



Issue 31 - December 2021
Happy Christmas!



National recognition for outreach

We are thrilled to have won the Independent Schools of the Year 2021 community outreach category. The award recognises our creative approach to supporting our primary school partners throughout the pandemic with our

Primary Ambitions programme. Primary Ambitions unites Year 6 pupils from 18 local state schools with a high proportion of free school meals with Emanuel Lower Sixth students every Friday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Our Lower Sixth students teach a variety of subjects to groups of 15 Year 6 pupils on our school site. The modules taught cover subjects in the arts, language, literature, politics, science, technology, maths and sport with 20 different options for primary schools to choose from. The emphasis is on our pupils running each session, enabling them to develop leadership, coaching and mentoring skills as well as further develop confidence, empathy, kindness and respect for those from different backgrounds.

The challenges posed by Covid-19 meant our partners needed our support more than ever. Given partner schools were unable to come on site, our pupils embraced the challenge and developed Primary Ambitions 'Lessons-in-a-box' to deliver to our partner schools. They prepared lesson plans, presentations, group and individual activities, how-to videos, and materials. With the complexities of primary school teaching over the pandemic, providing opportunities for enrichment was invaluable.

Lisa Irwin (Deputy Development and Community Partnerships Director)

You can read an update on our outreach programme by Headmaster Robert Milne by clicking on the link below.

[Find out more](#)



Goddard Lecture: Animate Materials - A Sustainable Future

Professor Mark Miodownik (OE1982-87) delivered the Autumn 2021 Goddard Lecture in the Hampden Hall this term. The Goddard lectures offer pupils an opportunity to hear from individuals who are expert in their field, aiming to engender a high level of academic and professional

engagement from pupils, promoting bright minds, innovative thinking and gritty determination. They are named after one of our most distinguished alumni, Professor Peter Goddard, CBE FRS, who remains a good friend to Emanuel School. He is a mathematical physicist who works in string theory and conformal field theory.

Pupils Annabel and Teddy reviewed the lecture:

Professor Miodownik spoke with great enthusiasm about the way in which the human relationship with materials has changed over time. He looked toward a future when buildings would behave like trees, or our skin, and have the ability to heal. He explained how his team are already trialling the use of additives containing bacteria and starch into concrete structures, like bridges and roads, that are able to regenerate calcium carbonate when exposed to the air. Overall we were taken by his great passion for science and sustainability.

[Find out more](#)



Senior Play: A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Senior play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was performed between the 8th-10th December in the Fiennes Theatre. A cast of 32 students delighted parents, friends and family with their comic timing, wit and energy in performing Shakespeare's famous comedy. An energetic '80s soundtrack set the tone for a magical evening. Audiences were

overwhelmingly positive about the fantastic performances, notably the lovers who brought passion and humour, the fairies who demonstrated a new edginess to the roles and the mechanicals who left audiences with tears of laughter when performing their play within a play at the end of the performance.

[View photo gallery](#)



Multiple awards for Community Fibre

Congratulations to OE Tim Stranack (OE1981-88), Founder and Director of

Community Fibre, for winning multiple awards at The Internet Services Providers' Association (ISPA UK) Awards, the longest running and most respected awards in the internet industry. Community Fibre scooped up Best Consumer ISP for the second year running, with the judges particularly impressed by their 'focus on social housing, at a time where digital inclusion and accessibility has been so important, as well as working in partnership with local councils helping bridge the divide in London.' Community Fibre also scooped up the Best Ultrafast category and the Social Impact Award for their 'commitment to social issues: from supporting isolated households and disadvantaged children, free gigabit broadband and laptops.'



Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following OEs: Robert Blowes (OE1948-56) [Derek Newton \(OE1942-52\)](#) [Anthony Rigby \(OE1953-60\)](#) [Mick Rock \(OE1956-63\)](#) We announced the death of [Dick Tarrant](#) in the last edition of the OE e-news. His obituary can be found [here](#).



Featured OE: Patrick Lufkin (OE2006-11)

OE Patrick Lufkin was a member of the Seventy7s, a successful rugby team started by and featuring a number of OEs which won the RFU's National Sevens tournament in 2016. Patrick's career took him to Singapore in 2020 where

he has swapped rugby and cricket for golf and tennis in the sunshine.

We caught up with Patrick recently.

[Read our interview](#)



Emanuel placed in The Cricketer's top 100 independent schools

Emanuel's cricket programme has been recognised in *The Cricketer Schools Guide Top 100*.

Each year the *The Cricketer* publishes its Schools Guide featuring the top 100 senior, the top 50 prep/junior and the top 20 all-girls schools in a bumper 156-page supplement.

