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Emanuel inside top 10 of all fully co-ed day schools in the UK

Emanuel is delighted to see that the school's outcomes continue to climb, as seen on the recently-published *The Sunday Times Parent Power* table.

Last summer's exam results placed us 54th overall, taking GCSE and A Level together, at the time the data was compiled. After remarks in some subject areas, we have finalised grades of **89.4% 9-7** at GCSE and **93.5 A*-B** at A Level. These now rank us at **52nd for GCSE** and **49th for A Level** for a UK independent school

and inside the top 10 of all fully co-ed day schools.

[Find out more](#)

New all-weather pitch at Raynes Park gets the green light

We are delighted to share that we have received planning permission to add a new all-weather pitch for hockey, netball, tennis, cricket and football and three new cricket practice nets to our off-site sports ground.

The development will provide a great home venue for girls' hockey. We look forward to seeing boys and girls fixtures happening together, just as on the main site.



The ***Giant Strides*** campaign will dramatically improve our facilities while providing access to quality education to young people through our funded places initiative. You can find out more about the campaign and how you can support us on the link below.

[Find out more](#)



One Man, Two Guvnors

To cap off a brilliant year for the Performing Arts at Emanuel School, our extremely talented Middle School students took to the stage just before Christmas to perform *One Man Two Guvnors* in front of packed-out audiences in the Fiennes Theatre. Based on the classic Italian comedy *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni, this new English version by playwright Richard Bean

was brought to life by an effervescent ensemble of Year 9, 10 & 11 students who created memorable and hilarious characters, delighting audience members with their wit and technical prowess.

[Find out more](#)



Jake Grewal exhibition at Thomas Dane Gallery

Thomas Dane Gallery recently presented an exhibition of new paintings and drawings by OE Jake Grewal called *Now I know you I am older*. At Emanuel, Jake was an art scholar who displayed a prodigious talent. Following an art Foundation Course at Kingston University, Jake went on to study Fine Art Painting at Brighton University and then completed the Drawing Year at the Royal Drawing school.

It is hugely exciting that Jake exhibited at Thomas Dane Gallery, one of the foremost galleries for contemporary painting, boasting an incredible line-up of famous artists. We are grateful to Jake for taking the time to talk to Lower Sixth Art A level students about his paintings and practice at the exhibition.



Sporting success

Hal in the Upper Sixth has been selected to represent Harlequins U18s in the Premiership Rugby Academy League, playing a number of matches against premiership academy sides so far this year.

We are also delighted to share that Freya (Year 11) has been selected to represent Ireland U17s in the Euros. Her first competition is on Thursday 23rd February.

[Find out more](#)



Careers and Higher Education Convention

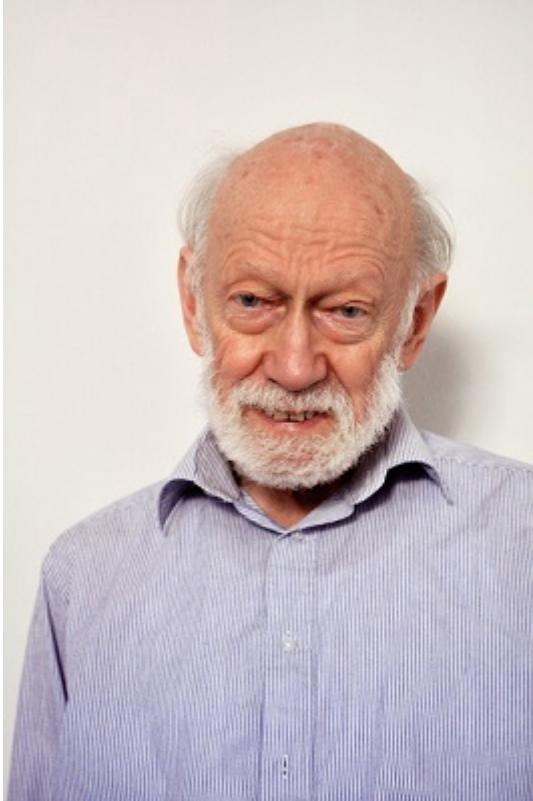
On Saturday 28th January we were delighted to welcome pupils and parents from Year 11 and Lower Sixth, as well as groups of pupils from our community partner schools, to the annual Careers and Higher Education Convention.

