



**Emanuel School**

**The Rose & Portcullis**

Emanuel School's alumni e-newsletter

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### Welcome

Welcome to a new term at Emanuel. We'd particularly like to welcome our newest OEs who left Emanuel this summer after their A levels. We wish you all the very best as you embark on your university course or on other adventures. Please keep us updated with what you are doing; we'd love to hear from you. You can email us at [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk) You can also keep up to date with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and connect on [LinkedIn](#).

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### Introducing our new Development Director

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sarah McGee as Development Director. Sarah joined us during the summer from the Royal College of Art where she was Principal Gift Officer for nearly five years. She was responsible for developing strategy and leading its global principal gift fundraising activity. Prior to this, she worked as Senior Development Manager for University College London managing an international portfolio and leading its American fundraising efforts. Sarah has



significant philanthropic campaign experience in both the US and UK. Sarah is looking forward to progressing the Emanuel430 campaign, continuing to embed a culture of philanthropy and setting the school up for future fundraising activity. If you would like to contact Sarah directly, please send her an email – [sarah.mcgee@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:sarah.mcgee@emanuel.org.uk)

[Find out more](#)

## Emanuel School named as a finalist in the Independent School of the Year awards

We are delighted to announce that Emanuel School has been named as a finalist for the Independent School of the Year awards 2021 in the category 'community outreach'. You can find out more about some of our partnership activities [here](#).

The winners of each category, plus the overall Independent School of the Year, will be announced at a virtual awards ceremony being held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm.**



[Find out more](#)



## OE Niclas Baker competes for Team GB in the Tokyo Olympics

After running a personal best to claim the title of **British champion over 400m** in the Muller British Athletics Championships in Manchester in July, OE Niclas Baker's next major competitive event was the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Niclas competed for Great Britain in the mens' 4x400m and the mixed 4x400m relay, becoming the first OE to compete at

the Olympics since Anton Obholzer in Seoul in 1988. Niclas ran the first leg of the mixed

4x400m relay in the final of this relatively new event which has picked up considerable media interest. GB finished sixth with a time of 3:12.07. Poland were the surprise winners, the Dominican Republic won silver and the USA took bronze.

Congratulations to Niclas on his successes and enduring commitment despite the multitude of challenges presented by the pandemic.

Nic has an Instagram account should you want to see more photographs and short films from his Tokyo experience. You can read more about Niclas' journey to the Olympics [here](#) in the recent interview he gave us.



## A truly Emanuel invention

Ben Cuddon (OE1993-2000), son of the legendary Emanuel teacher Charles Cuddon (1954-1993), wrote to us recently to let us know about his latest invention, a singing water jug. We caught up with Ben about his school life and working with former physics teacher John Naylor (1980-2004) to make his idea a reality. At Emanuel, Ben was a Senior Prefect, academic scholar, member of the first XI cricket team and regularly featured in school dramatic productions.

### Can you tell us all about how the musical water jug materialised?

My involvement with an invention was a complete fluke. When I was in Iran, I found a singing jug called a 'Parch-e bulbuli' (lit: 'nightingale jug'). I'd never seen anything like it and thought it would make a great gift. I teamed up with a friend and we thought about importing them but the problem was the singing wasn't entirely

consistent. So, after a lot of head-scratching we realised that we would have to re-design the product. The problem was that we didn't understand the physics of it. So I was thinking....physics....physics....John Naylor! John taught me physics for five years up to GCSE. He was a great teacher – you always knew there was a reservoir of knowledge behind the syllabus he taught us in class. John and I had kept in touch a bit over the years. I called him up and showed him the jug and he was able to explain exactly how it worked. He also had apps for measuring and analysing the sound (he's an expert on sound and has a book on the subject coming out this year). I found a product designer and, using John's analysis, we redesigned the jug so that it produced a good sound, every time. Then we got it manufactured and it went on sale this year. It's [selling here](#) and not making me any money to be honest, but the most important thing is that people love the product.

[Find out more](#)

## OE Charlotte Morphet wins We are the City Rising Star award

OE Charlotte Morphet, who co-founded the [Women in Planning Network](#), is the winner of a Rising Star award. The awards recognise female talent



## Obituaries



and those who champion gender equality across industries.

