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43 for the BRT success

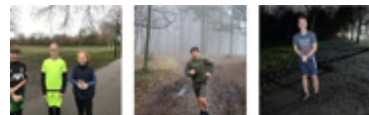
Our bursary fundraising campaign, 43 for the BRT, culminated last Friday with an own clothes day. We are delighted that we have now achieved our target of raising **£43,000** to enable two pupils to attend Emanuel on a transformative free place.

To tie in with our aim of welcoming 43 pupils to Emanuel on a transformative free place by the school's 430th anniversary in 2024, we asked people to complete 43 of an activity to raise money for the bursary campaign.

Pupils, teachers and parents all got involved by running, walking, dancing, drawing portraits, doing press-ups and gym workouts, crafting origami, braving ice swims, reciting sonnets in unusual places, baking cakes and lots more.

We're delighted with the success of the campaign and that it really was a whole school endeavour. Over 95% of students supported 43 for the BRT either by actively fundraising or by taking part in the own clothes day.

We will be writing more about the campaign in our next Impact Report but you can see a video of some the activities [here](#) as well as read stories about how these free places makes a difference to the whole Emanuel community [here](#). If you would like to support our ambition to provide 43 transformative free places by the school's 430th anniversary in 2024, you can do so [here](#).



[Read more](#)



Ascent summer term booster programme

As you know, many children have really struggled over the past year with the disruption in face-to-face learning. Many have had difficulties accessing on-line learning consistently due to lack of access to a device and poor engagement with content remotely, whether online or paper-based. Our aim with the Ascent programme

is to help 'close the gap' for pupils within our local community who have been hardest hit by the school closures.

We will focus on Year 5 children from disadvantaged backgrounds who are failing to meet national standards in the core subjects of literacy and maths. Ascent, developed in collaboration with staff at our partner schools, will enable these pupils to catch up on vital work they have missed and then to solidify their basic knowledge and skills and build their confidence.

We will provide booster curriculum-linked sessions in the core subjects of maths and literacy supplemented by interactive, fun, hands-on science sessions and co-curricular lessons (Drama, Art and Sport). Ascent will run on nine Saturday mornings at Emanuel in the Summer term. Lessons will be led by Emanuel staff supported by Emanuel sixth form and Year 10 volunteers.

In the coming years, Emanuel plans to launch 'Emanuel Connect' which will use a variety of initiatives to share our teaching and learning expertise with a wider audience with the aim of boosting social mobility through education. The Ascent programme is our first targeted curriculum-sharing initiative.

[Read more](#)



Primary Ambitions Zoom sessions with partner primary schools

Primary Ambitions, our enrichment programme for Year 6 partner primary school pupils run by our Lower Sixth, has

evolved this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Unable to deliver the programme face-to-face, our ever-resourceful pupils designed lessons-in-a-box for their assigned modules which included Tropical Rainforests; Maths Maestros; Creative writing; Life as a 10-year-old Londoner; Filmmaking; Science and many more. Each lesson, designed to be delivered by our primary school partners' staff, incorporated slides, activities, student-filmed videos, games and all the materials required. The lessons-in-a-box were received enthusiastically but the key ingredient - the interaction between the primary school pupils and our Lower Sixth - was clearly missing as primary schools were unable to come on site.

In an effort to connect, we set up Zoom sessions with our primary schools last Friday. Despite a few technical difficulties, it was fabulous for the pupils on both sides of the Zoom calls to be able to engage with each other.

We hope to run a 5-week Primary Ambitions module on site in accordance with government guidelines in the Summer term to enable Emanuel and our partner primary pupils to have the face-to-face experience we originally intended.

[Find out more](#)



Interview with Philip Olagunju (OE1991-98)

Philip Olagunju is a Director in the corporate finance division of Cambridge based accountancy practice PEM, whilst also studying for an MBA at Bradford University School of Management and sitting on the advisory board for Lendoe, a tech-enabled platform that facilitates access to capital for underrepresented black and minority ethnic entrepreneurs. In addition, Philip takes a very active role in his local church and enjoys spending time with his wife and young family.

