



## The Rose & Portcullis

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### You are invited to the OE Summer Reunion

**Date: Sunday 12 June, 2022**

**Time: 11am – 2pm**

**Venue: Emanuel School**



We are delighted to welcome you back to school for a special reunion for all Old Emanuels. This reunion will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and classmates, as well as meet new ones.

The annual 1st XI cricket match versus the MCC will be taking place on the field throughout the day so you can enjoy the match if you're interested.

11.00 – Tea, coffee and welcome in the Library

12.00 – Full buffet lunch in the Refectory with wine

13.30 – Tea and coffee

14.00 – Finish

Tickets are priced at £30 per person.

Tables for lunch will be set up by year group so you will be sitting with classmates.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [oe@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:oe@emanuel.org.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you back.

[Buy reunion tickets](#)



## Henley Royal Regatta drinks reception for rowing alumni

Recent leavers and OEs through the years are welcome to join us for a celebration of rowing at an alumni drinks reception hosted at Henley Royal Regatta on 2nd July, 2022.

**Date: Saturday 2 July, 2022**

**Time: 12.30 – 14.00**

**Location: Henley Cricket Club Royal Regatta Parking**

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to give 2020 and 2021 leavers a send-off at the Boat Club. We would be delighted to welcome rowing OEs through the decades to join our most recent OEs at the best-known regatta in the world, a highlight of the sporting calendar and a great social occasion.

The drinks reception is free to attend but please register below for catering purposes.

We look forward to welcoming our Boat Club OEs to Henley.

[Register now](#)



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## Alumni Tech and Tea



**Friday 22 April 2022  
from 4pm to 6pm**

Let our students help you with your technical questions

Do you need help with how to download an app? Or how to access emails on your phone, set up a Facebook page or to find and listen to a podcast (or even wonder what a podcast is?). Our students are here to help with these and many other technical queries.

We'd like to invite you to Emanuel for some hands-on technical help over tea and cake in the Library. It's a great opportunity to come and chat to current students while they help you get to grips with technology.

We will set up helpdesks staffed by students who will be supported by our IT team. Please bring in your phone or device (or we can show you on an Emanuel device) and we'll do our best to help you with your technical questions.

[Register now](#)



### Development update

The school has recently surpassed £1,000,000 in donations to support our free places initiative which aims to provide an outstanding education to talented boys and girls regardless of background or financial circumstances. Thank you to the entire

Emanuel community for your kindness and generosity as we strive to build a robust bursary fund for our pupils.

This month, we kicked off our first-ever capital fundraising initiative to support our ambitious critical build plan. Our first building project is the extension of our Sixth Form Centre. Subject to the necessary planning permission, we will continue with the development of our off-site sports facility, Blagdons, and a new flagship building featuring a large light-filled refectory, specialist science labs and classrooms.

These developments will allow us to transform our educational offering across the curriculum, further our award-winning outreach initiatives, provide even greater access and ensure we meet the needs of pupils today and for generations to come. You can find out more [here](#).

If you would like any further information or to find out how you can get involved, please contact Sarah McGee, Development Director ([sarah.mcgee@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:sarah.mcgee@emanuel.org.uk)).



## Emanuel's Ukraine humanitarian appeal

We recently sent 160 bags of much-needed medical, hygiene and sanitary supplies to Ukraine via the White Eagle Polish Club based in Balham. Our donations were

transported by lorries provided by local businesses to support refugees that have fled the conflict.

We had an amazing response from the Emanuel community - over 60 parents volunteered joined staff and pupils to help pack and deliver the donations.

In addition, driven by Oscar and Bobbie, our wonderful Charity and Community Outreach Prefects, and the Emanuel Parents' Association, we have set up an appeal for donations to support the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The appeal has raised over £14,000 to date. Please see the link to the appeal below if you are keen to donate or find out more [here](#).

In addition, the EPA is planning to donate the money from their Quiz night raffle; Oscar and Bobbie are planning a sponsored run; and staff members are organising fundraising initiatives too. We are so proud that, as a community, we have been able to mobilise so quickly to provide much-needed help to those who so desperately need it.

