Welcome to the OWA

2023 Leavers

Our 2023 leavers celebrated their time at Warwick School with a range of events, culminating in a formal graduation ceremony in Warwick Hall on 23 June, where they were presented with their OW tie and welcomed into the Old Warwickian Association by Adrian Keeling KC (WS 1975-85). We wish them well as they embark on the next stage in their lives and encourage them to stay in touch.

Aamron Sahota, Harry Bailey, James Clifton, Jacob Miller and Olly Hood

Barney Holton, Cam Collie, Dan White

Henry Hedgecox and Oli Knights

Tom Robson, Tom Bosworth, Killian Ashe, George Topping

Nathan Tsegaye, Anthony Kupshik

Ben Stockhill, Freddie Turner, Tom Bosworth, Johnny Barker and Ashley Frift

Maddox Rigby, Freddie Roberts, Harvey Flint, Dan White and Oscar Maitby

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Jacob Cherry and Arunjee Bassi

James Rose, Darius Atkinson, Alex Dean

Head Master James Barker and Adrian Keeling KC

Father and son Philip (WS 1972-79) and Ben Holding

Rhys Thomas, Freddie Roberts, Maddox Rigby and Harvey Flint

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Celebrating A Level results

This year’s A Level results stand our pupils in excellent stead to continue to their choice of higher education and career opportunities. At Warwick School our purpose is to inspire and nurture every pupil to thrive in the world, both now and in the future, and thus enable our pupils to live successful, fulfilling, happy lives. We are extremely proud of the courage and perseverance our 2023 leavers have shown and the results they achieved this summer.

Head Master, James Barker, commented, “Huge congratulations are in order for all our Upper Sixth pupils. The last few years have been extremely challenging for them – academically, socially, and emotionally. Even though this was their first set of public examinations, having had their GCSE year severely disrupted by Covid-19, nearly 90% have secured a place on a university course of their choosing, with 92 earning places at Russell Group or other highly selective institutions (including Loughborough and Bath), and all 9 Oxbridge offer holders successful in securing their place.”

Warwick Schools Foundation Principal, Mr Richard Nicholson added, “I am immensely proud of the achievements of all our Foundation pupils. Having missed out on sitting their GCSEs in the usual way, this cohort has shown determination and resilience and can now reflect on their exceptional achievements. They have an impressive launching pad for their future endeavours, and to make the most of all the opportunities beyond our schools. However, they could not have done this without expert staff and the support of their families. It is truly a whole community celebration.”
Forthcoming Events

Welcome to the Michaelmas Old Warwickian. This edition look backs on a full summer calendar of OW, Warwick School and Foundation events. We also look forward to a range of events to which OWs are warmly invited.

1960s Birmingham Bash
Thurs 26 Oct 2023 – San Carlo, Birmingham
Clive Boast (WS 1956-63) invites OWs from the 1960s to join their contemporaries at the annual Birmingham Bash – drinks in the Old Joint Stock at 12:00 followed by lunch at San Carlo at 13:00.
For further details please email Clive on cliveboast@gmail.com. Booking deadline 20 October.

OW Cross Country
Sat 16 Sept 2023 – Wimbledon Common
OW runners are invited to join an OW team for the annual inter-schools Alumni Cross-country Race over Wimbledon Common on Saturday 16 September. The five-mile Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race starts at 15.00 and we would love to have an OW team. Team size is unlimited and participation is more important than positioning (although we can always make room in the school trophy cabinet). There are various age categories to suit all.
For details and to register, please visit https://data.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2023/GBR/thhar23/. There is a £10 per person entry fee which includes a donation to the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. Please also advise Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org if you are registering.

OWA President’s Dinner
Sat 13 April 2024 – Exciting venue to be announced at the AGM!

Sat 8 June 2024 (14:00-17:30) – Warwick School

Festival 2024 – Home
Join us throughout June 2024 for a programme of special events and performances prior to a special day for OWs, the Foundation Community and their families and friends on Saturday 6 July, featuring a full programme of activities, shows, exhibitions and even some cricket. Come Home to Warwick.

