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Emanuel School

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Join our Founder's Circle

Taking inspiration from the school's origins in 1594, the new Founder's Circle recognises the generosity of donors who

make an annual gift of £1,594 or more to support **Giant Strides** (or whose regular monthly gift exceeds £1,594 per year).

The Founder's Circle will provide a meaningful way for all members of our community to support the school's greatest needs.

Members of the Founder's Circle will be named on our website and in our Donor Impact Report and will be invited to selected events.

Please click below for further information on joining the Founder's Circle or email oe@emanuel.org.uk



[Find out more](#)



1st XI v MCC annual cricket match

Please join us for an afternoon of cricket at Emanuel.

We are delighted to host the annual Emanuel 1st XI fixture against the prestigious Marylebone Cricket Club on

Wednesday 10 May.

The MCC match runs from 11am onwards. **OEs are invited to watch from 2pm.** There will be the opportunity to meet me, the cricket teams and sports staff and to enjoy refreshments.

Please register below for seating and catering purposes. Spaces are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment. Please email oe@emanuel.org.uk if you have any questions.

I look forward to meeting you.

Wayne White
Director of Cricket

[Book your place](#)



Time: 2pm - 4pm

Save the date: Dacre Day 2023

Save the date for Dacre Day, our annual school celebration. We would be delighted to welcome you back to Emanuel.

Date: Saturday 1 July, 2023

Further details will follow in the next OE e-news but please make a note in your diary for now.



Wandsworth Heritage Festival - historical walking tour

We are once again participating in the Wandsworth Heritage Festival. There is an impressive arrange of talks, walks and many other activities across the borough between 20 May and 11 June. We will be running one of our popular historical tours of the school site and it is always fantastic to have some OEs amongst the visitors.

Saturday 27th May

10am prompt (Archive open from 9.30am)

Tour lasts around 90 minutes

This is an extensive tour of the buildings and grounds which whisks you back to the days when Emanuel was a boarding school and orphanage. The new Sixth Form building will also be open to view.

In addition, the recently redesigned permanent school Archive will be open and there will be a pop-up exhibition featuring key moments from Emanuel School's history.

Booking is not essential, but we would appreciate you letting us know in advance if you are coming - oe@emanuel.org.uk

The tours will be led by Tony Jones (School Archivist) and/or Shaun Andrews (Senior Tutor, History department).

Join our new Facebook group

Thank you to so many OEs for your active participation on our Facebook page over the last decade; we really appreciate your input in helping the Old Emanuel social media community to flourish.

To allow us to maintain a secure and exclusive space to keep in touch and share your memories, experiences and thoughts, we are moving to a [new private group](#) where new content will be added daily as before.

Please note that the existing Facebook page will be inactive from **2 May 2023**.

Our daily posts can be found on the new page only now. We look forward to seeing all our regular contributors and followers plus a host of new ones at our new home.

If you have any questions, please email oe@emanuel.org.uk

[Join the new Facebook group](#)

Once, the Senior musical

Over 40 students from Year 10-13 were involved either on or offstage in the Hampden Hall as performers dazzled audiences with their sensitive, detailed and heartfelt performances in this year's senior musical, *Once* before Easter.



Student actors, technicians, musicians, and film crew blew audiences away with their commitment and maturity, creating performances that wouldn't be out of place on any professional stage in the country for nuance, enthusiasm and dedication to challenging subject matter and narratives.

[Find out more](#)



Professor Denis Noble delivers Goddard Lecture

We were honoured to welcome Professor Denis Noble to Emanuel at the end of last term to deliver a Goddard Lecture.

During the visit, we were able to congratulate Professor Noble on his recent achievement in winning the highly prestigious Lomonosov Prize from the Russian Academy of Sciences for his modelling on how the heart contracts. Professor Noble gave Sixth Form students an interesting and informative talk detailing his journey from Emanuel through UCL to Balliol and his subsequent distinguished career. Pupils then had the opportunity for a Q&A session in which they were able to

gain greater insights. We will bring you more about the visit from the students themselves in the next edition of the OE e-news.



Dr Rory Summerley: Game design and development

Dr Rory Summerley (OE2001-2008) is Course Director of Game Design and Development at London South Bank University. He is also a peer reviewer for *Games and Culture* journal and has written and lectured on a diverse range of games-related topics. Here, Rory answers our questions about the benefits and impact of

gaming, the ongoing appeal of *Fortnite* and setting boundaries around gaming as well as offering advice to budding game designers.

