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Meet the OE



For this edition we took the opportunity to catch up with **Chris Walker** (OE1996-01). Chris is currently a Captain in the Army Air Corps and the Operations Officer for a Squadron flying the Lynx helicopter. Chris always wanted to be a pilot and he realised his ambition in 2011 when he gained his Army flying wings. During his varied career, he has been deployed to Afghanistan, Malaysia and Columbia and taken part in a High Readiness Task Group, conducting multinational aviation exercises and military engagement tasks in many countries.

"It makes me feel a little old to be writing about what I've been up to over the past 15 years since I left Emanuel!"

After leaving Emanuel in July 2001, my family and I moved up to Solihull as my parents were looking for a 'quieter pace of life'. I attended King Edward VI Five Ways Sixth Form School and whilst there, during my Lower Sixth year, I was successful in winning a British Army Sixth Form Scholarship (and subsequently a university bursary). I always wanted to be a pilot and so I decided to try and pursue my ambition with the Army and, in particular, the Army Air Corps, gaining sponsorship in July 2003.

Chapter

We are really keen to get in touch with any OEs who are currently living and working in Hong Kong.

We hope to start a networking group in order to put OEs in touch with each other and organise events.

Please email us at oe@emanuel.org.uk if you are interested in getting involved.

Class of 1994 Meet Up

The class of 1994 are planning a meet up on Friday the 25th November at the Northcote starting from 6pm.

All OEs who left, or would have left the 6th form if they left early, in 1994 are very welcome to join.

There is also a potential 2nd date of the 16th December. Contact the Development office for more details.

Old Emanuel Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch

A reminder that the Old Emanuel Luncheon Club Christmas lunch will take place on Monday 12th December at The Plough Bar & Kitchen, 89 St Johns Hill.

For more details please see the events section of the Old Emanuel Website and if you would like to be there please contact Stuart Cameron-

In Sept 2003, I went to The University of Sheffield to study Software Engineering with a Foundation year. I realised the error of my ways 18 months into the course and was lucky enough to be able to switch degrees to BA Geography. Mr Purkis and Mr McMahon would have been proud!

Whilst at university, I was a member of the Officers' Training Corps which was a fantastic experience and took me on various trips around the world including the USA and Australia.

I graduated from Sheffield in 2008 and commenced the Regular Officer Commissioning Course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst later that year. I commissioned into the Army Air Corps in December 2009, which was swiftly followed by a deployment to Afghanistan on Op HERRICK 11 in February 2010. It's an experience that I always look back upon fondly; it was challenging and very much learning at the deep end but it was hugely rewarding.

I commenced the Army Pilots Course in May 2010 and was awarded Army Flying Wings less than 18 months later in December 2011. My time in the Army Air Corps has taken me to various places around the world from Afghanistan to Malaysia and even to Columbia. The highlight of my career thus far was probably spending two months embarked on HMS Illustrious as part of a High Readiness Task Group. We set sail from Southampton and made our way around to the Mediterranean then through the Suez Canal and the Gulf to Somalia, Oman and the UAE. Over the course of the deployment, we conducted various multinational aviation exercises and military engagement tasks. It was thoroughly enjoyable and something that I would never have expected to do as an Army Officer, let alone an Army Pilot.



I'm currently the Operations Officer for a Squadron flying the Lynx helicopter. My job involves ensuring that approximately 130 people plus helicopters and equipment are ready and poised to deploy anywhere in the world within 48 hours. I also ensure that the day-to-day work tempo is sensible, thus enabling everyone to have a good work/life balance.

I often fly through London, down the Thames, and always think fondly of my time spent at Emanuel as I fly past Battersea Power Station and Wandsworth Bridge!

Life is good and I owe a huge amount of my success to the solid grounding and education that I received at Emanuel."

Visit of Sir Tim Berners-Lee

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on stuart@cwt2001.com or 01323 894270 sooner rather than later. Stuart would be pleased to hear from you.

It's always a popular event so make sure to book quickly!

Invitation for Lions Tour of New Zealand

Dave Nicholson (OE 1967-71) who has been involved in Rugby as Marketing Manager of Wellington Rugby Union would be delighted to see any OEs who might be thinking of travelling to NZ next year for the Lions Tour. Dave would be happy to help arrange any visits/tours that OEs might want to make.