The Heaton Podcast
Enjoy listening to a discussion of History and Politics from teachers at Warwick School. Olly O’Brien and John Jefferies generally produce a podcast once a fortnight during term time. Fifty previous podcasts to which you can still listen include:

- Barry Goldwater: The Origins of Trump
- Britain’s Future with Sunder Katwala
- History of the Six Nations
- Lawrence of Arabia
- Devil-Land – Tudor and Stuart England
- Cameron and Brexit, the inside story
- In conversation with Michael Heseltine

https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com/
2023 OWA Annual Dinner

Sat 2 Dec 2023, 18:30
~ The Pyne Room, Warwick School

All OWs are warmly invited to this year’s OWA Annual Dinner in the Pyne Room on Saturday 2 December at 18:30. Enjoy an evening with fellow Old Warwickians and members of staff past and present. Bookings can be made individually, for small groups or tables of 8-10. Pre-dinner drinks will be served at 18:30, followed by a four-course dinner with coffee. Card bar facilities for beers, wine and spirits are available. The OWA AGM will take place before the dinner at 18:00 in the Conference Room (all welcome).

Dress: Black tie.

Tickets: £45.00 include pre-dinner drinks, a four-course dinner (including cheese and port) plus coffee.

Book now at www.oldwarwickians.org/2023AnnualDinner

2023 OWA AGM

Sat 2 Dec 2022, 18:00
~ The Conference Room, Warwick School

All welcome.

OWA Committee 2024 nominations

According to The Rules of the Association: “The committee shall be empowered to nominate members of the committee, a president elect and an accounts’ examiner for the following year, and its recommendations shall be put before members of the Association twenty-eight days prior to the actual meeting. Other nominations correctly proposed and seconded by members shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the AGM. Any member proposed must have indicated their willingness to serve on the committee. The president elect will, subject to other nominations, be confirmed as president at the subsequent AGM”.

The AGM Agenda and committee nominations will be posted on www.oldwarwickians.org by Friday 3 November. Any other nominations for President-Elect 2024 (to serve as President 2025) and committee members 2024 should be sent to Anne Douglas, Hon Sec OWA, c/o Warwick School (a.douglas@warwickschool.org) no later than Friday 17 November.

Encounters – Michaelmas 2023

We look forward to a series of diverse, exciting and thought-provoking talks from a range of inspiring speakers. Talks are generally from 16:15-17:30 in the Science Lecture Theatre at School, are unticketed and open to all of our Foundation community.

Please see www.warwickschool.org/encounters nearer the time to check details.

- An Encounter with Charles Dickens: Professor Juliet John – Friday 15 September
- An Encounter with Catherine Howard: Gareth Russell – Friday 22 September
- An Encounter with Hadrian’s Wall: Dr Matthew Symonds – Friday 29 September
- An Encounter with Anarchism: Dr Dan McKee – Friday 6 October
- An Encounter with the Universe: Professor Stephen Smartt – Friday 17 November
- An Encounter with Hope: Father Timothy Radcliffe – Friday 24 November
- An Encounter with Albert Einstein and his Universe: Professor Brian Foster – Friday 1 December
- An Encounter with the Social Media Cesspit: Oliver Dugmore OW – Friday 8 December.

Music and Drama

OWs are especially welcome back to Warwick School to enjoy some great musical performances from our amazing musicians. The Michaelmas 2023 term includes:

- Thurs 12 Oct, 19:30, Warwick Hall
  Orchestra of the Swan: Neoclassic Guitarist Xuefei Yang, Conductor Michael Collins
  www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk
- Thurs 23 Nov, 19:00, Warwick Hall
  Band Stand Showcase
  Details announced on www.warwickschool.org
- Mon 27 Nov, 19:00, Warwick Hall
  Foundation Symphony Orchestra Concert
  Details announced on www.warwickschool.org

Fri 8 Dec, 19:00, Warwick Hall
Christmas Cracker,
Details announced on www.warwickschool.org

Rehearsals are underway for some great productions, including:

15-18 November
The Great Gatsby
The WS and KHS Senior production
See www.warwickschool.org for further details.

