

The Rose and Portcullis issue 29

Emanuel School <oe@emanuel.org.uk>

Thu 10/06/2021 09:36

To: Beth Gore <beth.gore@emanuel.org.uk>



Issue 29 - May 2021

43 for the BRT success

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support of the *43 for the BRT* campaign. We are delighted to say that after a successful non-uniform day in aid of the campaign we reached and even surpassed our target.

This means that in September we can welcome a further two students on a 100% means-tested place. We have seen how these places can change the lives of a child and we are so proud of the way that our community has come together and generously given their time, energy and donations to this important cause. Over 95% of students supported 43 for the BRT either by actively fundraising or by taking part in the non-uniform day. Once again, thank you to our amazing fundraisers and supporters.

You can find out more about transformative free places [here](#) or by contacting [Jack Clark](#), Development Director. You can support our bursary campaign [here](#).

In this issue

[TES partnership awards](#)

[Ascent programme](#)

[Interview with GB athlete, Niclas Baker](#)

[Becoming a junior doctor in the pandemic](#)

[Memories of the 1950s and beyond](#)



Emanuel School shortlisted for TES partnership award

We were delighted that Emanuel School was shortlisted for the Independent-State



School Partnership Award in this year's TES Independent School Awards.

Headmaster Robert Milne said: "We are thrilled to receive this national recognition and be short-listed for the partnerships award. The initial ideas for many of the projects, and especially the Primary Ambitions programme, came from the pupils themselves. I know from speaking with them how proud they are – we all are – to see things thriving in this way. Beyond this programme, we now have a host of initiatives and more to come, from transformative free places, to summer

schools, revision clinics and plans for a Sixth Form tuition and university coaching scheme. Everything we are doing is to boost social mobility in the area and most importantly, we could not achieve anything without the incredible partnership, wisdom and advice from our primary and secondary school partners."

[Find out more](#)



Community partnerships: Ascent gets off to a flying start

For the past few Saturday mornings, 32 Year 5 primary school children from our local partner primary schools have come to Emanuel to participate in the Ascent programme.

Ascent is for children from disadvantaged backgrounds who are failing to meet national standards in the core subjects of literacy and maths. Developed in collaboration with staff at our partner schools, Ascent aims to enable pupils to catch up on vital work they have missed through lockdowns and then to solidify their basic knowledge and skills and build their confidence.

Taught by Emanuel staff and supported by an enthusiastic cohort of Sixth Form and Year 10 volunteers, each Saturday morning is comprised of booster curriculum-linked sessions in mathematics and literacy supplemented by interactive, fun hands-on

science sessions and co-curricular lessons (Drama, Art and Sport).

[Find out more](#)

**Olympic hopeful, Niclas
Baker (OE2006-11)**



Niclas Baker (OE2006-2011) won silver in the 400m at the British Championships in 2020, missing out on gold by less than 2 tenths of a second. This achievement is all the more notable for the fact that, due to the lockdown, Niclas persevered without his coach and at times any training partners, making use of any suitable outdoor facilities he could find. He has also combined training with working for the NHS for the past few years. Now, despite the huge challenges to his training and preparation caused by the pandemic and without funding, Niclas has his sights firmly set on the Tokyo Olympics.

"I knew I wanted to be an athlete at the start of year 11 after making the semi-finals for the 100m hurdles at English Schools the summer before. Reaching the Olympics was always the goal, but I have learnt not

to look at such a macro goal as it will seem impossible to achieve and can become demotivating.

My athletics career started when I was discovered by OE Jonas Tawiah-Dodoo, who is now one of the top coaches in the UK. He saw me competing in the hurdles and high jump at a Wandsworth Schools competition. He picked me up and I trained with him for a year in Battersea. When he moved to North London, he sent me to my current athletics club, Piotr Spas in Tooting."

[Find out more](#)



Emanuel News episode 19

In this episode of Emanuel News, pupils share recent highlights including remote

concerts, the 43 for the BRT campaign, Wellbeing Afternoon and Science Week 2021. Emanuel News is a video series produced and presented by students from the school's Media Club.

[Find out more](#)



Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following OEs:

Eric Page (OE1941-47)

Stewart Edward Sydney Smith (OE1946-54)

[Michael Sullivan](#) (OE1947-54)

Michael Lewis (OE1953-60)

Kevin Jackson (OE1966-73), "Writer, essayist and broadcaster whose extraordinarily capacious

Dramatic OE double act

OEs Fran Cattaneo (OE2008-15) and Pip Williams (OE2007-14) are working on *Felt* which is currently in the



development stages but due to be previewed at the VAULTS Fringe Futures Festival on 5th June. The show is sold out, but Fran and Pip hope that an Arts Council England grant to research and develop the script will lead to further performances later in the year.

intellect was allied to a sense of fun" (The Guardian). You can read Kevin Jackson's obituary in The Guardian [here](#) and in The Telegraph [here](#).

Michael Sullivan's obituary can be found [here](#).