Please get in touch with Dave, who lives in Auckland:

Phone: 00647 09 576 2535

Email: d.nic@xtra.co.nz

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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We were delighted to welcome back for the first time since he left School in 1973 Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the World Wide Web.

We will be covering the story in full in the next edition of the hard copy magazine but suffice to say that his visit created quite a stir in School.

Christmas at Emanuel



Emanuel is already gearing up for Christmas and we would love to welcome back OEs to some of our festive events.

If you happen to be free on the **12th or 13th**

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, lucy.stevens@emanuel.org.uk for your ticket or email us at oe@emanuel.org.uk if you have any questions.

OEs are also welcome to join us for St Cecilia's Concert on Friday **25th November** at 7pm in the Hampden Hall. Contact Lucy Stevens, lucy.stevens@emanuel.org.uk for tickets which are priced at £5.

The Emanuel School Boat Club Supporters will be holding their annual Snowflake Fair in the Hampden Hall on **Sunday 20th November**. OEs are very welcome to attend.

Memories of Former Staff

Seeing my Young face' in The

community. Just search for Emanuel School Alumni.

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You can now follow us on Twitter: @OldEmanuel

New Alumni Website Coming Soon...

We are delighted to announce that we will shortly be launching the new Old Emanuel Website. The new site should be much easier to navigate and allow you to update your details quickly and efficiently. You will also be able to book onto events, view photo galleries of past events, peruse the latest news as well as link through to our exciting Archives online.

Travelling Overseas?

Don't forget the OEA branches round the world:

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Seeing my young face in *the Rose & Portcullis* (Issue 2) on page 12 (back row, looking to my right, under the 'Comprehensive ...' banner) has resulted in an invitation by the Development office to share something of my 'post-Emanuel' life.

In 1996, I began training for ordination in the Church of England, whilst continuing to teach Chemistry. Then, in July 1999, I was ordained in Chelmsford Cathedral and left

Emanuel after 26 wonderful years. My first post was as an Assistant Curate in Benfleet, Essex. During this time I learned the basic skills required to 'hatch, match, and dispatch'! (Clergy speak for baptisms, weddings and funerals.) Then in 2003 I became the Vicar of a church - Christ the King, Princes Park - in the Medway Towns of Kent. In 2010, I 'retired' from full-time ministry, although I prefer to see it as 're-fired' as I continue to minister - preaching and leading services - but without the responsibilities of leading a church. Besides Sunday ministry my wife Jenny, and I are part of a Christian Healing Centre where we regularly see people wonderfully healed of all kinds of sickness and disease. We have also been involved in training others in many aspects of the Christian life, both in our own church and many others, besides receiving further training ourselves.

On a sadder note, I had the amazing privilege of conducting the funerals of two of Emanuel's longest serving staff. In March 2005, Derek Pennell (Chemistry, Director of Studies and many other 'jobs' 1960-2000) died suddenly of a heart attack. Despite the sadness, his funeral was a celebration of a truly extraordinary man. Then, in December 2006, 'Hoppy' (Peter Hopkins - Chemistry Technician extraordinaire 1948-95!) died, aged 81, from cancer. Again, his funeral was one of thankfulness and even laughter.

During my time in Medway we became grandparents. Our daughter and son (Simon - OE 1986-93) each had two sons who are all now at secondary school.

I manage to keep up with a diminishing number of my old colleagues and it is always sad to hear of those no longer with us. For me personally, the saddest of all was the sudden and early death of Michael Hand (1977-2002) in 2004.

I manage to 'keep my hand in' with Chemistry - giving occasional talks on the wonders of water or the 'handedness' of many biochemicals. Nevertheless, I am somewhat embarrassed when I fail to answer a Chemistry question when watching TV quiz shows!

Finally, in July this year, Jenny and I celebrated our Golden Wedding and give thanks for 50 wonderful years together.

Reverend Dr Keith Foot

Mini Reunion



We are always delighted when OEs get in touch with news of their own meet ups and reunions.

Back in the Summer the following OEs met up. From right to left are Pete Marsden, Trevor Campbell-Smith, Richard Bainbridge, Dave Eldridge (all in U6A 1964). The picture was taken at the back door near the fives court around a tree on the Common near the school wall.

Dacre Block Update

We are pleased to say that the new Dacre block is coming on a pace.



If you look closely you can spot the archway which will be the new walkway into the Dacre Yard, or Cobbled Yard for older OEs.