8-28 December
Nativity!
The Bridge House Theatre Company
www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk

Warwick School Chapel and Foundation Services – Michaelmas 2023

Fri 29 Sept, 14:00 – Foundation Service of Thanksgiving, St Mary’s
Mon 9 Oct, 17:00 – Harvest, Warwick School Chapel
Sun 12 Nov, 17:00 – Remembrance, Warwick School Chapel
Mon 4 Dec, 17:00 – Advent, Warwick School Chapel
Tues 12 Dec, 19:00 – Upper School Warwick School Carol Service, St Mary’s
Fri 15 Dec 9:15 – Lower School Warwick School Carol Service, St Mary’s
On 10 June, over 200 OWs and a number of staff who taught them returned for Anniversary Reunions to mark fifty, forty, thirty, twenty and ten years since leaving. The reunions were simple and relaxed, with drinks, a welcome from the Head Master and tours of the school with prefects. For many, it was the first time back since leaving school.

It was a privilege to spend time with you all, seeing again the boys we were in the faces of the men we’ve become.

Lives once on the brink of adulthood are now at the stage of ‘So what did you do?’

Truly wonderful to see our teachers again!
1973 Leavers
10 June 2023

Many thanks to the Prefects who showed us around and were kind enough to pretend repeated impressions of Jack Swindlehurst were amusing.
1983 Leavers

10 June 2023

The memories were vivid – although sometimes disputed!


Front: Richard Pass, Rob Critchley, Richard Green, Alistair Dunnett, Russell Cooke, Mike Clemons, Hugh Emsden, Giles Hill, Head Master, Pete Clarke, Chris Beeeny, Simon Phipps, Tony Warwick, Lars Smith, Nigel Robinson, John Lee, John Needham, Andy Rowe

Jan Northorpe, Russell Cooke, Richard Nunn, Justin Forsyth, Richard Pass, Jim McLaren

Gervald Frykman and Jonathan Pollard

Pete Webb and Nigel Croot

Al Dunnett, Richard Green, Tony Warwick, Richard Bond, Andy Rowe

Lars Smith, Nigel Robinson and Matt Porter

Pete Clarke, Al Dunnett, Giles Hill, Simon Hain, Chris Beeeny

Peter Marshall, Justin Forsyth and Simon Hain

Warwick Clews and Martin Green

Nathan Haynes and Andrew Fitchford
1993 Leavers
10 June 2023

Every conversation was lovely, every moment to be treasured.

Well, what a truly wonderful day that was. Full of warmth and honesty, surprises and laughter. So much laughter! Such a delightful spirit of curiosity, kindness and affection stretching back over so many years.

Breaking the ice to swim in the outdoor pool was a memory that many of us once 7-year-old new boys reminisced about on our tour when looking down on the Olympic size indoor heated swimming pool!
2003 Leavers
10 June 2023

Enjoyed the Pimms – nice touch!

OW Book Group members Nick Grey and Jon Northorpe meet in person for the first time

David Renton, Tom Hamnett and Bhupinder Deu

Guy McNeil and Stephen Donnachie

2013 Leavers

10 June 2023

This event re-opened communications that had stalled for many years – and already there are plans for further, impromptu meetings, significantly sooner than the next reunion in another decade!
1940s-60s Lunch

1940s, 50s and 60s Lunch and 1963 Leavers Anniversary Reunion

25 March 2023

OWs at school in the 1940s-60s were warmly welcomed back to Warwick School to enjoy a film show from the Warwick School archives, followed by lunch, on Saturday 25 March. For some, it was their first return since leaving school. The occasion also provided the perfect opportunity for a number of 1963 leavers to mark 60 years since leaving.
1963 Leavers in Lower IVA with Ralph Thornton (with thanks to Graham Rogers who was sadly unable to make the reunion)


Back: Clive Boast, David Spicer-Freeman, Bob Charlett, Nigel Harris, Michael Rickard, Don Hanson and Godfrey Shiner. Middle: David Robinson, Norman Hyde, Gervald Frykman, Nigel Robinson, John Hill, Mike Galbraith, David Summers, John Davies MBE, Clive Barron, Cliff Bellerby, Stephen Lamley, Ronald Beech, Peter Gedge, Dave Phillips MBE, John Darnell, Peter Baird, Alan Bennett, John Hunt, Mike Banning-Lover. Front: Roy Saxton, Roger Tripp, Rodrick Clark, George Revill, Martin Thornell, Mike Spurgeon, Richard Gelling, Neil Thurley, Philip Harris, Victor McDonald, John Wilson, Ian Thorpe, David Fisher

Nigel Harris and John Darnell

Ronald Beech and Michael Rickard

Roy Saxton, Judith and Richard Gelling

Roy Saxton and David Robinson
OWA President 2023 Jim Button (WS 1978-85) hosted a tremendous dinner for over 90 OWs and their wives, partners and friends at Leamington Tennis Court Club on Saturday 13 May. Tucked away in the heart of the town, Leamington Tennis Court Club is the oldest tennis club in the world.