Pupils circulated the fair style event speaking to representatives from over 20 universities from across the country and professionals in a broad range of industries including law, accountancy and medicine, dramatic arts, music and product design. There were also informative talks on relevant subjects.

The success of this annual event is reliant on parents, Old Emanuels and friends of the school who generously give their time to support our pupils and our community

partner school pupils. Thank you to everyone involved.

The next evening careers event will focus on careers in law, government and politics. If you are able to offer your advice and expertise at the event, please contact Eloise Maclean, Head of Careers and Employability (eloise.maclean@emanuel.org.uk).



Dr Geoff Butcher: A lifetime devoted to malaria research

For over 40 years, Dr Geoff Butcher (OE1952-59) has devoted his life to combatting malaria. Witnessing the suffering the disease causes while working as a teacher in Lagos inspired Dr Butcher to change his career in order to work on developing a vaccine. He has recently published a book entitled *Memoirs of a Feeble Cabbage* which details his life in malaria research and other adventures. Upper Sixth pupils Venkat and Scarlett asked Dr Butcher some questions about his life and career.

"I worked with several different groups to make the vaccine. In addition, I tested new compounds with potential as antimalarial drugs, determined some of the factors affecting the transmission of malaria by mosquitoes and worked on the conditions for growing malarial parasites in culture, particularly the blood stages."

[Find out more](#)



Holocaust Memorial Day

On 27 January, Holocaust Memorial Day, we remembered the six million Jews murdered in the Second World War and others in subsequent genocides.

After the war there was a massive humanitarian effort to help the abandoned concentration camp survivors, many of

whom were close to death. From an Emanuel School point of view, we also remember the valuable contribution of Dr David Philip Bowler (OE 1935-42) who was one of the first Medical Relief Staff to enter the notorious Bergen-Belsen concentration camp once it had been liberated on 15th April 1945. At the time, many of the public were ignorant of the atrocious conditions in the camps, which David experienced first-hand as a young trainee doctor.

[Find out more](#)



Community Spotlight

The Community Spotlight publication gives a snapshot of our most recent community and outreach activities. You can read the January edition, which includes details of the Year 4 football tournament for partner schools with Fulham FC Foundation and our weekly Ukrainian Coffee and Conversation hub, by clicking on the link below.

[Find out more](#)



Old Emanuel Association support Primary Ambitions

We are thrilled that the OEA has chosen to support Primary Ambitions again this year with a £2000 grant to help address our primary school partners' travel costs.

Many of our 16 partner primary schools come to us on Friday afternoon under their own steam but others cannot participate in the weekly Primary Ambitions programme without help with transport. The issue for many of these schools is that they don't have sufficient staff to bring their children safely to Emanuel School on public transport or on foot. By providing them with access to a minibus, we tackle this issue directly and enable our partner pupils and our Lower Sixth to benefit fully from the programme.



Obituaries

We are very sorry to report the death of the following OEs. In some instances, family members notified us in January of the passing of their relatives the previous year.

We announced the death of OE Michael Markland in the last edition of the OE e-news. His [obituary here](#) is written by OE Claude Scott with the help of Rupert Markland and Tony Jones.

William Bean (OE1950-55)

Frederick Peter Benniman (OE1941-46)

[Roger Douglas Bowers \(OE1955-60\)](#)

[John Clapp \(OE1950-59\)](#)

Stafford Ellerman (OE1944-47)

[Ronald Halford \(1945-51\)](#)

Peter Mott (OE1962-68)

David Peters (OE1953-59)

John Rolfe (OE1963-68)

Andrew Ryder (OE1973-81) - obituary to follow in issue 36

Douglas Stoten (OE1945-53)

[Anthony Wheel \(OE1956-63\)](#) - pictured above

[Find out more](#)

Chaplain matters

Father Stuart Labran left us at Christmas after six years of service as assistant chaplain and latterly as sole chaplain to become Rector of St Mary Newington. Alongside leading thoughtful and reflective services to pupils each day, he provided spiritual and pastoral counsel to staff and pupils, as well as teaching A level Religious Studies.

We were delighted to welcome back Reverend Paul Hunt as interim chaplain in January. Reverend Hunt was chaplain at Emanuel for 12 years from 2005 to 2017. When he left Emanuel, Reverend Hunt returned to parish work in St Leonards on the south coast before retiring in 2022.