Let us know your details

Make sure you keep us updated with your current address and email in order to receive communications.

Visit of David Starkey



Renowned historian David Starkey visited Emanuel on 27th September to address members of the History Society along with parents and the Emanuel community. His enlightening talk was entitled 'Magna Carta – 800 years on' and drew on David's bestselling book 'The True Story Behind the Charter' and his accompanying BBC2 television programme.

David explained why the Magna Carta, the historic document underpinning British liberties since 1215, is still relevant today, not only in Britain but in America where many of the principles of this historic document were enshrined in America's Bill of Rights in 1789 and 1791. The talk was both interesting and illuminating and was very well received by the Hampden Hall audience.

1970s Decade Reunion



We are delighted to announce that in our programme of reunions it is now the turn of the age of disco.

All OEs who left, or would have left the 6th form between **1970-1979** are

welcome back to School on **Saturday 29th April**.

Programme for the day will be as follows:

- 11am - Coffee and welcome in the Library
- 11.45am - Year group photos
- 12pm - Tour of the School
- 1pm - Lunch in the Refectory with wine
- 2.30pm - Tea and coffee

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phone 0208 875 6978

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3pm - Finish

Tickets are priced at £25 and can be purchased through the [Old Emanuel Website](#).

Is it really 50 years since I left Emanuel?

1966 was memorable for many things. Most people think of the Football World Cup but for me it was the year I left school and started my career in something not perhaps that usual for former Emanuel pupils. Indeed, our then careers master – 'Barney' Cruise, told me, 'You're not that thick; you could get into the army!' What career was he deriding? – agriculture.

I had always been interested in animals and the outdoor life and fortunately had very supportive parents who found out about colleges and universities with agriculture courses. I had been offered a place at a college in Devon to study for a Diploma in Agriculture with a view to a further course in Farm and Business Management.

The first problem was that all agriculture courses required you to do a year on a farm before going to college or university. That was a good way to find out how keen you really were – getting up at 5.00am every morning to milk cows on top of the Cotswolds was certainly a good test! I survived, spent three very enjoyable years at Seale Hayne College (sadly no longer an Agricultural College), met my wife (yes women did farming even then!) and worked for over 30 years in farm management on large estates in Oxfordshire, Sussex and Staffordshire.

Following the terrible times in 2001 when foot and mouth disease hit UK farming, I decided to step sideways and worked as a Farm Conservation and Environment Adviser, which I still do for a couple of days a week now.

I often wonder how many, if any, other OEs went into farming. It's not a career path to get rich in that's certain, but it has been good for me and has been interesting and challenging.

As to my time at Emanuel, it was really memorable and set me up well for life in the real world. I started in 1959 in 1B and Drake, following my father, who was at Emanuel in the 1920s with fathers of others at school with me. I remember especially John Monkhouse and John Peckham who I am sure were sons of OEs who were at school with Dad. I have many happy memories of school, singing in the Chapel choir and on Spring Symphony with the inspirational Donald Cashmore, playing rugby (not very well!) for the house and most of all the CCF. I finished up as CQMS Stores, with Hugh Shirley in charge of the Armoury. These days, when I think of all those fully operational rifles, Bren and Sten guns stored in the Armoury it is really rather frightening! This probably explained Barney Cruise's comment about my choice of career versus the army but I have really enjoyed farming, lived in some lovely places met some great people, (not least my wife!) and am still relatively healthy.

So to any current pupils who perhaps would consider going way off piste for their careers, I would say, "Go for it! There are loads of opportunities out there so don't be put off; just find out all about it and do it!"

Bob Slater (1959-1966)

Westminster Abbey Service and Campaign Update



Thank you to all those OEs and parents who joined us for our Quinquennial Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey on 7th November to mark the 415th Anniversary of the granting of the Emanuel School Charter.

It was a truly special occasion with the whole School in attendance along with over 1000 parents, staff, OEs and friends.

To start the Service, the Head Boy and Head Girl carried a plaque commemorating the 415th anniversary of the granting of Emanuel School's Charter through the Nave and presented it to The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, at the High Altar.

The Choir, led by Director of Music, Tim Rhodes, sang beautifully and professionally; nobody would have guessed it was not a normal occurrence for them. Mark Hanley-Browne read an extract from 'Emanuel School, An Illustrated History' by Nigel Watson. The Service continued with a thought-provoking address from The Dean of Westminster and bible readings from Francis Abbott, Chairman of Governors and Paul Boross from the Emanuel Parents' Association and prayers from current and past Emanuel students and the School Chaplain. OE and governor, Claude Scott and current student Holly also gave wonderful testimonies on their time at Emanuel and the opportunities the School has given them.