The Rising Stars award website commends Charlotte:

“As a co-founder of the Women in Planning network, Charlotte has actively sought to achieve equal recognition and opportunity for women in the sector...Charlotte is

distinctive in her focus on partnership working as a route to achieving change. As a chartered town planner, she realises she has a critical role in shaping inclusive and equitable places and spaces.”

Charlotte is a chartered town planner with St Albans City and District Council and a trustee of the Planning Officers Society. She has also recently been awarded a bursary from Leeds Beckett University to do a PhD to research women’s experiences as leaders and managers in the UK town planning profession. Many congratulations to Charlotte.



## OE feature: Georgia Miansarow

OE Georgia Miansarow started her journey to

international rowing success at Emanuel where she was a member of the first Senior Girls 1st VIII to compete at the Henley Royal Regatta. Georgia continued her rowing success at university in Sydney, Australia, becoming Australian lightweight champion in the LW4X at the Lucerne World Cup in 2017 as well as gaining a silver medal in the lightweight quad at the World Championships that year. Now, Georgia has turned her sights to elite cycling and rides for Sydney University Staminade, a national road series team. We caught up with Georgia recently.

[Read our interview](#)

We regret to announce the death of the following OEs and former staff members: Peter Dudley (OE1940-46) - Peter's obituary will be published in the next edition of the OE e-news Peter Lewis (OE1953-60) Michael Lewis (OE1953-60) [Sue Neale](#) (former staff 1989-2003) Richard (Dick) Tarrant (OE1950-58) - Dick's obituary will be published in the next edition of the OE e-news



## Will Houstoun: *A Ghost Story*

Magician Will Houstoun has a PhD in magic history as well as a Literary Fellowship from The Academy of Magica. He works as a consultant in film and theatre, using his expertise in conjuring and its history to assist in numerous productions including *Hugo*, *Wolf Hall* and *Twilight Zone*. His latest venture is as Illusion Associate for Danny Robins' new play *2:22 A Ghost Story* starring Lily Allen which is currently playing a limited run until 16<sup>th</sup> October at the Noel Coward Theatre in London. *The Guardian* calls the play a 'slick, clever horror'.

According to Will, there is 'a lot of magic involved in two of the play's pivotal moments' of this supernatural thriller from award-winning writer Danny Robins.

You can read more about Will's work and his one-man performances [here](#).



## Featured OE: Tim Seaton (OE1987-95)

Tim Seaton is now Head of Senior Sport at Harrodian School. Tim was a great sportsman at Emanuel. He was captain of the unbeaten colts of 1990/91 who won all 13 games, scoring 551 points and conceding only 61. Tim was later captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and also cricket captain.

### What are your best memories of Emanuel?

My overriding memories from Emanuel are making great friends who are still my closest and most trusted friends to this day and teachers who allowed us to develop our own personalities. I also remember the cakes and cookies in the old Junior Dining Hall and Mr Thomson, the Headmaster.

### Did any particular teachers at Emanuel influence you in life or your career path?

I was lucky enough to be there when Peter Thomson was our headmaster. I cannot speak more highly of how supportive and positive he was towards us all.

He commanded a real presence, had an ability to remember little details about us, inspired us with stories that were relevant and had clear messages to help guide us on our journey through the school years. He went above and beyond on countless occasions to give people who were struggling a second chance and steer them in the right direction. Peter Thomson was comfortable in every setting from sport, music, drama and of course academia. He was simply an inspiration to us all.

[Read the full interview.](#)

[Find out more](#)



## Afghan crisis - providing support

We are all acutely aware of the deepening humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the huge evacuation operation undertaken. As families who were able to leave before the 31 August deadline arrive in the UK, we are looking at ways that we can provide support.

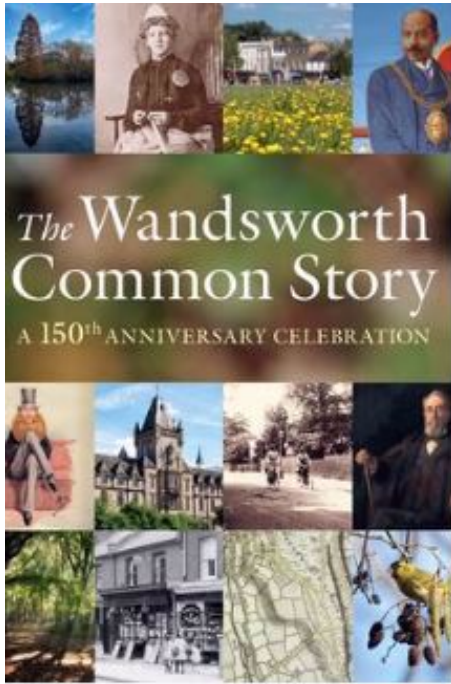
Families flown to the UK have been taken to temporary hotel accommodation across the UK until they can be rehoused. Many

have few or no personal belongings with them or everyday essentials.