[Donate now](#)



## Dr Nick Merrifield: GP and Clinical Director

Nick Merrifield (OE1989-96) is Clinical Director for the New Malden and Worcester Park Primary Care Network and has been instrumental in setting up and leading a highly successful Covid vaccination programme.

Nick studied Medicine at Exeter College, Oxford and then at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead before working as a junior

doctor in Brighton, Guildford and London. In 2008, he qualified as a GP and became a partner in a practice he had trained at in New Malden.

At Emanuel, Nick was a keen sportsman and musician and still plays the violin for the Richmond Orchestra.

We caught up with Nick about his role as Clinical Director during the pandemic and his time at Emanuel.

[Find out more](#)



## Dimitri Mavroleon (OE2013-18) - Studying abroad

After leaving Emanuel, Dimitri went on to study Business Administration and International Relations in Madrid. Here, he tells us about how positive the experience of studying abroad has been for him.

[Find out more](#)



## Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following members of the Emanuel community:

George Peter Clements  
(OE1946-54)



## School of Rock

Congratulations to all staff and pupils involved in putting on a spectacular performance of *School of Rock* before Easter. It was our first whole school

musical in two years and over 100 pupils were involved on stage or behind the scenes. The acting talent, energetic choreography and faultless singing combined to entertain over 1000 audience members across the productions.



[Professor Michael Duff \(OE1945-50\)](#)

[Barry Humphries \(OE1950-57\)](#)

[Doug Seward \(former staff 1991-2007\)](#)

Anthony Stevens (OE1965-71)



## Superb Schools' Head of the River Race results

Eight Emanuel Crews raced down the Championship 6km Boat Race course in March. It was a very successful day for the boys and girls in the boat club. 5 crews finished in the top 6 in each of their categories. The rowers showed great commitment to their training during the winter months and have produced some

excellent results. The girls' first eight finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their category which is a considerable achievement as our boat club girls' captain was unable to race. The highlight was the girls' J16 Eight finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their category. The boys' J16 8 finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall and the girls' second Eight finished in a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place. The J15 girls finished 6<sup>th</sup>, just 3 seconds from a top 5.

[Find out more](#)



## Albie Amankona: political commentator

OE and political commentator Albie Amankona was a drama scholar during his time at Emanuel. He is now a Financial Analyst at Third Bridge and graduated from the London School of Economics in 2017. Albie is a political commentator for the BBC, Sky, Channel 5, ITV, LBC, GB News, Talk Radio and Times Radio and co-founder of Conservatives Against Racism for Equality (CARFE). He is passionate about how the Conservative Party can appeal to minority groups and young voters. OE Lauren McAuliffe caught up with Albie about his time at Emanuel and his career.

[Find out more](#)



## Working at the Foreign Office

For the last two and a half years, Jack Gibbon (OE2007-2014) has been working as Deputy Head of Consular Special Cases for British detainees held in Iran, including the recently released Ms Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Mr Anoosheh Ashoori. Prior to that Jack focused on the repatriation of British orphans stranded in Syria.

Jack says: "I studied Economics at Durham and after graduating I was a Maths Teacher (much to Mr Leadbetter's surprise, I'm sure!) as part of Teach First for two years, whilst living in Newcastle. I applied to the fast stream, but failed to secure a place, but was then offered a job on a fixed term contract at the Foreign Office. Whilst waiting for security clearances and all the other HR stuff, I was offered the job of Deputy Head of Consular Special Cases - leading on British nationals held in Iran, alongside working on terrorist kidnappings, Syrian repatriations and other complicated consular work.

The Foreign Office often rotates people, so with my contract coming to an end in this team, I am lucky enough to have a job working in New York on issues at the UN Security Council waiting for me. I am sure my school experience with Mr McMahon's Model United Nations activities will hold me in good stead! Regarding Emanuel, I also recall our regular heated debates with Mr Keddie over the day's current affairs (namely his newspaper clippings) which surely has prepared me well for entering negotiations at the UN.