Emanuel's cricket provision has now been recognised in the top 100 schools for 4 successive years.

This is a great achievement for all students involved and is testament to the hard work put in by Director of Cricket, Mr Booth, along with the support of the sports department and wider academic staff to try and get cricket back to some relative normality after the difficulties of the pandemic.

[Find out more](#)



OE all-round sportsman visits

We were absolutely delighted to welcome back Michael Mills (OE1948-55) recently for a quick tour and a fascinating sift through his amazing collection of Emanuel memorabilia. Included in Michael's lovingly preserved collection were some athletics, rugby and cricket photos and an impressive array of clippings, sports programmes, fixture lists, Speech Day and drama programmes.

In his day Michael was an outstanding sportsman whose achievements included playing 1st XV rugby, 1st XI cricket, 1st VI tennis and 1st

Fives. Michael was also school champion for both cross country (1955) and boxing in the 9st 10lbs weight class. He was a regular member of the Athletics squad (he was also pole vault champion) and played on the table tennis team – very impressive sporting credentials!

[Find out more](#)



Celebrating Partnerships 2021

The independent School Council (ISC) recently published this year's *Celebrating Partnerships* booklet which aims to raise awareness among politicians, stakeholders and influencers within education of the breadth of partnership work between state and independent schools.

The booklet showcases independent schools' partnership work. We are delighted to have been included in this year's edition for Ascent, a programme we launched in the Summer term to support Year 5 disadvantaged children in our partner primary schools struggling to meet

national standards in English and Maths. The programme was developed in collaboration with our partner schools and positively impacted self-confidence as well as academic performance.

[Find out more](#)



Autumn term 2021 highlights

Here is a lovely short film showing some of the highlights of the Autumn term at Emanuel, including a visit from rugby legend Matt Dawson, Black History Week activities, community outreach, educational trips, the Senior play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, music concerts and the Christmas Carol Service.

Term may have ended, but the @EmanuelSchoolAlumni Facebook page will continue throughout the holidays, so remember to send us any interesting personal news or OE stories you might spot - oe@emanuel.org.uk

You can also view the latest episode of Emanuel News [here](#). Emanuel News is a video series produced and presented by students from the school's Media Club.

[Watch film](#)



Social entrepreneurship talk by OE Ben Cuddon from Climate Ed

We are always delighted and grateful when OEs return to school to speak to groups of our current pupils, particularly when they are on subjects as topical as climate change. Ben Cuddon (OE 1993-2000) spoke to our Year 8

son of distinguished, long-serving English teacher Charles Cuddon) spoke to our Year 8 social entrepreneurs about his work with the charity Climate Ed.

Ben provided excellent encouragement and motivation to make small changes that can have a positive impact on the environment. His talk is part of a guest speaker series for the Year 8 social entrepreneurship programme that will see them develop non-profit solutions to a social or environmental issue. They will work together to think of ideas for a product or service that has the potential to alleviate issues relating to the environment or find solutions to issues facing our partner school in Tamil Nadu, India.

[Find out more](#)

Class of 1961: 60th anniversary lunch

Some members of the Class of 1961 celebrated a very special anniversary with a lunch at the Royal Overseas League Club in September this year. They had a lot to raise a glass to as they were celebrating



60 years since leaving Emanuel along with their 70th birthdays. This gathering has been an annual event for some years now but this was a particularly special occasion. The Class of 1961 group are L to R: Julian Mounsey, Graham Smith, Mick Chapman, Andy Hayward, Alan Lester, Mike Morris, Pete Seaden, Malcolm Swift, Jeremy Briars, Stuart Cameron-Waller, Dave Evans, Terry Goldsmith. Not photographed: Bob Jolley



Politics talk by Dr Jack Simson Caird

Dr Jack Simson Caird (OE1997-04), Deputy Counsel for the House of Commons Justice Committee, came in to give a talk to our A-Level Politics pupils about the proper constitutional role of Parliament. Jack spoke about the legal implications of Brexit and the functions of the independent judiciary as well as leading a highly relevant conversation about the standards we should expect from our politicians. Jack also took the time to reconnect with Mr Andrew Keddie who taught him politics at Emanuel. Jack obviously had a keen early interest in politics as he was involved in a School Euro Debate in 2003. He was also a Senior Prefect and played rugby for both the First and Second XV, as well as U19 Basketball.

Joe Quinn (OE2007-12) joins the cast of *Stranger Things*

OE Joe Quinn has joined the cast of the Netflix worldwide smash *Stranger Things*. When season four comes out next year, Joe will play Eddie Munson, the head of the Hawkins High School Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) Club called The Hellfire Club. If the online rumours are true, the club plays a significant role in the upcoming season and so we should be seeing a lot of Joe.