The play, written by Pip and produced by Fran, is a two-hander which deals with the toxic relationship between two children's television puppeteers. Find out more about the play [here](#).

[Find out more](#)



Sabine Coates: becoming a junior doctor in the pandemic

When the pandemic struck last year, Sabine Coates (OE2007-14), was a final year medical student at Bristol University. The scale of the crisis and the pressure it put on the NHS meant that Sabine and many others in her cohort graduated six months early to join the frontline of the fight against Covid-19.

Here, she tells us about her journey to become a junior doctor and her experience of starting work during a national healthcare crisis.

Did you always know you wanted to go into medicine?

Not at all! Up until the end of GCSEs, I thought I wanted to go into media and be an artistic director or producer. I never felt I was clever enough to even consider going in to medicine.

The real turning point for me was my mum who at the time had done an Access course and was in her first year studying midwifery. Not only was I immensely proud of her, but I found the content fascinating. I considered midwifery but realised I was eager to learn more about medicine and surgery as a whole with a greater understanding of the science behind decisions, knowing that whichever area I found most fascinating there would be a speciality for me.

[Find out more](#)

Ms Aitken-Burt co-authors History textbooks

The Collins logo is displayed in white text on a red rectangular background.

Those of you who kindly completed our survey on History curricula will remember History and Politics teacher, Ms Aitken-Burt, who is now co-authoring a series of new History textbooks with Collins.

Ms Aitken-Burt has been commissioned by Collins to co-author a new series of KS3 History textbooks for publication in 2022. This follows a speech she made last year at the West London Free School History Conference about rigour, diversity and inclusion in KS3 History curricula.

The current editions of [Collins' 'Knowing History'](#) will be revised and doubled in size to include a more global focus covering areas as varied as the Aztecs, Mongols, Mughals, Ottomans, Chinese dynasties, Islamic caliphates, African kingdoms and European imperialism. Ms Aitken-Burt will be writing multiple units across the four textbooks. She is also helping to increase representation of female characters and highlight language sensitivities throughout the text.

Ms Aitken-Burt's interest in global history stems from a degree in Classical Archaeology and Ancient History from Oxford University and as a practicing archaeologist. These new textbooks aim to give a solid academic grounding, improve literacy and spark younger pupils' interest in the history of the world.

[Find out more](#)



Vice-Chancellor's Social Impact Awards, Cambridge University

We were delighted to hear that Charlie Barty-King (OE2004-11), who is doing a Science PhD at Wolfson's College Cambridge, was very recently awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Social Impact Awards for

2021. Across Cambridge University, 67 students were nominated and nine received awards for outstanding social impact in local community environmental projects. The terrific work Charlie does at Wolfson's College is strongly connected to sustainability and conservation.

The Cambridge Hub noted:

“Charlie Barty-King is a highly motivated Wolfson College PhD student in Engineering, with extensive and varied experience across STEM, hospitality and social sectors. He has excellent administrative and communication skills and values being a net positive to those around him with kindness and honesty. He has contributed energetically to the students' association and more recently in the founding of the open access Green Society of Wolfson College and launching of the college's Sustainability and Conservation research Hub. He holds a Master's Degree in Chemistry and in Research (Ultra Precision), studies next generation sustainable materials and holds an NUS Green Impact Challenge Student Leadership Award.”

Charlie last visited Emanuel back in 2019 to lead a talk on his PhD subject on photonics in nature and producing weavable photonic fibres which can be used in a wide variety of applications and industries.



OE Laurie Taylor returns for Politics talk

Laurie Taylor (OE1964-69), now semi-retired and living in Devon, attended Emanuel School in the 1960s when it was a grammar school. More than 50 years on, he entered a virtual classroom to discuss voting reform with students.

Laurie told us, "After reading that the school had staged its own in-house learning about elections around the time of the last General Election, I wanted to share my knowledge and passion for voting reform with today's politics students. It's an issue which is close to my heart, having campaigned for Proportional Representation for Westminster elections for more than 40 years now.

I'm also a member of the national [Make Votes Matter](#) campaign group and have given cross-party talks to other schools in the area where I now live. But going back to my old school to help bring the curriculum to life seemed important, especially in the run up to elections for London Mayor and to the London Assembly. If I'd had the chance to hear first-hand from someone who campaigns on these sorts of issues when I was at school, it would have been an experience that would have stayed with me for a very long time."

[Find out more](#)



Robot recycling machine challenge winners

During the period of school closure, OE Mark Miodownik (Professor of Materials and Society at UCL) challenged Emanuel students to create a robot recycling machine for the home. The machine needed to fit in the same space as a washing machine and automatically sort and separate recycling waste so that it can be dealt with more efficiently. The aim of the challenge was for students to develop

engineering skills by engaging with an interesting project during lockdown.

Mark was delighted with the quality of the entries and the thought that had been put into them.

Mark selected Konstantin in Year 10 as the overall winner, congratulating him for his 'excellent attention to detail and knowledge of mechanism' in his design.

The winners will each receive a signed copy of Mark Miodownik's book, *Liquid: The Delightful and Dangerous Substances That Flow Through our Lives* with an individual message written inside along with a book token.