Lady Dacre's original vision for the foundation was 'Towards the bringing up of twenty poor children in virtue and good laudable arts wherby they might the better live in time by their honest labour.'

We are delighted to announce that in advance of the Service we raised enough to support another Fully Funded Place in it's entirety for a year and gifts made in the retiring collection totalled an additional £3,000. With the benefit of gift aid more than £21,000 was raised in support of the Campaign.

If you would still like to support the Campaign, please [click here](#) to download the gift form or [give online](#).

We would like to thank all those OEs and former staff who have contributed to the Campaign since the launch in April this year.

Picasso in the making...



If we told you one of our current Year 7 pupils very recently sold paintings to Simon Cowell (from the 'X Factor') for £15,000 and Louis Tomlinson (singer of 'One Direction') also for £15,000 you'd naturally assume we

were pulling your leg.

However, this incredible story is completely true. A few weeks ago, Rhea was presented with a Pride of Britain Award on ITV for raising £13,000 for the disabling disease Reverse Rett which is a rare postnatal neurological disorder affecting very young girls. The presenters 'Ant and Dec' then auctioned two fresh paintings by Rhea during the live show for an amazing £30,000.

Rhea's fundraising began after her primary school nominated Reverse Rett as its chosen charity and to get involved she decided to paint 100 paintings in 100 days hoping to sell them for this charity on local market stalls. Early success led to her repeating this fantastic but very time-consuming challenge for a second year and before long she had sold 166 of her 171 paintings for £4000. Rhea has since become an ambassador for Reverse Rett and at their recent charity dinner a painting sold for £1200.

The Pride of Britain said of Rhea: "One of the most striking things about Rhea is that she was touched by the plight of other children she had never met. Her fundraising is totally altruistic, which is phenomenal in a child her age. What an amazing young lady." To paraphrase the judge slightly: "What an amazing (Young) Emanuel." Very well done.

Canoeing Success

Down the years the School has had many rowing gold medals, but



we're not sure of any canoeing champions.... So perhaps Freya's victory from a couple of weeks ago is also a fantastic first for Emanuel.

Freya, currently in Year 11, picked up her third national title in Sprint and Marathon Canoeing, winning the U16 K1 (single paddler) 1000m event convincingly by six seconds to become U16 National Champion. This has crowned a very special season for Freya, as she has only recently returned from the Canoeing World Marathon Championships in Germany and from the Olympic Hopes sprint regatta in Hungary.

In the Marathon World Championships, Freya and her K2 partner raced as GB's only female U18 Girls team in a 19 km race. This comprised five laps and four portages (a portage involves getting out and running with the boat for 150 metres). In the Olympic Hopes Sprint Regatta, Freya came 6th in the Finals in the U15 age category in the K1 (single person) 1000m race, having qualified through the heats and semi-finals. In the K2 500m races, Freya raced in K1 and K2 races at U16 level and reached the semi-finals in each category. Crews from 31 countries from across the world took part so these results were really excellent and her 6th place was the second best performance of the whole GB team. A huge congratulations from us all, Freya.

Update from a Recent Leaver



I was looking through the OE website recently and came across the OE email address via the news section. Whilst others are providing updates, I thought I would take the time to

write my own quick update that may be of interest.

After leaving Emanuel in Upper 6th in 2014, I am currently studying Aerospace Engineering at Queen's University Belfast. This summer, I climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania along with doing some charity and school visits, representing my university alongside the charities Childreach International and QUB RAG. Our group did some fundraising alongside the trek and raised well over £45,000. I have attached a link to a video I made during my time there (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skROVRLf9LI>).

The trek was one of the best but also hardest physical and mental challenges I have ever undertaken and I thought it may provide a nice little update to old friends/colleagues from my time at school. I really enjoyed my time at Emanuel and constantly look back at the people I have met and things I was taught. I undoubtedly wouldn't be in the situation I am now without them.

