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Emanuel School

GIANT STRIDES

Giant Strides campaign

Giant Strides, our most significant fundraising Campaign to date, launched last week, opening a new and exciting chapter for Emanuel School.

It will allow us to transform our educational offering and provide invaluable opportunities to children. We will create inspiring spaces for teaching and learning across the sciences, sport and the creative/performing arts, as well as making more funded places available in the years ahead.

We will invest in providing excellent facilities for our pupils and the wider community, furthering opportunities to explore, innovate and create. Our wonderful film, featuring Old Emanuels who are experts in their fields, showcases the power of an Emanuel School education.

Click on the image below to [watch the film](#).



[Find out more](#)

National recognition for performing arts

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have won the Independent School of the Year Award 2022 for Performing Arts.

Dr Helen Wright, chair of the independent panel of judges, selected Emanuel from more than 700 nominations, and reported that we won for our ‘ambition, quality, range and evident pastoral ethos.’ She also noted that Emanuel School has a history of providing outstanding performing arts opportunities in music, drama, and film.

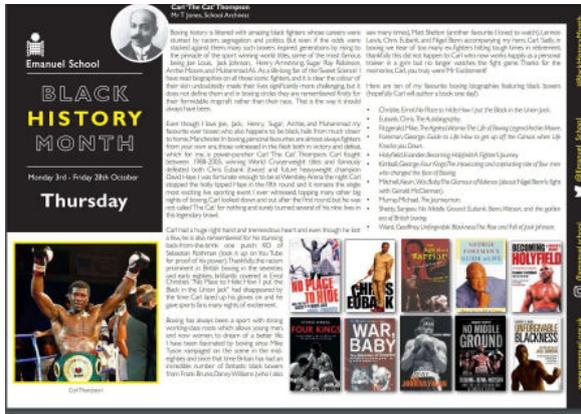


Extended Sixth Form Centre opens

It's fantastic to see Sixth Formers enjoying their newly expanded and renovated space. The recently completed extension of the Sixth Form Centre provides 50% more space for our sixth form population. Our pupils now benefit from a new, modern, spacious learning environment with flexible

social spaces, improved café, assembly space and study areas – an environment more aligned with the next stage of their lives.

The extended space creates a cohesive community of sixth formers who will have the flexibility to work collaboratively and independently, network and socialise as well as regularly access careers advice and information.



Black History Month 2022

The whole school celebrated Black History Month with a host of activities, guest speakers and a daily Black History Month bulletin with contributions from staff, pupils and alumni. Articles covered a diverse range of subjects such as black female representation in NASA, commentaries by notable poets, John Banke: Henry VIII's favoured trumpeter and the achievements of Bessie Coleman, the first African/Native American to earn an

international aviation licence.

[Find out more](#)



Rowing 115 marathons across the Atlantic Ocean

Ana Zigic (OE2006-2013) is taking on an extreme test of endurance by competing in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge. Throughout the gruelling 3000-mile endeavour, Ana's 4-woman team, *There She Rows*, will complete 1.5 million oar strokes, scaling waves up to 40 feet in height. The team aims to inspire the next generation of girls and women through sport. Ana's passion for rowing started at Emanuel, although she admits the sport took its time to grow on her.

Ana spoke to us about her time at Emanuel, her motivation to undertake the challenge and her career.

[Find out more](#)



Rowers raise over £14,000 for free places

On Sunday 11th September, 76 rowers including 8 recent leavers completed an epic sponsored row from Windsor to Emanuel School Boat Club to raise money to support the [bursary programme](#) at Emanuel.

They rowed 54km and navigated 13 locks on the Thames. After a short lunch stop at Kingston Grammar School Boat Club, they raced to catch the tide home.

The rowers gathered sponsorship over the summer with a target of £10,000, which they massively exceeded.

By building a robust bursary fund, we can support more children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend the school. We have seen the difference free places can make to a child, and believe the experience for every pupil is improved by having a diverse school environment, offering new perspectives, and preparing our pupils for life after Emanuel.

[Find out more](#)

Calling all science graduates

On **Thursday 8th December from 5pm to 6pm** Emanuel will be hosting a careers event in the Sixth Form Centre aimed at Sixth Form pupils considering Science degrees. The purpose of the event is to help pupils understand the variety of career paths a Science degree opens to them, both related and unrelated to their degree subject.

