanuel School rugby squads raring to go on their return in September and with it a new rugby season.

As I write this in the third week of November the 1<sup>st</sup> XV have won six out of their ten fixtures. This included a 36-22 win over Dulwich College 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, a 47-0 thrashing of Royal Alexandra and Albert School and most recently a 14-0 win over Sutton Valence School, which saw the team retain the Abbott Cup for the third year in a row, which has been competed for by the two sides as part of the United Westminster Schools Partnership since 1967 (as pictured).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV have won three from seven games, with an initial great win against City of London Freemans by 30-15 and then a fantastic display of running rugby against Latymer Upper School to come away victorious by a margin of 24- points to 8.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XV have won four out of six of their games, with a hard fought 15-11 win against a tough Caterham School outfit. Just the other week in wet muddy conditions in Kent, they took on and beat Sutton Valence School by a score of 15 points to 7.

The Under 15A team have made huge strides forward with their campaign this year compared to last year with no fewer than 7 wins from 12 games. After a slow start to the season they have now won their last 5 out of 6 games, which have included a huge 42-5 win over Worth School and a dramatic 17-7 victory over a strong Wallington County Grammar School team. As I write this they are still in the Vase competition of the Natwest National Cup Competition, playing their 4<sup>th</sup> Round game next week.

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### Rowing

With Ali Elliott stepping down as Director of Rowing after a number of successful years in charge, this season was always going to be an interesting one to see if we could maintain the progress made, particularly in Girls rowing which has moved from strength to strength in recent times.

With newly appointed coaches Hannah Blaikie, Mark Roberts, Abby Johnston, and Nick Buckle, bringing in fresh ideas and experience, we have had a promising start to the season. At Bedford Small Boats Head in October, the J15 Girls finished equal 1<sup>st</sup> with Putney High in the coxed quads and took the top 3 places in the singles. At Kingston Small Boats Head a few weeks later our top quad finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in a strong field of nine boats.

The senior girls have also continued to impress following their successful season last year, with a 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 25 in WJ18 doubles at the Pairs Head and 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in WJ18 coxed fours at the Fours Head. Darcy Jennings who missed out on both these events due to illness, is aiming to gain GB representation this year.

Although a quieter start to the year on the boy's side, the hard work in training is starting to pay off and with the strengthening of squads from rugby next term, prospects look good at both J16 and J18 levels this season.

At the grass roots level (J14) we also look to have some exciting squads coming through in both boys and girls



rowing, with the boys recording a win in J14 octuples at Teddington Head in November. *David Conington, Director of Rowing*

## Netball

It's fair to say the netballers have been kept busy with more training and fixtures than ever! We kicked off the term with the annual Istock Pre-Season Tournament and started as we meant to continue with all year groups reaching the top 4 and the U15s taking the win. The 1<sup>st</sup> V11 have had a solid season so far with captain, Tara leading the way. We have had some outstanding victories against St Dunstan's and Sydenham High and an extremely close 1 goal loss to Wimbledon High. More recently the girls played Sutton Valence in a 'varsity' style game in line with the boys' Abbott Cup. In true Emanuel style the girls raised their game for the occasion and played their best netball to date bringing home the victory 48-31. The following week they went on to beat King's College School (Wimbledon) amongst others at the Harrodian Tournament. Their improvement has been outstanding. This trend has also been seen further down the school with the U15s continuing their winning streak with an unbeaten season to date. They won their round of the Surrey Tournament and are through to the quarter finals of the Independent Schools Netball Cup. We wish them luck as they proceed in both of these competitions. Likewise the U12, 13 and 14s have had some very competitive fixtures against some of the country's leading netball schools such as Putney High, Surbiton and Highgate. The U13s had a brilliant day at their Harrodian Tournament picking up the gold medal place. This strength is echoed with 8 girls across the school being selected to train with the Surrey Elite or Satellite Academies, the first step on the England pathway. Congratulations to Catherine, Isobel, Bessie, Rebecca, Grace, Jay, India and Christabel for their successes to date, all of whom are representing in their various age groups. Emanuel Netball is going in one direction and is certainly a force to be reckoned with.

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