During the champagne drinks reception Norman Hyde (WS 1956-63) gave a brief insight into the history of the club which has a thriving membership of over 400 from across the world, including a number of OWs who relish playing this high-strategy indoor racket sport which is essentially unchanged since the Middle Ages.

An excellent dinner was served on court. The first OWA Loyal Toast to HM King Charles III was given by Jonathan Meredith (WS 1953-64). The Head Master gave an update on the school and toasted the Old Warwickian Association and the President concluded the formal part of the evening with a toast to Warwick School and thanks to family, friends and fellow OWs. It was wonderful to see many different generations of OWs (including many Buttons!) enjoying friendship and camaraderie in an extraordinary and historic setting.
Wessex Old Warwickians (WOW)

Wessex Old Warwickians enjoyed another get together – this time in Salisbury – on Friday 17 March. Pre-lunch drinks were enjoyed in the bar of Sarum College – designed by Sir Christopher Wren – a traditional Christian training college in The Cathedral Close. Lunch was enjoyed in the College Refectory and special thanks were extended to Sam Samwell and Mike Huntley who organised the gathering. After lunch, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the 800-year-old masterpiece of Salisbury Cathedral.

OWs in Dubai

Warwick Schools Foundation Principal Richard Nicholson was delighted to meet up with some of a strong number of OWs and OGs who are working and living in Dubai. Huge thanks to Alex Stock (WS 2001-10) and Peppy Dosanjh (WS 1992-99) who kindly organised the event.

If you are in Dubai and would like to join the WhatsApp group to enjoy good company and occasional meet-ups please contact, initially, Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org

Overseas help needed

Max Wombwell-Povey, Peppy Dosanjh, Jordan Ainslie, Richard Nicholson, Jeeves Sunner, Brodie Kane, Mark Jackson, Louis-Florent Daspré, Alex Stock, Oscar Allitt

OWs in Hong Kong

Head Master James Barker (WS 1991-97) and Head of Boarding David Bull (WS 1981-86) are looking forward to meeting for drinks and dinner with OWs in Hong Kong on Sunday 24 September.

For details and to book www.oldwarwickians.org/2023HK

Overseas help needed

If you are living overseas and would like to help organise an occasional gathering of OWs, please get in touch with Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org
OW News

OW plays at Glastonbury

It was great to see Tom O’Grady (WS 1990-2001) playing keyboards for Candi Staton at Glastonbury.

Magdalene College Ball

OWs David Yates, Will Feasey, Abhi Manu Gowda (WJS), Alex Harrold and Rohan Gogna were pleased to meet up at the Magdalene College (Cambridge) May Ball.

Thanks Fin

Director of Rugby Tom Pierce welcomed back Northampton Saints Fly-Half Fin Smith (WS 2013-20) as guest of honour at the school’s rugby presentation evening.

OW Coffee Mornings

‘Portcullis Coffee Mornings’, now at the Fourpenny Shop in Warwick, are proving a great opportunity for OWs to meet informally over a pint or cuppa. The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 2 September at 11:00.

Double century for Rob Yates

Rob Yates (WS 2011-18) hit a double century to put Warwickshire in a commanding position after day two of their County Championship Division One game with Kent at Canterbury. Rob batted for nearly nine hours to hit his highest first-class score of 228 not out. He also took two wickets to register his best first-class bowling achievement to date (2-45).

OW news in Barbados

Former OW Cricket Captain Tony Crockert (WS 1962-73) enjoyed the previous edition of The Old Warwickian while at the Kensington Oval in Barbados. Tony is pictured in front of the Sir Garfield Sobers statue.

Green beret

Congratulations to 2Lt Jack Hazel (WS 2010-17) who was awarded his Royal Marines Commando green beret. Jack will take his place with 3 Commando Brigade in December.


