



The Rose & Portcullis

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New science and dining building

In 2018, Tim Ronalds Architects presented a [critical build plan](#) to guide the school's development over the following 10 years, providing solutions to space challenges as well as the buildings required to meet the needs of today and the demands of the future.

The first phase of the 'critical build plan' was the [extension to the Sixth Form](#), enabling expert support to be provided to Sixth Formers located in one space and in an environment more aligned with the next stage in their lives.

The next stage is the [new science and dining building](#) - a fully accessible 4-storey building which will feature a large light-filled refectory on the ground floor, doubling as an entertainment/event and assembly space, and specialist science laboratories, subject and computing rooms on the three floors above.

The vacated spaces in the main building will be repurposed to provide additional dedicated teaching space for all departments. Subject areas will be located together in hubs for convenience and collaborative work. The movement of design into the ground floor of the Dacre building this summer will create an arts hub at the rear of the school.

Our aim is that the new building complements existing buildings on site, sustaining Emanuel's heritage while providing a modern and welcoming environment for dining and study.

[Find out more](#)



Boat naming ceremony

The school honoured the achievements of OEs Lauren McAuliffe (OE2016-2021) and Maddy Kitchen (OE2015-2022) by naming our two newest pairs after them at the boat house during the annual Christmas pudding races with over 120 people present.

Lauren made Emanuel School history when she became the first female rower to represent her country, winning double gold medals for England at the 2019 Home International Regatta when she was in year 11. Maddie won gold for England in the same competition in 2022.

Careers and Higher Education Convention

Thank you to our OEs who helped at the recent Careers and Higher Education Convention. Pupils and parents from Year 11 and Sixth Form were joined by pupils from our community partner schools for the informative and well-attended event. OE and parent professionals represented careers in a broad range of industries including law, finance and medicine, as well as careers in film and TV, music and advertising.



[Find out more](#)

Goddard Lecture

During an inspiring Goddard Lecture, Sixth Form pupils, along with pupils from our partner schools, had the privilege of engaging with Alan Dangour, the Director of Climate and Health at the Wellcome Trust. Alan's talk revolved around the remarkable progress humanity has made in terms of reducing poverty and increasing life expectancy. However, he starkly contrasted these achievements with the alarming toll they have taken on our planet in terms of biodiversity loss, soaring water consumption, and global temperature increases.



[Find out more](#)



Historical walking tour of Emanuel School and grounds

Saturday 25th May

Please meet in the library.

9.30am: Archive opens (library)

10am: Walk starts (and lasts about 2 hours)

The archive will be open to view until 1pm.

As part of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival, the Emanuel School Archivist will take you on a 90-minute tour of the buildings, interiors and grounds from the time when Emanuel was a boarding school and orphanage to the present day. OEs are warmly welcomed and encouraged to add their own recollections and questions.

No booking is required. Please bring along any photos you are happy to add to the archive collection and we will scan and return them to you. Please contact our Senior Archivist, [Tony Jones](#), if you have any questions.



Emanuel ski team success

The Emanuel ski team, composed of twenty-three elite skiers from year 8 to year 13, enjoyed a fantastic week of racing in Sestriere at the Independent Schools Ski Championship. The school's medal haul included six individual and three team podium finishes – easily eclipsing the school record of five pieces of silverware set last year.

Find out more



Redesigned alumni website

The alumni section of the website has been updated and given a fresh look. If you have any news or stories you would like to share or an interesting idea for an article, please email us at oe@emanuel.org.uk. We'd be very happy to hear from you.

Please also [email us](#) for log-in details to the digital archive, an online treasure trove of all things Emanuel.

[Find out more](#)



Max Browne (OE1964-69) and Emanuel School

Max Browne's early career was in rock stills which for many years appeared in the popular music press such as *NME* and *Melody Maker*, before he moved into documentary filming. As a specialist art historian, Max has written books and articles on artists from William Blake to the Pre-Raphaelites and beyond.

Here, Max tells us about his time at Emanuel and career beyond.

(With apologies to Max for the incorrect entry in issue 39).

[Find out more](#)

Obituaries

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

Frederick Peter Benniman (OE1941-46)

Ron Coppock (OE1950-55) - obituary to follow

[Mary Davies](#) (Staff 1954-95) - pictured right
Connor McDermott (OE1960-67, Staff1974-85) - obituary to follow

[John Ronald Miell](#) (OE1941-45)

Richard Raine (OE1940-47) - obituary to follow

Paul Richmond (OE1954-62) - obituary to follow

[Andrew Ryder](#) (OE1973-81)

Derek Saunders (OE1948-56) - obituary to follow. Please email oe@emanuel.org.uk if you would like to be informed of funeral details.

Adrian C. K. Smith (OE1966-73) - obituary to follow





From the Archive: the Portcullis symbol

The Portcullis symbol started to appear around Emanuel School in the 1890s and over the next decade became firmly established as the school's emblem. The Emanuel School Magazine, first published in 1893, was rebranded The Portcullis for the fortieth issue in 1906 and has been known by this name ever since.

The Portcullis symbol appears on a multitude of badges, ties, sports kit, blazers and caps and can be seen around the school on walls, floors, carpets, and places of prominence. When Emanuel left Westminster in 1883, we were allowed by the City of London to take the symbol with us as representation of our ancient connection with the City Councils, dating back to 1594 (in the early centuries, the local city government had played a significant role in managing Emanuel Hospital). Over the decades, there have been several versions of the Portcullis brand and it is often used in conjunction with the Dacre family shield. We still receive the occasional letter or email from older alumni who sign off with "Under the Rose and Portcullis."

Old Emanuel Golf Society

How about a thoroughly enjoyable day of golf combined with meeting up with friends for catch ups, reminiscences and a moderately competitive day's sport?

If you are a golfer, please consider joining other members of the Old Emanuel Golf Society on May 9th at Cuddington Golf Club (near Banstead) for 18 holes of golf and a dinner in the evening.

The Society holds two meetings a year, the Spring Meeting at Cuddington, and an Autumn Meeting, which this year will be at Kingswood Golf Club (date yet to be confirmed).

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Simon Muskett (slmuskett@yahoo.com)

Old Emanuel Luncheon Club

The next OE Luncheon Club will be at Doggett's Coat and Badge, Blackfriars on 11 March. There is still just time to book your place. If you would like to come along please contact Stuart Cameron-Waller now on stuart@cwt2001.com .



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