[Find out more](#)

Years 12 and 13 performers'



platform

Please [click here](#) to watch musicians from Years 12 and 13 perform some of their most recent pieces.

[Find out more](#)



School archive renovations

We are delighted to share images of the revamped school archive which has had a major renovation over the last term.

Alumni enjoy visiting the archive and this is where all our wonderful photos and objects which are kindly donated are stored. The oldest school records and rolls dating back to the 1870s are also kept here.

Now that younger pupils are allowed to visit the library again and prospective pupil tours have restarted, everybody is always impressed by the incredible range of alumni who are celebrated on the archive stairway walls, including sportsmen and women, actors, Oscar winners, scientists, BAFTA and Emmy Award winners.



From the archive: Memories of the 1950s and beyond

We were delighted to receive an extensive collection of photos and memorabilia from Mr Michael Heycock (OE1954-58) who was School Captain in his final year at Emanuel. In addition to rugby, rowing, sporting action shots, Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and Prefect photos, there were also school rolls, Rosslyn

Park Rugby Sevens programmes and cricket fixture lists. Combined, it is a fascinating snapshot of our school in the late 1950s, which Michael has held onto for over sixty years and has now kindly bequeathed to the school.

[Find out more](#)



Cricket trivia: Past and present

We were delighted to receive a copy of Dr Roy Morgan's (OE1953-61) recently published book, *Cricket in a Multicultural Society: a History of Cricket in Malaysia*.

The school archive houses a large collection of books written both by and about OEs. On previous visits to the school, Roy kindly donated his other books *Real International Cricket* and *The Encyclopedia of World Cricket*. Director of Cricket, Chris Booth, is pictured here with all three books.

As a pupil, Roy was the scorer for the 1st XI team and was a talented athlete and cross country runner. After studying Geography at university, he returned to Emanuel to teach between 1966 and 1968. Roy later became a highly distinguished geographer, working in universities and writing many books on subjects such as soil erosion. We also have the 'Morgan Cup' in the archive, a running trophy which was awarded to the winner of the 'Christmas Handicap' and was named after Roy.

[Find out more](#)



OE internship with Wordsearch

OE Zara Hooley (OE2013-2020) decided to take a gap year when she finished at Emanuel last summer. She undertook an internship with Wordsearch hosted by Group Managing Partner and Emanuel parent, Matt Flynn. Wordsearch creates inspired branding and marketing campaigns for real estate architecture.

With the internship ending in May, Zara is now working as an Art technician at Emanuel. She is looking forward to studying Architecture at Bath University in September. Here, she reflects on what she learnt during her internship.

[Find out more](#)



The Rugby Paper: Clatter of trains could not derail the mighty Emanuel

Following our Archivist's piece about [the origins of rugby at Emanuel](#) recently, The Rugby Paper's Brendan Gallagher wrote a piece about Emanuel in his series looking at rugby's great schools.

You can read the article by clicking on the link below.

[Find out more](#)

From the archives: Making



family history

Our Archivist, Mr Tony Jones, is always happy to help with research enquiries from the families of OEs. He recently enjoyed helping Maddy Oldale when she reached out to share vintage family photos with an Emanuel connection. Her enquiry about her grandfather, Frederick Harold Capron (OE1924-32), would have been indistinguishable from many other "What can you tell me about my grandfather?" enquiries except for a peculiar piece of family history connecting both paternal and maternal sides of her family to Emanuel. Having both sides of a family tree rooted in Emanuel would be very rare and it was a subject we were

delighted to investigate further.

Maddy had been told (but was unsure whether it was based on fact or a myth) that her grandfather Harold had been introduced to his future wife Rosamond (*both pictured*), by Andy Davis (OE1921-31), Rosalind's elder brother and Maddy's great-uncle.

Our Archivist uncovered the story of the family connections, which you can read by clicking on the link below.

[Find out more](#)

Old Emanuel Golf Society

Now that restrictions are starting to be relaxed, and (variants allowing) we will be back to some sort of normal in July, we have arranged for our Spring Meeting to be held on 29th July at Cuddington Golf Club. If you haven't played with the Society before, please do get in touch as you would be most welcome to join us for a social and friendly round of golf, with a meal to follow.

We welcome all standards of golfer with as much emphasis on the social side of the day as on the golf itself.

The following date on our calendar is 8th September for our Autumn four ball better ball competition, where members can bring along guests. This will be at Crowborough Beacon Golf Club, where OE Gary Reeve-Wing is this year's captain.

I look forward to meeting up with everyone again

Simon Muskett

slmuskett@yahoo.com



This wonderful vintage photo of Emanuel was recently donated by former School Captain Michael Heycock (OE1954-58). It looks like there is a rugby squad photograph being taken in front of the main building. The photographer was probably standing relatively close to where the grass tennis courts once were.



Connect with us on
Facebook



Follow us on
Twitter



Visit our website

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Emanuel School](#)

Emanuel School Battersea Rise London SW11 1HS