Charles Brown (2007-14)

Archives Online

We are pleased to announce that lots of new documents have been added to the Emanuel School Digital Archive, which up until recently only featured the Portcullis from 1893-2005. Our latest uploads include many of our Prize Day lists from 1886-1983, numerous Concert Programmes dating from 1889 to recent times, a range of Drama Programmes from all eras of School history and similarly numerous School Musical Programmes, Operas and other productions. If you notice obvious omissions, it is probably because we do not have a certain document in our Archive, so please check your sock-drawer at home for things you may have that we might not. All of these documents are completely searchable and will be available on the system any day now, if not already.

The documents which are currently being added to the system and will be available for searching early next year, feature many of our Facebook posts, Sports Tour Programmes, Emanuel at Wandsworth 1883-1983, The Noble Aim 1883-1994, many years of School Newsletters, all the remaining Portcullis until 2016, The Rose and Portcullis issue 1 and 2 and the classic text The Recollections of Emanuel School by Henry Maskell. Many shorter documents will also be available including quirky items such as old sets of school rules, Programmes of Royal Visits and vintage Sports Day programmes.

If you have not already tried it, we hope you find the system easy to navigate and have some fun along the way. At least try searching for your name! We are very interested in feedback and any improvements to the system you can suggest, so please get in touch.

The password remains unchanged:

Username: genguest

Password: genguest

Obituaries

We are sorry to announce the death of our colleague, Charlotte Easton (Staff 2010-16), former member of Staff, Derek Drury (1956-66) and of OEs - Gordon Murray (1937), Fred Knowles (1940), William (Bill) Attfield (1941), Anthony Cain (1942),

Kenneth Bouch (1943), Peter Pinkham (1946), John Ivey (1947), Les Stocker, MBE (1959) and Richard Venmore (1988). You can read obituaries for some of the OEs [on the website](#) including one for John Raymond Crabtree (1943) whose death was announced in last term's edition.

Ironman Success



"Have patience and smile were the key points from the pre iron man de-brief, and how true those words were for a novice like me!

The day started with a 4.40am alarm, a bowl of porridge, toast and off to transition. The sunrise was beautiful and the backdrop of Weymouth Bay was stunning. The water temperature was 17 degrees and visibility was good. Mellow house music

on the loudspeaker got everyone in the mood. I placed myself in the top pack (swimming being my strongest discipline) and got a great start and found a routine quite quickly. Not too many flying arms/legs with the top swimmers!

It was an Aussie style exit onto beach after 1.9km, then on to lap two - 3.8km (1hr 06 mins) passed very quickly. I achieved the best open water swim I have had in eight years of doing triathlon at different distances. Then it was a quick transition and off on the bike. It was very tempting to hit the bike hard, especially with all the half iron folk, but I had to keep a lid on myself and was conscious of saving my legs for the final quarter of cycling and then the run.

[Click here](#) to keep reading

Ramsey M'Rabet (1987-94)

Old Emanuel Golf Society

The Autumn Meeting of the Society was held again this year at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club. On a pleasant Autumn day, the course was in exceptional condition and most attractive with the developing autumnal colours providing an inspiring backdrop.

The results on the day reflected the good conditions, with a better ball stableford points competition for pairs highly competitive. The cups were won by the pair of Graham Smith

and Graeme Cobb (a welcome first-time participant), with Graham and Susan Coombe partnering to second place. Numbers necessitated some creative pairing principles from the organiser.

3rd place was secured by the pairing of Clive Galyer and Richard Whitehead, with partner Richard leading the way!! (for some time we imagined that 41 points would achieve the first spot – but not to be!), with 4th spot going to the pair of Roger Gillett and Matt Ellis on 40 points.

The longest drive was won by Graham Smith and nearest the pin was won by Roger Gillett.

The venue for Autumn 2017 has not been selected, but several options are under consideration (including a return to Tyrrells) and the selection will be advised. For the OEGS Spring Meeting, we will be returning to Cuddington Golf Club at Banstead, Surrey in 2017, with 18 holes booked for the afternoon of **Thursday 18th May**.

In addition, we will hopefully enter a team after a break in 2016 in the Surrey Schools Old Boys Golf Competition (under its new name!) at Bramley Golf Club in **June 2017**.

Please contact the Secretary, **Clive Galyer** on 020 8643 1834 or 07859 8215 42, or preferably via clive.galyer@gmail.com, for further details on any of the Golf Society events. We would really like to see old friends and new from the OE ranks (including ladies – and there must now likely be many golfers!) at the Spring and Autumn meetings – and competing to join the OE team in June.