Through a connection with a current Year 11 parent, we are launching an appeal to support the [West London Welcome](#) (WLW) charity which provides direct and hands-on support for newly arrived and settled asylum seekers, migrants and refugees.

WLW runs a 'by invitation only' centre based out of a local church which provides essential items to refugees. In the immediate term, our aim is to help the children within these families with essentials such as clothes along with stationery, colouring books etc. for them to enjoy. Please click on the link below to find out more and to read about the ways in which you can help.

[Find out more](#)



## 150th anniversary of Wandsworth Common celebrated

We have strong links with Wandsworth Common which have been developed over many years so we wanted to share The Friends of Wandsworth Common's latest endeavour, a beautifully illustrated book, *The Wandsworth Common Story – A 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*.

The book is filled with 150 articles and vignettes covering Nature, Buildings, Society, Culture and Politics, revealing a rich mosaic of tales about the notable and intriguing people who have lived, worked and played on the Common as well as its extraordinary buildings and the changes that it has undergone over the centuries. Emanuel School is featured in this fascinating book.

To purchase a copy and to support the wonderful work of the Friends, follow the link below to their website. Books can be purchased and then collected from the

Skylark Café, a keen supporter of Emanuel community activities.

[Find out more](#)



## OE capped at Scotland U20 level

We were delighted to hear that Tom Banatvala made his Scotland U20 debut in the second round of the 2021 Six Nations in Cardiff. Tom has also competed for Scotland at other junior levels and is currently playing rugby for Durham University.

At U12 (as captain) and at U13 level Tom, who played in the front row, terrorised the defences of many of our opponents,

scoring many tries. He was known at Emanuel for his powerful running and for scoring crucial game-winning tries.

[Find out more](#)

## OE rugby - Wandsworth champions

A group of Old Emanuels who left school in 2016 signed up to a summer touch rugby league on Wandsworth Common. They called themselves Hand's Mans after former head of year, teacher and rugby coach, Mr Hand.

The team stormed to the top of the league unbeaten and went on to win the league. You can find out more about the OE team and their route to victory [here](#).

*Back row (left to right): Joel Stanley, Ben Sackey, Joseph Hunt, Sam Smith, Louis Gibbon, Sam Edgcumbe*

*Front row (left to right): Tom Freeland, Harrison Moy, Luke Merrett, Toby Harrison, Joseph Tulley*



[Find out more](#)



### Spring 1976 rugby photo archive

We would like to thank Simon Haslett (OE1972-77) for this wonderful set of rugby photographs taken in the spring of 1976. Simon was captain of the team which is remembered as one of Emanuel's best ever fifteens. The team barely lost a match in 75 fixtures between U12 and U15 level.

[View the archive photos](#)



### OE becomes Conservative candidate for Trinity Ward, Wandsworth

Crawford Anderson (OE1993-2000) has been chosen as a Conservative candidate for the new Trinity Ward, which is being contested next May. In addition to his work for Wandsworth Conservatives, Crawford runs his family plumbing business and has taken an active role in various charities including Action for Children and Habitat for Humanity. In 2017, Crawford organised and participated in a charity boxing match which raised funds for our bursary appeal. We're not sure how Crawford finds the time but he has also recently started a Masters in Business.

You can find out more about Crawford's work for Wandsworth Conservatives [here](#).

### From the archive: Interview with Grahame Capron-Tee

We were delighted to catch up with Grahame Capron-Tee (OE1956-63) for a wonderfully detailed interview, which gives a vivid depiction of school life in the 1950s and 1960s. Grahame holds a very special place in the annals of Emanuel School rowing, as he rowed (bow) in the first two back-to-back triumphs at the Schools' Head of the River Race in 1962 and



1963, as well as the first time the school rowed at Henley.