We are looking for parents and OEs who are **Science or Social Science graduates** to talk to Sixth Form pupils (informal conversations, no presentations needed!) about their careers.

We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in attending. Please [complete this short form](#) as an expression of interest and the Careers department will be in touch.



The real cost of fashion by OE Ellie Bateman

OE Ellie Bateman is carving out her career in fashion. Ellie has undertaken a series of fashion management courses at Institut Français de la Mode, a buying and merchandising internship at Spoke London, started her own fashion blog on social

media platforms and also writes for *Contemporary Fashion*, a sustainable fashion magazine.

Whilst looking for her next opportunity in retail/fashion, Ellie took time out to write an article for us highlighting the environmental impact of fast fashion and the part we can all play to reduce it.

[Find out more](#)



Knowing World History

The History department recently received the first copies of the new *Knowing World History* textbooks from Harper Collins, co-authored by Emanuel Classics, History and Politics teacher, Laura Aitken-Burt.

Emanuel will be one of the first schools in the country to use a global history curriculum for Key Stage 3 (Year 6-9) based on these textbooks which have clear chronological narratives for a range of cultures such as the Ottoman Empire, Mughal India, Edo Japan, African kingdoms, Indigenous Americans, and Medieval China. This is just the beginning of Laura's exciting journey into print; her second series of world

history books will be published by Dorling Kindersley next year.



Donor Impact Report

We are pleased to share with you the latest edition of our Donor Impact Report. Thank you to all of our donors for your ongoing support; it is having an enormous impact on the achievements and

aspirations of our pupils and on Emanuel as a whole.

This year, thanks to our many supporters, it has been possible for us to:

- Continue to provide more fully funded bursaries than ever before to talented children who might not otherwise have been able to attend Emanuel; and

Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following OEs:

[Rex Cooper](#) (pictured below)

[Peter Lewis](#)

[Michael Markland](#)

[Jeffry Rose](#)

[Suart Fairlamb](#)

[Graham Willison](#) (obituary to follow)

- Invest in the Sixth Form Centre expansion, the first project outlined in our [critical build plan](#).



Find out more



The Emanuel Expo

The Emanuel Expo aims to inspire pupils beyond the school curriculum in their academic subjects. Taking any form - so far we have had a pupil presentation, an OE speaker and a forensics challenge - the sessions may point pupils to cutting edge developments, careers related to their subjects, or explore interesting ideas that go beyond what can be covered in the classroom.

As part of the Expo series, we were delighted to welcome Laurence Dudeney (OE1996-2003), who has had a fantastic career in architecture and now works at Heatherwick Studio, one of the most innovative and exciting design and

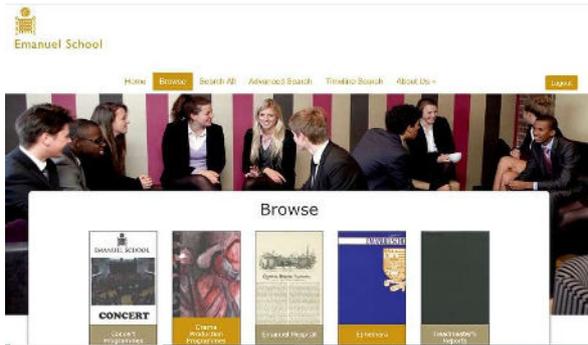
architecture studios in the world. Laurence contributed to the creation of The Vessel, a spiral staircase in Hudson Yards, New York, which is fast becoming a landmark and focal point where people can enjoy new perspectives of the city and one another from different heights.



OE Ed Horne swims the English Channel

At 67 years old, OE Ed Horne, became a Channel swimmer. Completing approximately 42,000 strokes in crossing the English Channel, Ed overcame many challenges including exhaustion, dehydration, cramps, jellyfish stings and rough seas to achieve his goal. Ed wrote the following piece about his journey to becoming a Channel swimmer.

Find out more



Digital Archive

Take a look at the recent additions to the [Digital Archive](#). We are working on a chronological timeline of key facts from the 1870s to the present day. This includes key achievements, notable events, building changes and quirky or anecdotal facts. This is currently 'work in progress' but is available for you to browse.