"I have really fond memories of my time at Emanuel. I particularly remember the tuckshop scramble! After assembly, we could get cookies from the tuckshop and everyone rushed over as there was limited stock. The more entrepreneurial of us would dash to the front of the queue, buy cookies and sell them for a marked up price. My interest was purely in the cookies.

I came to Emanuel for the quality of the education and I received fee-assistance through an academic scholarship. I remember taking the 11 plus entrance exams and meeting Mr Thompson. There was a real affinity between him and my family which influenced the decision to come to Emanuel. My Dad emigrated from Nigeria to the UK and was a great advocate for education; he was of the opinion that if there was an opportunity out there, I should go for it.

[Read the full interview](#)

Emanuel School painting

This striking and atmospheric painting of the Saxon Snell building has been hanging in the Common Room for a number of years. We believe it dates from the eighties or nineties and



that it was painted by a pupil. If you recognise it as your work, please let us know; we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at oe@emanuel.org.uk.



Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following OEs. Please click on the links to read their obituaries.

[John Harry Bowers \(OE1944-50\)](#)

Brian Haydock (OE1933-44)

[James \(Jim\) Edward Melvyn Maile \(OE1952-60\)](#)

An obituary for Brian Haydock will follow in a future edition of the OE e-news. For now, we would like to direct you to an interview Brian did on his 94th birthday where he reflected on his years at Emanuel and his time as a School Captain.

[An interview with former School Captain Brian Haydock](#)



OE Temi Oh writes short story for *Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda*

We were thrilled to hear that OE science fiction author Temi Ochugboju (who writes as Temi Oh) has a short story included in the new, and much hyped, anthology *Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda*. Black Panther is the first mainstream superhero of African descent and the hugely successful film has been a major force in the recent rediscovery and interest in African mythology and the history behind it. As well as Temi, the book includes a host of top science fiction, fantasy and up and coming authors, including Suyi Davies Okungbowa, Glenn Parris, Alex Simmons, Sheree Renée Thomas, Cadwell Turnbull and Troy L. Wiggins. Temi's story, *Zoya the Deserter*, closes the anthology.

It is great to see Temi back in print after the success of her debut science fiction novel *Do You Dream of Terra-Two?*, published in 2019, about a long space journey to a hospitable planet, following environmental problems on Earth. Since then, Temi has been working on a sequel.

Temi graduated from King's College London in 2015 with a BSci in Neuroscience, which she then followed with an MA in Creative Writing at Edinburgh whilst working on her first novel.

Interview with former School Captain Brian Morgan

OE and former School Captain Brian Morgan has enjoyed a long and successful career in teaching in New Hampshire, including the appointment to the



faculty of the Phillips Exeter Academy and as Director of its Summer School. The school is one of the oldest and most prestigious academic institutions in the United States. After winning a W.H. Rhodes scholarship to travel in Canada, Brian went on to study French and Russian at Cambridge University. As part of a British Council Exchange Programme, he was privileged to go to the USSR in the year of the 50th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

After 26 years at Exeter, Brian became Director of the progressive Putney School in Vermont for 12 years and then headed up other schools before joining his wife's educational consultancy.

"The biggest lesson I learned [from Emanuel] was to view prefecture as service, and to this day I look for

ways to serve the wider community."

You can read Brian's interview [here](#).

[Read the full interview](#)



Memories of former staff: John Naylor

John Naylor was a Physics teacher and Head of Science from 1980-2004 alongside some of the big names of yesteryear such as Derek Pennell, Nathan Veerasamy, Keith Foot and Mike Hand. He is the author of *Out of the Blue: A 24-Hour Skywatcher's Guide*, which addresses all aspects of natural phenomena seen in the sky and now gives talks and teaches course on atmospheric optics.

John was kind enough to answer a few of our questions recently:

Can you relate any funny stories from teaching?

On the last day of one particular year, my 5th form class came into my lab (P1) armed with water balloons. They were itching to let me have it but, being a particularly studious and well-behaved lot, they wanted my blessing. Realising that the only way to calm them down was to accept the challenge, I suggested that we have a one-on-one duel. They nominated one of their number and he and I stood at opposite ends of the lab. His missed me but mine hit him! With the situation defused, we spent the rest of the lesson reminiscing.

