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Telephone Campaign 2017



We were very excited to launch our very first telephone campaign this summer. Over a two-week period from 8-21 August, a team of sixth formers and recent leavers contacted Emanuel alumni and current parents by phone to update them on news and developments at the

school and seek valuable support for the Fully Funded Places Campaign. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with Emanuel and hear about life now from our students' perspective.

The Fully Funded Places Campaign, which was launched last April, aims to raise bursary funding to increase the number of free places available at Emanuel to 20, in line with Lady Dacre's founding bequest.

The response to the telethon was fantastic and is a marvellous testament to the generosity and cooperation of the school community. We are delighted to report that we received over £110,000 in gifts to come in over the next four years. This regular support will allow us to plan for the future and secure additional free places for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who donated and who took the time to speak to our student callers. The Headmaster warmly thanks all supporters and said: "Such campaigns and projects are vital in sustaining and developing Emanuel. We are delighted that so many OEs and parents recognise the tremendous value of the contributions and the enormous impact they will come to have on the lives of the beneficiaries."

Our call team contacted over 700 alumni and parents over the course of the two weeks and had a fantastic and rewarding time chatting with members of the wider Emanuel family. If we did not get through to you during the campaign and you would like to learn more about fundraising opportunities at the school, please feel free to contact the Development Office on 0208 875 6978 or email development@emanuel.org.uk.

Prefect Interview With New Headmaster, Robert Milne



What was your path to becoming Headmaster at Emanuel?

I began teaching at Oundle School and then moved to King Edward's, Birmingham to be a housemaster. I became Head of English at Magdalen College School, Oxford after that and remained there for five years. I moved to be Deputy Head at King's College Wimbledon for six years before being appointed here.

What were your first impressions of Emanuel when you took up the role of Headmaster here?

I thought the school was very happy and welcoming- full of potential. The pupils were vibrant and fun and generous. I felt – and I still feel – that the Common Room really wants the best for the pupils and I am impressed by the care and diligence they put into their teaching.

What are some of the changes you envisage making in the next year at Emanuel?

I'm very ambitious for the school. I really want the pupils to feel inspired by their lessons and enthused, as much as possible, to work independently and creatively. It would be great if every pupil felt a true sense of purpose and confidence in their learning, brave enough to ask for help and engaged enough to aim high. I'm struck by the fantastic academic clubs and pursuits too - the pupil-built robot roaming the lower corridors, the new science newsletter and the host of subject support groups. I'm keen to make the most of the co-curricular talents and passions too; the film studio has lots of potential, alongside the wonderful arts initiatives that already take place. More broadly, I am pleased with the impact the new Dacre building for the arts and humanities has had and would like to see if we could manage further infrastructure developments in other core areas of the curriculum, particularly ones that support pupils for the future - one that is uncertain and technology laden.

More immediately, I'd say that I would like to inspire a sense of ambition, confidence and purpose across the school community - I hope that will be reflected in teaching, in the curriculum and in the appearance of the school.

If you could sum up Emanuel in one word, what would it be?

Quietly confident. Two - sorry.

Which sports are you interested in?

All of them. In school I played rugby, squash, cricket and tennis and I would really like all of the sports at school to do as well as they can. I've been really impressed by the quality of both boys' and girls' sports, not just first teams but younger age groups too, and also the quality of the coaching. Hopefully we can support that and enhance it as we go forward. Last weekend, I headed to City of London School to support the U14As who were yet to win a fixture and I hoped my being there might encourage them on. Unfortunately, on this occasion, it was not to be!

What's your favourite book?

Probably my favourite book and the book which influenced me to read English at university was 'Middlemarch' by George Eliot, which is a great Victorian novel. It's quite lengthy but I think it's fantastic. It tells the story of a community - the story of different people's independent and inter-connected lives - what motivates them, their challenges, their failures. I think it's superbly written and will always be remembered as a favourite. Since starting the job, I've found that some of the younger readers' classics have been good to re-read: Buchan's 'Greenmantle' and Stevenson's 'Treasure Island.'

What are your interests outside of school?