Remembrance Day and the Battle of Britain OEs

We held our Remembrance Day Service in the Chapel on 11 November to honour more than 250 Old Emanuels and staff who lost their lives in the first and second world wars and the 1700 who served.

Tony Jones, our school Archivist, ran a number of Remembrance Day posts on Facebook

(@EmanuelSchoolAlumni) including one about the five OEs who fought in The Battle of Britain over British skies during the summer and autumn of 1940 when most of Europe had surrendered to Hitler. The main German objective, after the successful occupation of France, was to destroy the RAF and gain air superiority over the UK, leading to potential invasion. Its failure was seen as one of the first major turning points of the war and Germany realised there would be no easy victory over Britain and certainly no surrender.

Over 3000 pilots fought in this seven-month aerial conflict. They are now known as 'The Few' and it is incredible that five attended Emanuel, a statistic which is only higher in the very big public schools. Follow the link below for an article which remembers these five men, two of whom lost their lives in the Second World War.

[Find out more](#)



Daniel Fulcher: Volunteering with Kambala Cares

At the beginning of the year, we asked OEs to let us know about volunteering they had been doing during the Covid pandemic. Daniel Fulcher (OE 1996-2001) let us know

about his work for Kambala Cares:

From October 2020, I have been helping deliver meals on wheels with the Kambala Cares group, which was formed 4 years ago by the Kambala Estate Residents Association in central Battersea. From 16 March 2020 the group has provided outreach during lockdown to elderly and disabled people in the larger Wandsworth area to meet demand from care home residents and other community members with a diverse range of support needs.

As a group we deliver hot meals three days a week to more than 100 vulnerable adults in Wandsworth and bring them food boxes with additional essential items on a bi-monthly basis.

The team won the Team London Awards out of 32 boroughs at City Hall in 2018 and are currently working with Age UK Wandsworth, Katherine Low Settlement, Springfield Hospital recovery CMHT, Leonard Cheshire disabled charity, SENTalk children and families with Autism and ADHD.

The Kambala Cares Project is in the process of registering as a charity organisation and all donations are more than welcome to continue the good work being carried out.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, or have another enquiry, then please get in contact with the Kambala chair, Donna Barham at chair@kambala.org.uk
kambala.org.uk

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kambalacaresproject/>

Kambala Cares is an active member of the Wandsworth Care alliance:

<https://wandsworthcarealliance.org.uk/coronavirus/wandsworth-organisations-that/>



OE women in STEM talk

This term, we were delighted to welcome 2016 OE leaver Louisa Thomas back for a co-curricular talk, with an emphasis on Physics and the Sciences.

Having completed a degree in Physics at the University of Edinburgh, Louisa now works as a civil servant carrying out scientific research. The focus of her talk was Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) and Louisa spoke passionately about the gender disparity in Physics and STEM

careers. It was an inspirational talk for all attendees, and Louisa serves as an excellent role model to our pupils.

Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

Some 21 months since the last 'proper' gathering – a few of us managed a day out at Hove in September – the Old Emanuel Luncheon Club was at last able to reconvene at the Union Jack Club on Monday 6 December. The enthusiasm of those wishing to be there was amply demonstrated by the fact that the 50 seats available were sold within twelve hours of the event being advertised and a waiting list had to be opened. As the day grew nearer and stories of Omicron started to dominate the news channels, one or two of our number quite understandably had to reconsider their position. Nevertheless, come the day, forty-five enormous individual Beef Wellingtons (and two vegetarian options) were duly dispatched and washed down with copious quantities of wine in preparation for the mouth-watering Baked Alaska which followed. Spare a thought for Alex Noble. Traditionally, the Chair of the Luncheon Club holds office for twelve months. In two years, Alex has only been able to wield the gavel on two occasions. Despite the fact that on this, the second, occasion he almost shattered it - such was his enthusiasm to make a point - he has kindly agreed to serve a third term during which it is to be hoped he will complete the full set of seasonal lunches.

With one eye on what is going on around us, the next Luncheon Club is scheduled for Monday 14 March. This could be subject to change but for full details stay in touch with the Hon Sec, Stuart Cameron-Waller on stuart@cw2001.com/ 01323 894270.



From the archives

We were absolutely delighted to find this rare sight of the original walkways in a set of photos recently received by an anonymous donor. Dating from the early 1960s, the professional set of photographs includes many images we have never seen before which we have shared on our Facebook page (@EmanuelSchoolAlumni). Although everybody walked along these external corridors, this view has never before appeared in any photos. They were eventually replaced in around 2009 when the whole area was glassed over.



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