British ice skating champion

Congratulations to Darya in Year 9 who skated her way to victory as the British Champion in the under 15 category at the British Ice Skating Championships in Sheffield in December.

Darya's aim is to qualify for the next Winter Olympics. Well done to Darya for her commitment to this incredibly difficult sport. We will keep you updated on her progress.

Do you have a story to share?

If you have an interesting story to share about your life since leaving Emanuel School, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

We feature Old Emanuels in alumni and school publications as well as on our social media sites. We're looking for your stories about interesting and varied careers, entrepreneurship or setting up our own business, achievements and awards, books you have written, experiences of overcoming adversity or other subjects you think the Emanuel community would be interested in.

Please get in touch at oe@emanuel.org.uk to share your stories.



Emanuel News episode 24

Media club pupils from Year 6 and 7 share some of the highlights of the Autumn term including the Independent School of the Year awards, international trips and the Middle School Play.

[Find out more](#)



Wandsworth Heritage Festival 2023

Come and join us for a historical walking tour of Emanuel School and its grounds.

Saturday 27 May, 2023

Start time: 10am (School Archive open from 9.30am)

End time: 12pm (School Archive closes 12.30pm)

Join us for an extensive tour of the buildings, interiors and grounds which whisks you back to the days when Emanuel was a boarding school and orphanage. The school Archive will also be open and there will be a pop-up exhibition of display boards featuring key moments and photographs from Emanuel School history.

Please email tony.jones@emanuel.org.uk to book a place or telephone 020 8870 4171 and ask for Tony Jones if you have any queries. Bookings are not essential but help us to predict numbers and whether we need extra staff. This is a public event and our tours are very popular.

From the Archive (1)

Photograph donations are the lifeblood of the Emanuel School Alumni Facebook page and by extension help strengthen our permanent School Archive for the future. This photo, kindly donated by Neil Cooper (OE1968-73) shows Neil's 5GR Form (for Greek and Russian).

The Class of 1973 have organised a reunion to be held at The Northcote Pub on Wednesday 28 June at 12.30pm with the option of a tour of the school beforehand. For more details or to confirm attendance, please contact Bob Jones on bobjones281@btinternet.com

Neil also kindly provided most of the names of those present:

Back row: Gareth Hill, David O'Connell, Patrick Martin, John Durant and Tom Durant.
Middle row: Ed Horne, Peter Cronin, Graham Pirie, Stephen Mattinson, Bob Jones, Richard Emanuel, and Richard Rowell.
Front row: Neil Cooper, Simon Crowther, Mick Handley, Steve Fluskey, Graham Taylor, David Norrie (?), Hugh Aplin.



From the Archive (2)

This photograph taken at Dulwich College was donated to the school by the late Mike Markland (OE1946-55). Mark annotated the photo "Emanuel beating Dulwich 19-9". The size of the crowd is impressive, which indicates this may be a First Fifteen fixture.

Mike was a Second Fifteen player, so perhaps he watched the match or acquired the photograph sometime later. The team with the ball is most likely Emanuel, as this

closely matches the strip we played in during the 1950s.

Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

The Old Emanuel Luncheon Club looked forward to lunch at Doggett's Coat & Badge on 12 December 2022 with great anticipation. 60 'lunchers' were expected to be there, some of whom would have been making either their first appearance or at least their first appearance in many years. What we did not anticipate was our numbers being decimated by yet another bout of snow and freezing weather which rendered Central London inaccessible to those who had to travel from distant parts. Those who did get there were treated to a scrumptious meal, great company, more anecdotes from Alex Noble's seemingly inexhaustible scrapbook and a

very interesting and informative talk from our guest, Michael Russell (the School Bursar) on Emanuel's 'Giant Strides' initiative.

This was also the occasion when, after three years at the helm, Alex had to hand the gavel over to our new Chair, Yann Maidment. Thank you so much for holding us together during the challenges presented by lockdown, Alex. Yann, we wish you all the best in your year. As the expression goes, follow that!

The next opportunity to get together will be on Monday 13 March (12.15 for 1.30) at Doggett's Coat & Badge. For more information, please contact Stuart Cameron-Waller on stuart@cwt2001.com.



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