All sorts of things really. I enjoy reading, theatre, art and both participating in and watching sports. We've been looking after my wife's family dog of late - that's been fun too.

What were you like as a student at school?

I was involved in a wide range of areas in school - sports teams, house life and studies. I liked the sense of belonging and I was fortunate that I had really good teachers, especially as I got older. I enjoyed my subjects, especially English, languages and History. I probably preferred the arts as subjects; I was better at them, but now I find I'm fascinated by science, and like a few people, I wish I had embraced it more at school.

Can you tell us about your master's degree from King's College, London. What subject did you study?

My masters focused on educational policy, which sounds quite dry but was very interesting to me. It examined the ways in which policies have shaped different aspects of education over the years. Specifically, I researched the ways in which social capital shapes educational outcomes and social mobility initiatives.

What is the biggest challenge facing secondary schools today?

Working with families to get the right balance between academic ambitions, well-being and self-esteem.

Can you share a funny anecdote from the classroom?

When I was teaching at Magdalen, I always said to my GCSE class that in the last lesson they could bring in some snacks to eat if they wanted. During this last lesson, I was writing something on the board and turned round to see that seven boys on the back row had brought out a whole roast chicken (still warm), a great big joint of pork and a roast beef and were carving it all up and giving it out to the other pupils!

World Championship Success



Freya (front of boat) with her racing partner Emma

We are delighted to announce that lower sixth student Freya Peters won a bronze medal at the recent ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships which was held in South Africa. Freya competes in the Junior Women's K2 event which is a gruelling 20K race in which if the slower contestants are lapped they have to drop out of the race.

Freya and her partner, Emma, competed this 'marathon' in 1 hour 31 seconds, with both first and second places being won by very strong Hungarian pairs. The strongest 15 countries were represented at these particular championships, many of which specialise in kayaking as a major sport. Freya is doing incredibly well to represent GB at the U18 level as she is still only 16 and can now add her fabulous bronze medal to her great GCSE results from the summer.

Freya has competed successfully with her partner Emma for over two years now, but is also a highly skilled solo kayaker and has represented GB at other junior levels and already has a trophy cabinet bursting with national championship trophies and other prestigious awards. Kayaking is a spring to autumn sport so Freya will now balance her gym and fitness work with her A Levels.

Emanuel 1st XV v Latymer Upper School



On Friday 24th November, Emanuel 1st XV travel to the home of Premiership side Harlequins to face Latymer Upper School in the second of three 'Friday Night Lights' fixtures. OEs are invited to attend the event and provide their support to the 1st XV.

The Twickenham Stoop gates will open at 1730hrs and the match kicks off at 1830hrs. Entry to the stadium is free and limited parking is available at a cost of five pounds. Food and drink will be on sale at the ground during the event.

If you would like to attend, please email us at oe@emanuel.org.uk so that we can finalise numbers.

Christmas at Emanuel



We have a limited number of tickets available to OEs and former staff to join us at one of our two Christmas carol services on either Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th December in the Chapel. On both occasions, there will be an organ recital at 6.30pm followed by the carol service at 7.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Refectory afterwards.

If you would like to request a seat, please contact us on oe@emanuel.org.uk.

OEs Return for London Open House

We had bumper numbers of visitors for London Open House on Saturday 16 September.



Around 70-80 people attended the full 75-minute historical tour with the school archivist, Tony Jones, while many others joined the shorter 15 minute tours with some of our pupils and prefects.

The real highlight was having so many OEs on the tours. Our oldest visitor left the School in 1953. There was a group of three gentlemen who had been best friends since 1960 and a large group of 1994 leavers. From the archivist's point of view, having OEs on the tours make them something special. They heckle, are great for bouncing

jokes off and answer all our questions. We managed to get a couple of the 'youngsters' to pose with our old school caps, a few of whom hadn't visited Emanuel for over 50 years. Everyone thought "heads were smaller in the old days..."

The next full tour will be in early June for the Wandsworth Heritage Festival when the school archivist will, once again, don his school cap and whisk everyone back in time.