[Find out more](#)



Alan Swards: 80 years since joining Emanuel School

Alan Swards (OE1943-50) joined Emanuel 80 years ago. He is a member of a group of OEs who have kept in touch since schooldays and until quite recently met up every year. Now a great grandfather, Alan lives in the south of France with his wife, Beryl. Alan recently shared his memories of Emanuel with us as well as the successful career that followed.

[Find out more](#)



Raha Samiepour: Handmade Persian rugs

Former Head Girl, Raha Samiepour, has recently set up a new business selling handmade Persian rugs. We caught up with Raha to find out about her time at Emanuel and her new venture.

"We sell handmade Persian rugs - which are high quality and reasonably priced. We are a very new company and our inspiration is our father. He has been in the industry for over 40 years but is very close to retirement

so we wanted to carry on the family legacy but with our own business name and brand."

[Find out more](#)



The Athena Society and International Women's Day

To mark International Women's Day, members of the hugely popular Athena Society sold t-shirts in support of Action Aid UK.

The group, founded in 2021, discusses important and often overlooked stories about gender equality across art, classics, history, politics, philosophy and culture. Each term the group reviews articles, books, films and news stories to uncover and understand the hidden stories and struggles of women through time.

[Find out more](#)

Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following OEs:

David E Alexander (OE1945–50)

Paul Chapple (OE1962-67)

Tony (William Thomas Anthony) Farmer (OE1950-55)

David Alan Graham Dibley (OE1949-53)

An extraordinary number of family, friends and ex-colleagues attended David's funeral at St Lawrence Church, Chicheley, Buckinghamshire on 14th April 2023 where he was laid to rest beside his beloved late wife, Pamela.

David is survived by 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Brian Murphy (OE1962-69)

Geoff Thorne (OE1958-65)

Peter Whiting (OE1951 to 1958)

[R G Willison \(teacher 1960-1966\)](#)



Antique expert, Ishy Khan

If you are a fan of the BBC's long running TV show *The Antiques Road Trip*, keep an eye out for Ishy Khan (OE2002-2009), who has joined the latest series (series 26 episodes 16-20) as an antique expert. Ishy (Ismael) is the owner of Ishy Antiques which specialises in fine antique and vintage jewellery in Hatton Garden, London.

[Find out more](#)



New Sixth Form centre

Pupils have been enjoying the light and modern space the new Sixth Form Centre provides. We asked Julia Johnson, Head of Sixth Form, for her thoughts on the building:

“The new Sixth Form centre is a brilliant example of the impact a thoughtfully designed building can have on pupils at

Emanuel. The light and airy modern space perfectly suits the forward-thinking, aspirational approach of our pupils, whilst the carefully planned interiors enable a vibrant range of activities, from collaborative study to meetings of pupil-led societies as well as the open, friendly interactions between pupils and staff which make Emanuel the warm community I am so proud to be a part of.”

Julia Johnson, Head of Sixth Form



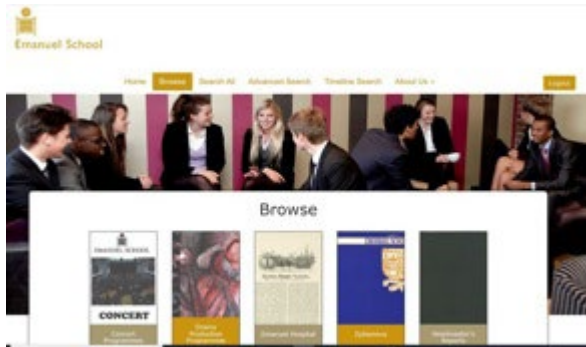
OE has sights set on the Olympics

Georgia Miansarow (OE2006-2008) has been selected as the Australian Lightweight Single Sculler reserve for the Light Weight Double. The double will compete at the World Championships in Serbia this September with the aim of qualifying for the

2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

After a successful domestic season racing the lightweight single and becoming the 2023 National Champion in Australia, Georgia is hoping to take her success onto the international stage once again. You can find out more and help Georgia fund her season [here](#).

Georgia 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. Her rowing success continued at university in 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.