[Read the full interview](#)

Virtual performances



School musical: *The Addams Family*

Despite being locked out of the rehearsal room until recently, our wonderful *The Addams Family* cast haven't stopped singing! Our cast undertook the difficult task of recording themselves at home, and

these individual videos were edited into a fantastic promotional film for our show. *The Addams Family* will now be performed on 1st, 2nd and 3rd July and we are so excited to have the pupils back in the rehearsal room!

[Watch *The Addams Family* video](#)

We were able to continue our music provision during lockdown by giving pupils the opportunity to take part in online concerts. We have enjoyed year group concerts, music scholars' concerts, choir performances and instrumental performances, all of which have been released on the music department's YouTube channel. You can enjoy a few of the performances by clicking on the links below.

Emanuel virtual orchestra

Emanuel Symphony Orchestra's online performance is now live to watch! Members of the Emanuel virtual orchestra submitted their videos for *Danger Zone* (from *Top Gun*).

[Watch *Danger Zone*](#)

When I grow up from Matilda

Sam and Hugo (Year 13) performed Tim Minchin's heartwarming song from *Matilda* 'When I Grow Up' during school closure.

[Watch *When I grow up*](#)

Year 7 orchestra

Our Year 7 Music Ensemble performed *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen remotely in February.

[Watch *Bohemian Rhapsody*](#)

Lower School Choir, Roar

The Lower School Choir, Roar, performed *What about us* by Pink

[Watch *What about us*](#)



The photos behind the news: an interview with Richard Bond (OE1966-71)

We were delighted to catch up with Richard Bond (OE1966-71) who had a long and successful career in journalism and as a photo editor which included 26 years at the *London Evening Standard*. Not

surprisingly, we were drawn to Richard by a photo he took in the early 1970s of the 1st VIII rowing close to the Houses of Parliament. When we shared the photo on our Alumni Facebook page Dick Millard, who was in the boat, mentioned that the photographer was also an OE, a tip which eventually led to this interview.

Here, Richard recalls that iconic rowing snap, discusses key moments from world news events he was involved in covering and how reporting the news has evolved.

Do you have fond memories of your years at Emanuel?

I was in the Air Force section of CCF and remember a trip to RAF Linton-On-Ouse where I was able to fly in a Chipmunk trainer. I had never been in an aircraft of any type before and to fly in this small plane and actually be able to take the control was a great thrill. I also remember Rodney House trips to Paris and Germany which were again a great adventure.

[Read the full interview](#)



40th anniversary of the 1st VIII Schools Head win

17th March 2021 was a special anniversary in the annals of Emanuel rowing, marking 40 years since the 1st VIII had a spectacular win at the Schools Head of the River. This was the 11th time Emanuel won the event.

OE Steve Macey (rowing in the 3 seat) sent a few photos from the event. Two of the crew are sadly no longer with us – Jim Fadayomi (7) and Sean Williams (5) – son of Rusty Williams who coached University of London for many years.

There are three things which are very different from the same event today. First, there were no girls racing in the event and second, the race was much shorter. It started from the Corinthian Sailing Club, near Latymer Upper's boathouse a little up stream of Hammersmith Bridge, to the current finish at Westminster School Boat Club. It was more of a 2000m / Henley sprint course in those days, as the winning time of 7 mins 20.3 secs indicates. Third, there were no crew sculling boats competing.

The Emanuel crew went on to come 22nd in the Tideway Head, gain the Silver medal in Championship Vllls at National Schools Regatta, and reach the final of the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley, losing to the US schoolboy champions, Holy Spirit HS, in the final by 1 1/3 lengths, conceding 2 stone (a little over 12 kg) a man. In the same year, Emanuel reached the final at Henley.

This was an exceptionally determined crew. The cox's name will be familiar to current rowers: Kenton Sanmogan, the name on one of our octuples. Meanwhile, the coach of the crew is still a familiar sight around the boathouse!

Mr Marriott (Rowing Coach)

[Find out more](#)

Have you supported your local community during Covid-19?

Emanuel has endeavoured to support our local community during the pandemic by making PPE, providing much-needed books, laptops and food to families in our



local partner primary schools and running school booster and catch-up programmes.