1960s Decade Reunion - Saturday 21 April 2018



Tickets are now on sale for our 1960s Reunion to be held on Saturday 21 April, 2018. The reunion is for all OEs who left (or would have left if you left early) the sixth form between 1960 and 1969.

Programme for the day:

11.00am - Coffee and welcome in the Library - archive material will be available to view

11.45am - Short tour of the school

12.30pm - Year group photos

1.00pm - Lunch in the Refectory with wine

2.30pm - Tea and coffee

3.00pm - Finish

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Historic Netball Win



On Wednesday 20 September, the 1st and 2nd VII netball squads competed at the annual Ibstock Place Tournament at the Bank of England sports ground. The 1st VII came out victorious, having won all of their matches throughout the day.

As defending champions, expectations were high and the team knew that they needed to play fast and clinical netball to retain the coveted crown. The squad beat Claremont Fan College, Tiffin, Latymer Upper School, Godolphin and Latymer and finally Highgate in the deciding match.

The team received the first ever Emanuel Cake as sweet reward for their victory. The prize is an initiative to reward groups of students who have done something altruistic or outstanding in the school community and to recognise the excellent ways pupils contribute outside the classroom.

A-Level Results Success



It was a record year for our 2017 leavers with some fantastic A level results. The 2017 cohort gained 76% A*-B grades, the highest in recent record, with 42% of the grades A*-A.

A record number of students got their first choice university places. As always the range of places reflected the wide interests and talents of our students. Four students got places at Cambridge and one at Oxford. Four students secured places on art foundation courses and four are crossing the

Atlantic to McGill, UNC Chapel Hill, University of Minnesota and Emerson in Boston. Emanuel's most popular destinations this year were Durham and Bristol with Exeter and Newcastle also remaining firm favourites. Congratulations to all our leavers on a record set of results.

Did you Attend Roehampton Church School?

Did you go to Roehampton Church School in the early fifties before going on to Emanuel?
Then some old boys - and girls – from RCS want to hear from you.

For many years a group of former Roehampton pupils have met annually to pay tribute to their teachers and reminisce about their days at the primary school.

They do so over a pint or two or three in a Wimbledon pub and have been joined by the present headmaster and the vicar of St. Mary's Church Roehampton.

The 30-strong group already includes a number of OEs as in the 1950s when Emanuel was a state grammar school it was the first choice for many Roehampton boys.

'And we are keen to hear from any of them', said Peter Miller, who left Emanuel in 1958 to be a trainee journalist and edited a local paper before moving to Fleet Street.

'A lot of us had often wondered what happened to the friends we made at Roehampton and finding out has given us a lot of pleasure - and some surprises.

The one thing we all agree on is how fortunate we were to have a teacher called Ken Ayling. He was an inspiration to us all and until his death a few years ago he also joined us for a drink.'

The group already includes former OEs Charles Marcus, David Stewart-David, Tony Sweetsur, Christopher Robilliard, John Clapp, Michael Stewart and Graham Sweetsur.

Among the former classmates they would like to contact are:

Michael Webb, James Hitch, Geoffrey Dobson, Gordon Powell, Brian Fedder, John Tomalim, Richard Courtney, Michael Crawley, Douglas Clements, Victor Jacobson and Peter Marshall.

So if you are among them or are another OE who went to Roehampton Church School in the early fifties then please email Peter on pmiller@peak-time.com.

World Championship Success Down Under

Georgia Miansarow (shown 2nd from the left) won silver at this year's World Rowing Championships in Australia's LW4x. Georgia left Emanuel to study in Australia and is now a member of the Australian National Squad. At Emanuel, Georgia was in the first Girls' VIII to compete at Womens' Henley in 2008. The crew won their first round before losing to LEH in the quarter final. Georgia also won a gold medal in the pair at The British National Championships before she went to Australia.



OE Poetry Workshop

On 19 September, we were fortunate to welcome back OE Nadia Saward to run a poetry reading and writing workshop. Having completed her English degree, Nadia is now embarking on a masters in creative writing and poetry so we were delighted that she came in to share her expertise. Nadia and the pupils focused on haiku and produced a range of haiku



poems; some simple and witty, others poetic and graceful. The session was a useful reminder that inspired poetry can be created in only a matter of syllables.