[Find out more](#)



## OE designs sets for top Hollywood films

Jamie Peck (OE1989-97) has built sets for top Hollywood films such as *Star Wars Episode 9: the Rise of Skywalker*, *Paddington*, Oscar-winning *The Father*, and TV shows including *Luther* and *Mrs Brown's Boys*.

Jamie credits long-serving DT teacher and OE, John

Neale with opening the way to this specialised career:

“The teacher I admired the most was Mr Neale, who taught me DT throughout my school years. He acknowledged my genuine interest in woodworking and perhaps saw some potential and so was incredibly supportive. He is one of the reasons why I pursued carpentry and have found a very cool niche in that trade, which I absolutely love every day.”

[Find out more](#)



## Peter Reason - 1960s rowing photos and memories

A little while ago, Peter Reason (OE1955-63) sent us a lovely collection of early to mid-1960s rowing photos. Peter was a highly distinguished pupil. He was appointed School Captain, Captain of Marlborough House and Captain of Boats before attending Emmanuel College, Cambridge where he was also Captain of Boats from 1965-66.

The photo archive Peter sent includes a picture of Emanuel practicing with Emmanuel College in 1965, Peter thinks, at Henley. Peter was rowing for Emmanuel College and this might have been the only occasion when Emmanuel rowed beside Emanuel!

You can view the photos and read Peter's recollections by clicking on the link below.

[Find out more](#)





Our Autumn Meeting took place at Crowborough Beacon Golf Club on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, where OE Gary Reeve-Wing hosted the Society as the current Captain of Crowborough. Our secretary was able to arrange glorious weather (a rare occurrence!), and with the sun shining, Crowborough offers the best views in the county (being the highest spot), so even if one's golf was not exactly up to the required standard, the setting for a good walk, in good company, could not be

faulted.

The state of the course was magnificent, and the recent weather certainly contributed to providing a very stiff test, with some bounce in the fairways and the rough having thickened up, making it very difficult to find balls which deviated from the intended path. Not only did our secretary loose a ball with his first shot, but also the 'nearest the pin' marker which he was supposed to place on the 13<sup>th</sup> green! Everybody survived the heat (just) and we all made it round.

The format of the competition is a four ball better ball, with teams of two players. The best score from each team counting on each hole. The scoring was never going to be spectacular, but our winners and runners up did produce two very good scores of 37 and 36 points. The winners were Roger Gillett and Jim Cable with Barry Best and Gary Edelman just missing out in second place. Jim was having a good day because he also won the nearest the pin on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Graham Smith mustered all his power, determined not to go home empty handed, and fired the longest drive up the 18<sup>th</sup> to win the longest drive prize. Where he mustered the energy to do it, only Graham, and his supplier of energy drinks and medication, will be able to tell us.

So, we managed both our Spring and Autumn Meetings this year and we are hoping that next year will revert to a more normal format of having our Spring Meeting in the Spring, rather than the Summer! The date for next year's Spring Meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> May, and once again we will be returning to Cuddington Golf Club. We will probably try to keep the Autumn Meeting in September as there is a better chance of good weather than October, but we have nothing concrete in the diary for the Autumn yet.

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## Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

The Old Emanuel Luncheon Club has unsurprisingly been 'dormant' through the various phases of the Covid-19 pandemic. Although the restrictions were lifted in July this year there was still an understandable reluctance to gather in large numbers in Central London for our regular September meeting. The OEA Chair, John Sturgeon, stepped in with an offer to host a meal at the Hove Club for those who would be interested and on 13 September 18 OEs and guests were able to enjoy an al fresco lunch in the sunshine on the Sussex coast. It was like we had never been away and our thanks are due to John for making this happen.

There is very clear interest in 'resuming normal duties' and so the December luncheon will go ahead as planned on 6 December at the Union Jack Club. Invitations for this will be distributed soon. If you are interested in attending this or future luncheons and are not on the Luncheon Club mailing list please contact Stuart Cameron-Waller on [stuart@cwt2001.com](mailto:stuart@cwt2001.com) or 01323 894270.

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## From the archives

An atmospheric view of the main building from the old grass tennis courts, beautifully



captured by Roger George Clark (OE1956-63) during his final year at Emanuel.



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