Having joined the Foreign Office, I've realised there are countless, fascinating roles I hadn't even considered. I hope I can continue to do work that makes a real difference and who knows, maybe one day, it would be lovely to have the opportunity to be an Ambassador!"



## Interview with Mostyn Field, former international rower

We were delighted to catch up with Mostyn Field (OE1969-75), a highly distinguished rower and member of the VIII which won the Schools' Head of the River Race an unprecedented four times in a row across three age groups. Mostyn later became a GB international athlete, competing in three rowing world championships and winning a bronze medal in the Commonwealth

Games.

[Find out more](#)



## OE plays for Scotland U20s

Congratulations to OE Tom Banatvala (OE2012-15) who was selected to represent Scotland U20 (against England) in the first match of the rugby U20 Six Nations.

England won the match 41-24. Tom played the first half, and as is the norm in U20 fixtures, there were a huge number of substitutions with England pulling away in the second half. It was undoubtedly a fantastic experience for Tom.

Tom is fondly remembered as an outstanding sportsman. His departure from Emanuel when his family relocated to Scotland was a great loss. Tom went on to play for Fettes College and then Durham University, where he is currently studying business.



## Ministry of Sound

On Friday 4 March, the Music Department booked one of the world's most iconic dance music venues: Ministry of Sound.

The pupils who are having DJ lessons at school had an opportunity that no other school has ever offered: the chance to DJ in Ministry's world-famous main room *The Box*, which has hosted superstar headliners such as Fatboy Slim, Tiësto, Calvin Harris and David Guetta.



[Find out more](#)



## ESBC launches the Sam Gourevitch

The Emanuel School Boat Club has named a new vessel in honour of long-serving coach, Mr Sam Gourevitch.

Sam has rowed at Cygnet Rowing Club since 1984 and over his seventeen years with ESBC has coached some great crews, having a hand in developing and encouraging many of our top competitors. His roles have included Lead Coach for the

Junior Starters, which once featured Chetan Chauhan-Sims (who later represent GB Juniors) and more recently Lauren McAuliffe (Emanuel's first female student to win a national vest).

As well as coaching, Sam was Boatman for three years and Boathouse Manager for several others. Sam's proudest moments include his crews winning two gold medals (and other colours) at the National Schools' Regatta, one of the most prestigious events in the rowing calendar. Sam takes great pride in the fact that many boys and girls he has coached have later represented their universities and are still rowing today.



## From the Archives

We love this expressive photo of an Emanuel pupil heading to school in May 1914, in the months before the First World War. The top entrance to the station remains relatively unchanged in structure a century later. The Portcullis badge is visible on the unnamed boy's cap.

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## Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

After some five years at the Union Jack Club the time has come for the Old Emanuel Luncheon Club to move on 'to pastures new'. Only two days after huge numbers gathered at Blagdon's to witness OERFC's last (and victorious) home match there, impressively several of them were among the 32 OEs who made it to Doggett's Coat & Badge at Blackfriars on 14 March for the latest meeting of the Luncheon Club. We were also delighted to welcome a sizeable contingent from the OE Rifle Club who promise to swell our numbers going forward.

With splendid views over the Thames, a comfortable and beautifully laid out room and a well-stocked bar for our exclusive use, first impressions were very good ... and it just kept getting better. Super food and fabulous company made for a very enjoyable afternoon. Our Chair, Alex Noble, entertained us with more of his recollections from 'Down the Drive'. All in all, it was a resounding success and the feedback has been such that we have already booked to go back on 12 September and 12 December. In the meantime, John Sturgeon has kindly booked us into the Hove Club on 13 June for our summer trip to the coast. Happy days. Come and join us!

If you have any enquiries, please contact to Stuart Cameron-Waller (01323 894270/[stuart@cwt2001.com](mailto:stuart@cwt2001.com))

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## From the archives

The original grass tennis courts provided a great view of the school building. This beautiful shot was captured by OE Roger George Clark whilst he was in the Sixth Form in the early 1960s.



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