OEs Reunite With Mr Labinjo



We love hearing of mini-reunions taking place outside of school. When this group of OEs realised Mr Chris Labinjo was retiring, they tracked their long-serving former Biology teacher down and took him for a night out, reminiscing about old times and where the years went. All six of the boys either started at Emanuel in 1988 when Chris was in his first year of teaching or in 1987 and were in some of his earliest classes.

The photo features in no particular order Omar Shareef, Latif Islam, Devon Griffith, Giles Marcus, Marcus Deans and Imran Khan. Chris told us they had a terrific time talking about their years together at Emanuel, the decades in between, with life now going full circle as the OEs are all now parents themselves.

Obituaries

We are sorry to announce the death of Martyn Neale (1975), John Cozens (1944) and Geoffrey Smythe (1944). You can read obituaries for Martyn Neale and John Cozens [here](#).

OE Luncheon Club

Following a splendid meal at the Riverstation Restaurant in Bristol in September - in respect of which our thanks are due to Tim Broomfield for 'making it happen' – the OE Luncheon Club will next meet at The Union Jack Club (near Waterloo Station) on 11 December 2017 for our Christmas lunch. This will be the first time that we have met at this prestigious venue which is described as the 'Premier Armed Services Club in London'. This event (£48 per person) promises to be very well-attended. Should you wish to be there, Stuart Cameron-Waller (see below) would be very pleased to hear from you.

The Old Emanuel Luncheon Club is there for ALL OEs of any age (and their guests). We love to see new faces and assure you of a warm welcome. What binds us is our pride in, and gratitude to, the school we attended and the enduring friendships we made there. We usually meet on the second Monday of March, June, September and December although this date is occasionally subject to change according to prevailing circumstances. (Note for your diary: John Sturgeon has renewed the invitation for the OELC to meet at Hove next year and this is planned for 11 June 2018.)

If you do not routinely receive invitations to the lunches but would like more information please contact the Hon Sec, Stuart Cameron-Waller on 01323 894270 or stuart@cwt2001.com.

OERFC Update



1st XV

After being Champions of Surrey 1 last year, Old Emanuel Rugby has set London leagues on fire with seven wins in their first seven matches, including 6 bonus points for scoring 4 or more tries in a match.

The 1st XV are top of the league and have beaten their closest rivals. There is still a long way to go but confidence is high. Former pupils from Emanuel School make up the majority of 1st XV, with sets of brothers Harry (VC & 50 caps) & Charlie

Whiteley, Luke & Tom Cuff-Burnett, led by Captain Jamie Clarke (100 caps), VC Harry Bowden, along with Louis Powell Voegt, James Skinner (100 caps), Oliver Wiffen, Ben Cooper and Pat Lufkin. Freddie Smart has returned from Leeds, and several more attractive players from around London, including assistant coach and player (capped by Israel), Adam Rozenberg, are set to join this thriving club.

The Cross-fit trained fitness instructors have made a big difference, and are currently concentrating on injury prevention, mobility and power to add to the game-play coaching.

Match Programmes

Simon Parley (whose father and uncle were at Emanuel School) has created a match programme for every home game, with some good gossip and profiles of the club members. It is a quality product and the sponsors/advertisers are very much appreciated.

Healthy Club

Not many rugby clubs put out three teams each Saturday, and OE have 2nds & 3rds playing in the Surrey Leagues. Last year's invincible under 15s are playing under 16s this season and have started well, as have all the junior and mini teams with greater numbers joining each week.

Touch Rugby on Thursday evenings has grown so much that the club is considering adding to the floodlights to accommodate the men and women who enjoy the non-contact form of the great game.

The vets team, known as “Portscullers” will be playing Old Reigatians early on the afternoon of 18 November, before watching England play Australia at Blagdons on the large screens. Any over 35 male is welcome to join the team for a run-out.

Congratulations

The club is proud of its former 1st XV prop and long-time club sponsor, Keith Knowles. Keith is MD of St Christopher’s Inns and Belushi’s pubs and was named in HM Queen’s Birthday Honours list to be awarded an O.B.E. for services to industry and charity.