Rare 1970s Picture



We've mentioned before about the shortage of photographs from the 1970s, but this great snap ([click here](#) to enlarge) shared by Roger Evans shows that some beauties do exist. We would be

very interested in hearing from anyone else who has a similar class photograph from 1975, or this period in general, tucked away at home. This photo is of '5M' and compliments the '3M' another OE has already donated from the same year, even if one is in black and white and the other colour. So if you do have anything like this lurking in your sock drawer at home do get in touch, no matter what the historical period.

Roger has annotated this particular photo, thus far:

Back row: Phillips, Iles, Trevathen, Rajani, Nick Jones, Mick Baker, Kubera, Lawrence, Moore, Whiskin(?), Mick Craig,

Brown, Ian Laing, Roger Evans, Patel, Dick Lovelace, Skerman, Fred Weedon.

Front row: Brian Harrigan, Martin Ellis, Dave Jones, Bruce van Barthold, Louis Alvarez, Jack Town, Adrian (Ada) Stockwell, Andy Murray, Ian Payne, Frey, John Ridgely

Picture by Paul (Percy) Coleman.

OERFC Update



The new season has started with Old Emanuel Rugby Clubs 1st XV beginning to hit its stride as players are returning, including the now famous players from OE 77s rugby seven-a-side team.

2nd XV also started the season well with a win over Kings College Wimbledon Old Boys (yet again, and seen as a local derby).

The 3rd XV started the season with a tour to Gloucester where they drew the match and won the party.

The 77s won the 12th Annual Graham Robinson Memorial 7s at Blagdons at Easter. The tournament had been elevated to a qualifying one for The National 7s Tournament. This qualified the 77s to play in the regional Southeast England tournament at Allianz Park (Saracens ground) which they won, and then on to the National Tournament which they won vs a Midlands' team that had entered the GRM 7s at the start. The final was played in August.



Not bad for a side named after the 77 bus that goes to Emanuel School. Captain Harry Whiteley has now returned to Old Emanuel to play 15s alongside several others from 77s.

Meanwhile the Minis, Midis and Juniors, collectively known as OE Lions and Lionesses, continue to get stronger with all age-groups growing in numbers.

A lot of great friendships have been made.

For information contact: Director of Rugby, Fergus McCarthy, fergus@parents-news.co.uk

School Sport Update

Rowing

After the success of last season, Emanuel rowing is continuing to go from strength to strength. We have won eight head race events in the first two months of the new season, including two wins at the prestigious Pairs Head by the senior girls. We also have two boys and two girls through to the first water assessment of the GB trials, having all achieved the requisite scores on the ergo.

David Connington, Director of Rowing

Cross Country

On Tuesday 4th October Emanuel took a crowd of 60 cross country runners to Tooting Bec Common for the Wandsworth Borough Cross-Country Championships. On a fast, flat and short course the event was quickly concluded, which saw siblings Georgie and Ben both gain Bronze medals in the Year 8 and Year 9 races. Whilst Maddie and Max won silver in the Year 10 and Year 9 races. These along with George and Freya managed to gain selection for the borough to represent them in the London Youth Games Cross-County at Parliament Hill.

Paul King

Netball

Emanuel Netball has had a great start to the school year. At the time of writing the teams have won 77 out of 104 matches, with the 3rd VII, U14B, U13B and U12C teams all undefeated. This shows the great depth of talent we have here at Emanuel.

The senior first team started the season off well winning the Ibstock tournament, beating rivals Latymer Upper in the final by one goal in extra time! Unfortunately they were knocked out of the Independent Schools National Cup by a very strong Brighton College Side, but they look to do well in the plate competition. The whole squad have been really committed, it's great to see so many girls keen to play and I have had to add 4th VII fixtures so that they can represent their school.

The U12 and U13 teams also look forward to the Surreys in January where we are hoping to get both teams through to the finals later on in the term.

The U16s had a very successful county round of the National Schools, the girls worked extremely hard all day, peaking at the perfect time against Guildford High beating them by two in extra time. The team now look forward to the Regional round in the new year. This has only happened once before at Emanuel, it was the same team two years ago at U14.

We also had a successful Netball Tour to Barbados where we took 36 U14 and U15s. The girls learnt lots about the Bajan style of play and hopefully they will bring these skills to the rest of their games this term.

Carly Yeomans, Head of Netball

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