Rob Yates’s maiden century ©Tony Marsh

Tom Pierce and Fin Smith

Jack Hazel

David, Will, Abhi, Alex and Rohan

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Welcome back

It is always lovely to welcome OWs back to Warwick School on individual visits. Julian (Tony) Hacking (WS 1958-61) visited from New Zealand and particularly enjoyed seeing chapel, where he was christened and then confirmed. Robert McCuaig (WS 1949-55) visited from Australia. Other visitors included Robin Zhai (WS 2015-20), Simon Thompson (WS 2005-16) and Timmy Wong (WS 2005-10). Timmy was delighted to see former Head of Boarding Mike Perry.

If you would like to revisit school please let us know in advance so we can make sure someone is available to show you round. Email a.douglas@warwickschool.org

Four Thousand Days


Unexpected meet-up

Year 13 student Thuwaraggan, volunteering with charity Kissing It Better, discovered Mike Beeston was a fellow OW on a recent visit. Mike was at Warwick School 1943-48.

Anyone for cricket?

Chris McNee (MFL, WS staff 1992-2017) bumped into former colleague Richard Hopkins (Geography, WS staff 1997-99) at Trent Bridge in June.

University Challenge

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Did you see?

Norman Hyde (WS 1956-63) was included in The Times Daily Quiz on 5 July. “Unveiled by Norman Hyde in 1987, what type of motor vehicle is the Hyde Harrier?”

JOE.co.uk’s Head of News and Politics Oli Dugmore (WS 2002-12) joined the panel of the BBC Politics show in March.
Meet-ups

Matt Shakesheff (WS 1983-90), Jim Miles (WS 1980-91), Jason Marveley (WS 1986-90) and Dan Sparks (WS 1984-91) enjoyed meeting up at Twickenham for finals day in May.

Happy Birthday Miss Tingle

Nigel Robinson (WS 1955-66) kindly visited Margaret Keighley on her 102nd birthday. Nigel presented her with a card with good wishes from many of her former pupils. Miss Tingle, as she was known to many, taught in the Junior School from 1947 to ’62. Please add my congratulations to Margaret Keighley. As Miss Tingle, she was my form mistress in Lower 2 in 1958. I wasn’t much good at raffia lamp shades, but she instilled in me the confidence to read and recite aloud in class. I’ve no doubt that this was excellent preparation for my 30 years at the BBC.

Nigel Kay (WS 1957-68)

Margaret, as I have told you before, I never really overcame the emotional turmoil I faced when, in my Lower II report, you described my Trug Basket as only “fairly good”. It was a work of genius and would have been short-listed for the Turner Prize if entered for it. However, the time has arrived to ‘forgive and forget’ and this is as good an opportunity as any! All my very best wishes on your birthday.

Sir David Foskett (WS 1956-67)

Margaret taught me when I was 10 in form 2 in the Prep. She came to our house on Cliff Hill in Warwick once for tea and, as it was the cricket season, we played on our back lawn. Margaret bowled and I hit the ball straight through our kitchen window where my mother had a lucky escape while preparing tea. Happy days.

David Millard (WS 1946-65)

The A-Z Companion Guide to Orthopaedic Surgery

Living with the pain of osteoarthritis for over ten years and undergoing a total hip replacement has encouraged Chris Maslin (WS 1979-86) to try and help people in a similar position by writing a companion guide. The A-Z Companion Guide to Orthopaedic Surgery focuses on mental health and wellbeing and also offers tips to help friends and family provide much needed support at this difficult time.

Heelis memorial hockey benches

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OW Racing Club

In the previous Old Warwickian we reported that former WJS Headmaster Guy Canning is looking to establish an OW Racing Club. Club membership is open to OWs, past and present parents, staff and all friends of Warwick School. The aims of the OWRC are firstly to promote fellowship and secondly to share in the special excitement that racing offers. If you’re interested in finding out more and arranging a stable-visit please email Guy on g.canning@outlook.com.

Best wishes to Margaret Keighley

Richard and Mike Heelis and Capt of Hockey Rajan

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If any OWs are meeting up at the Rugby World Cup (or anywhere else!) we would love to share pics in the next Old Warwickian. Please send images to Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org.
When being named Independent Boys’ School of the Year last November the judges cited Warwick School’s ability to combine pride in its long history and traditional values with an innovative approach that prepares pupils to achieve not only outstanding examination results but also to rise to challenges and opportunities. Summer term highlights included…

Head of School Josh Turner led and was part of imaginative initiatives which raised over £40,000 for different charities. These included a Warwick Schools Foundation Foodbank Fundraiser, which raised over £9,000 which secured match funding to purchase an electric van for Warwick District Foodbank.