There is also a new Timeline Search facility which makes searching by date much easier.

Please email oe@emanuel.org.uk if you would like us to send you log-in details for the Digital Archive. If you have any documents or photos at home which could be uploaded to the archive, please also get in touch.



Open House London 2022

We were delighted to be able to participate once again in London's Open House Festival after recent Covid cancellations. Open House celebrates London's outstanding architecture by allowing entry to private homes, government buildings and historic sites that are normally closed to the public. Our Archivist, Tony Jones, led tours of the 150-year-old Saxon Snell building and the school site along with Gary Dibden and Shaun Andrews.

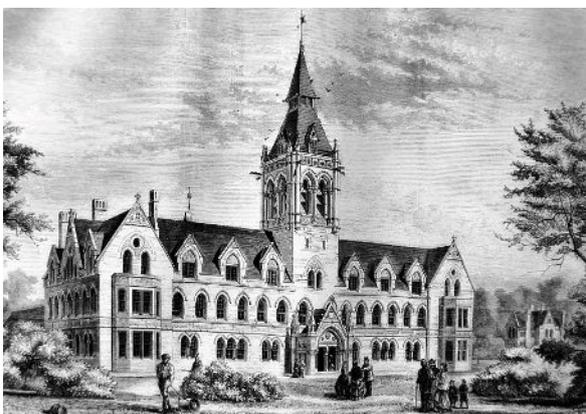
The photo shows OE Abdullah Talukder standing in front of our displays.



From the Archives

This much-treasured photograph was taken on March 17, 1994 when Queen Elizabeth II visited Emanuel to help us celebrate our 400th anniversary.

On her visit, the Queen chatted to pupils, met the CCF guard, enjoyed a tour and viewed the tree her mother planted in 1951.



From the Archives

150 years ago (1872), The Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum for Boys opened its doors for the first time and lasted a decade as an orphanage before closing in December 1882. Emanuel School arrived in January 1883 and the rest, as they say, is history.

Whilst reading *The History of Wandsworth Chronicles* expertly curated by Philip Boys (OE1960-68), our Archivist noticed this previously unseen drawing of the

orphanage, which is distinct from other versions due to the fact that there are figures in this image. Also, the building on the far right of the picture is presumed to be the orphanage hospital (but the angle/perspective is incorrect) and does not appear in other similar pictures.

Old Emanuel Golf Society

We finally made it! We played 18 holes of golf at Lewes Golf Club! When I say played, it would be more accurate to say we battled round the course in winds gusting up to 45 mph (blowing trollies over) with a couple of rain squalls where the rain, on the wind, attacked us horizontally! However, considering the forecast for the day, we did manage to get round, and the general consensus was that we 'got away with it'!

As usual with our days, it was great to meet up again, catch up and enjoy a bacon roll before the round, and a steak and ale pie, chips and veg for our meal in the evening. Our mostly dry, but windy round allowed us to take in the magnificent views, particularly after we finished when the wind had blown the rain away!

Having described the conditions, I am really surprised that the scoring was so good. We only had one team who scored less than 30 stableford points, and when I explain that their

handicaps were 5 and 4, under these conditions they had no strokes to play with, so their 29 points was an achievement in itself!

I am pleased to report that we have a new pair of names on our honours board with Robbie Earl and Andrew Thompson winning the cups with a fantastic 38 points, proving that it is possible to play golf in the wind and rain. Graham and Sue came a creditable 2nd with 36 points. Playing at Trevoze, the wind was no stranger to them, and as Dave Evans, who couldn't make it this year, pointed out, Graham will always be competitive off his handicap!

Martyn Williams had the longest drive (the pro fortunately suggested a downwind hole) and Robbie Earl was the nearest the pin winner (on another downwind hole!).

Our next meeting will be 11th May 2023 when we return to Cuddington Golf Club, where we look forward to seeing everyone again. If you haven't played with the society before – please do come along, and if you have any questions, do get in touch for further details.

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Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

Our next lunch will be at Doggett's Coat and Badge (by Blackfriars Bridge) on Monday 12 December 2022. After a couple of recent lunches there we know we are guaranteed good food, a well-stocked bar and, of course, outstanding company. All OEs of whatever age welcome. To book your place or for more information contact Stuart Cameron-Waller on stuart@cwt2001.com.



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