Girls’ Rugby

Two OERFC girls have been selected to play for Surrey: Carys is selected in the starting forwards for the Under 15s match vs Sussex, and Emily for the Under 18s vs Sussex. Hard work and good coaching has brought these two their well-deserved honours. It will not be long before the OERFC has a women’s team to add to the girls’ teams.

The Old Emanuel Rugby Club runs coaching and teams of all ages and abilities from under 5s to under 18s, adult male and female Touch rugby and adult male contact rugby from 17-70+. If you would like any further information, please contact Fergus McCarthy, Director of Rugby on 020 8337 8778 or fergus@emanuelrugby.co.uk.

Series of Talks With OE Speakers



We have recently launched a series of talks with OE speakers. The talks are an opportunity for Emanuel scholars and students to benefit from the vast knowledge and experience our OEs can offer in their specialist fields.

The first speaker to address our students will be Phil Cox, Director of Native Voice Films. After graduating from Emanuel School in 1992, Phil completed an honours degree in languages and literature at the University of Edinburgh. He went on to launch Native Voice Films in 1998 and for the last 15 years has worked both as a director and producer of award winning broadcast TV and indie features, for channels such as Channel 4 and Vice. He was awarded the Rory Peck Award for his journalism work covering

conflict in the Sudan civil war and has since been nominated for 7 other international awards. His feature documentary films include We are the Indians (winner of an BAFICI Buenos Aires FF award and MANAUS FF Award), The Bengali Detective (winner of a Grierson Award) and his most recent films Captured in Sudan and Betty – They say I’m different.

David Benson (OE1953-57) - Memories of Tennis at Emanuel



Emanuel tennis team 1956

Back row: J.N.Worrall, R.F.Haycock (Hon Secretary), J.R.Oates, D.C.L.Benson

Front row: D.J.Long (Captain), I.Laydon Esq, J.H.Sullivan

"We competed annually in the Public Schools Youll Cup which was held at The All England Club a week or so before The Championships and together with KCS Wimbledon, St Paul's and Westminster, Emanuel was highly regarded as being one of the principal schools in the competition.

Indeed, our first pair in 1954/5, David Athill and Martin Stannard, were chosen alongside John Curry (later Junior Wimbledon champion, famous Chairman and now Vice President of the Club) and his partner at KCS and a pair from Westminster to be part of a team selected to play a match against members of the Club (which we lost).

Incidentally, we played on the grass, unheard of in those days when even the Junior Wimbledon Championship was relegated to the hard courts.

We lost both David and Martin when they left Emanuel, but we carried on fairly successfully under David Long's captaincy. It would be lovely to know if any of the 1956 team pictured above are still around and indeed to hear from them.

I subsequently went on to captain the National Provincial Bank tennis team for several years in the 1960s competing in upper divisions of the Kent league."

Travelling Overseas?

Don't forget the OEA branches round the world:

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Tel: 0061 (2) 9953 0061

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Alec Parley in Canada: 3, Firstbrooke Road, Toronto, Ontario M4E 2L2.

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Updates to the Digital Archive

We have recently added a new batch of files to the 'Emanuel School Digital Archive' which can be accessed from our homepage or by clicking [here](#).

The username and password remain the same:

Username: genguest

Password: genguest

If you've never used our Digital Archive before, it is a fully searchable database of everything Emanuel, including all the Portcullis magazines and a massive range of other documents and files ranging from drama programmes to our newsletters, sports events, school rules, tour programmes and digital versions of our Rose and Portcullis magazine.

Our new updates include many photographs ranging from sporting teams, the OTC, special collections, donations, staff and many of the buildings, both past and present. In time more photos will be added and if you haven't been to the School for a while, something here is sure to trigger a memory. Many of our Newspaper Clippings folders have also been added, as have copies of some of our bigger displays: 'Iconic Images of Emanuel School' and 'When we were Young' which you may have seen at Dacre Day.

If you haven't already used this fantastic resource, [click here](#) to access the Archive. We hope you have some fun playing around with it and revisiting old memories.

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