Digital Archive

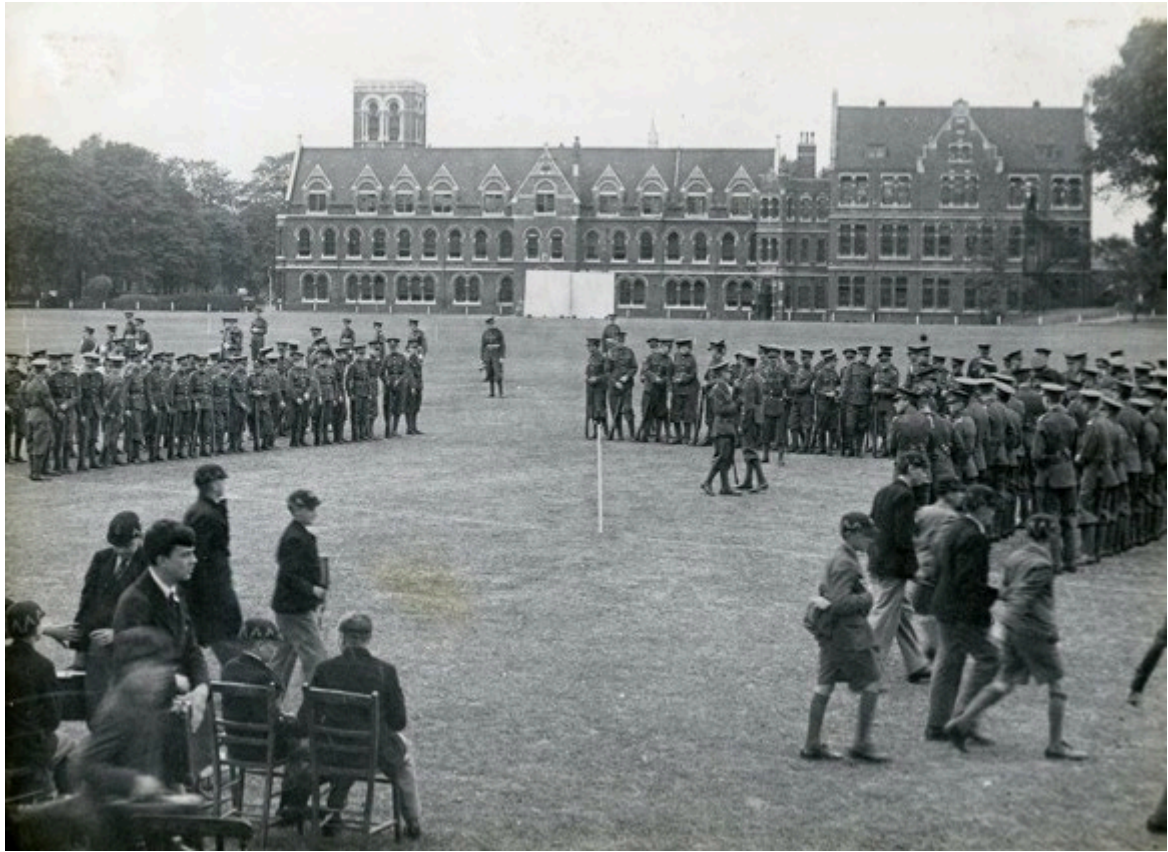
We are delighted so many OEs have been using our Digital Archive. If you are looking for memory joggers, are on the hunt for old photographs, want to track down an old Prize/Speech Day programme or *Portcullis* article or have any questions, this is definitely the first place to check.

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.

[Find out more](#)

From the Archives

These photos are from the fantastic personal archive of Michael Jeffery (OE1932-38) and were kindly donated to us after he passed away. Michael photographed all aspects of school life including rowing, rugby, CCF, drama, music and parent functions.



Old Emanuel Golf Society

We are holding our Spring Meeting on Thursday 11th May at Cuddington Golf Club (near Banstead).

No matter what your standard of golf, you would be most welcome to join us for a round of golf, with catering before and after the round.

If you are interested or you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Simon Muskett

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Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

The next meeting of the OEA Luncheon Club will take place on Monday 12 June 2023 at Doggett's Coat and Badge, 1 Blackfriars Bridge, London SE1 9UD.

We will have exclusive use of the Thomas Doggett's Bar which is on the 2nd floor and gives excellent views over the Thames.

New members are always welcome to join us. Please contact me for more information on the email address below.

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