We'd like to put together some stories from the Emanuel community about ways in which you have helped support the local, national and international response to the pandemic or how you and your business have had to adapt to the new environment we find ourselves in.

We would really like to hear your stories of how you have contributed to combating the virus or supporting the community - volunteering, any aspect of medicine and healthcare, supplying or delivering vital materials, providing food for those in need, working in science and academia and so much more. If you work in hospitality, have you adapted or changed your business during the pandemic? If you live abroad, can you share how the pandemic has affected your country?

Whether it's your personal reflections or initiatives you have been involved in, we would really like to hear your stories.

Please email oe@emanuel.org.uk if you have anything to share.

[Find out more](#)



OE's National Television Academy Emmy

Last year we were delighted to announce that Oscar Featherstone (OE2004-09) was the editor of a CNN news team which won the National Television Academy Emmy for "Outstanding Investigative Report in a Newscast". Now have a fantastic photo of Oscar and his statue to prove it! The figurine and inscription looks amazing and we're sure it is now sitting pride of place on Oscar's mantelpiece.

The feature which was awarded the Emmy was called 'Putin's Private Army' and was an investigation into the semi-covert actions of Russian mercenaries operating in the Central African Republic – training a new national army, possibly in exchange for mineral exploration rights in the region.

[Find out more](#)

Young Enterprise 'Spruce' eco start-up



This year's Lower Sixth Young Enterprise team, Spruce, are an eco start-up selling handmade scrunchies, macramé plant hangers and plant pots.

The company is founded on sustainability and their production is minimal waste with no plastic packaging. Spruce's artisanal products all aspire to bring a smile to customers' faces.

The crushed-velvet scrunchies come in various shades including gold, purple, pink and blue, and have been uncycled from fabric scraps. The macramé is made from thick 100% cotton cord and they are a good way of lifting your mood by bringing nature inside.

If you would like to find out more or support the Young Enterprise business by purchasing our products, click [here](#).

Find out more



Archer Advisory Group

The group (named in honour of John Richard Archer, former Mayor of Battersea and the first black person to hold a senior public office in London) is an important voice within Emanuel and comprises school staff from across all employee positions and pupils of different ages and

backgrounds. Its task is to review the school's curriculum, structures and population, through the lenses of the diverse members of the Emanuel community.

The group has a specific focus on the ways in which we provide education and act regarding race, anti-racism and forms of inequality and representation in society. In the latest meeting, Mr Buxton reported back on plans for diversity-focused activity days in the summer term, Mr Skinner presented his thoughts on 'cultural competency' and Mrs Brown sought the views of pupils on how small changes in the curriculum might make a big difference. Upper Sixth student, Miranda, chaired a very productive pupil discussion on the issues raised and also suggested ways in which the profile of the group might be raised within the school community.



From the archive: School Shooting VIII, 1915

This atmospheric photo of the School Shooting VIII was taken in 1915, not long after their triumph against Glasgow High School for the British Shield trophy. As the Headmaster, Shirley Goodwin, had connections with the Scottish school this was a popular event around the war period. The photo features Eric "Titus"

Titley MC (OE1909-16) and is part of a large collection donated by his family some years ago. Titley is on the far left.

In his day, Eric was a very well-known pupil and even featured in school war poetry and was Captain of Boxing, Cricket and Fives. At the time he held the school cricket record for scoring 979 runs in a season, and held a second record for scoring 157 not out.

A verse from: 'Elegy written in the School Drive' (1915) mentions 'Titus':

Not far behind strolls Titus, all aglow,
His sunny visage wreathed in merry smiles;
From scoring centuries against the foe
He now returns to snooze beneath the tiles.



Patrick O'Donnell re-elected President of YUSU

We were delighted to hear that OE Patrick O'Donnell (OE2010-2017) has been re-elected President of the University of York Students' Union (YUSU), and with a massive majority. Patrick polled double the number of votes from the other three candidates combined. Normally, these appointments are one year posts but with university teaching predominantly online, this year has been very different. We're sure Patrick will

have lots to contend with when universities resume full-time. It has been a very challenging year for university students and we hope that the year ahead is a considerably more positive one for our younger OEs and current upper sixth students who are soon to embark on their studies.



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