In Young Enterprise, Year 6 students built and marketed their own businesses to create a healthy snack.

Our students are being introduced to a range of new opportunities for Interdisciplinary Learning. Year 12 enjoyed a Conference with the London Interdisciplinary School. Year 8 undertook a 2023 Future Tech project inspired by the 1977 Voyager Mission and Year 10 participated in a Sustainability Project, working with VW to consider sustainable solutions to problems around the school site.

We were delighted to welcome James Uffindell (WS 1992-97) as Guest of Honour at both Upper School and Lower School Speech Day and Prize Giving.

217 boys took part in the fourth Warwick Junior School Aquathlon.

GCSE and A level Art students put on an amazing exhibition in Warwick Hall.

Our Year 7s spent a night sleeping out in support of the Helping Hands Charity.

Neuroscientist Dr Guy Sutton returned to Warwick School for another Brain Day.
The CCF was proud to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

At the end of term, Lt Col Matthew Boulter (WS 1978-85) was special guest at the CCF Annual Mess Dinner where Lt Col Keith Davenport was given a special thank you after years of service as CCF Contingent Commander. Head of Chemistry Chris Grant (WS 1996-2003) takes on the role of Contingent Commander from September.

Year 6 students put on a colourful performance of *The Lion King* in the Bridge House Theatre.

Pupils at Warwick School celebrated their GCSE results. In overcoming significant disruption to their school experience, this cohort achieved excellent results alongside stunning co-curricular achievements in music, drama, sport, and more. The school is extremely proud of our pupils, and of the staff who have done so much to support them and minimise the impact of the pandemic on their educational experience. Head Master, James Barker, commented, “Given the much-publicised return of GCSE grades to 2019 levels, this year’s results were reassuringly consistent with Warwick School's pre-Covid achievements. The fact that the percentage of A*9-8 grades is higher than our 2019 equivalent is testimony to the courage and perseverance of pupils and staff, given the unique circumstances faced by this year group over the five years of their secondary education.”. In 8 subjects, including Maths, Biology, Physics, History, and Chemistry, over 50% of pupils secured the top grade of an A* or equivalent 9/8.

Junior School boys showed great determination to do their best for their Houses in the Summer Sports Days.

The range of trips and tours offered to Warwick School students is staggering. From Hadrian’s Wall to the Normandy World War Two battlefields and from India to the USA, our students have recently experienced a range of fantastic opportunities.

Music filled the campus at the summer concerts.
The summer term, across Warwick Schools Foundation, combined much joy and fun with the traditional cycle of exams and more formal occasions of speech days and prize giving. We include here some of the many memorable moments offered by our other schools across the Foundation, which comprises not only Warwick Senior and Junior Schools but also Warwick Prep, King’s High and The Kingsley School.

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**Warwick Schools Foundation**

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**Short-Term Boarding, Cultural Immersion and Innovative Future-Ready Courses for 16-18 Year Olds**

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With a mixture of mental, physical and skill-based challenges, The Kingsley School pupils had some unforgettable residential.

The Kingsley School sports day offered opportunities for lots of teamwork and individual talents, with plenty of laughter along the way.

King’s High students enjoyed mountain biking, orienteering, coasteering, climbing and white water rafting as part of the school’s Adventure Programme.

Alumnae from King’s High were brought together for their ten year anniversary reunions.

Pastures new

Foundation Development Director Phillip Rothwell (WS 1994-2001) leaves us after over 12 years’ service. Phillip joined Warwick School staff in 2011, establishing a new Development Office. As Development Director, he built on very positive relations with OWs to raise funds for the development of the school and increase wider access to a Warwick education. A former Assisted Places boy himself, Phillip is passionate about raising funds for bursaries to help more pupils attend the school from varied backgrounds. He launched a regular giving programme, enlisted the support of generous major donors and developed the Floreat Society legacy group. Thanks to the generosity of over 350 OWs, parents and friends, Phillip led the school in raising over £1m towards the new Warwick Hall in 2015.

For the last five years, Phillip has been Foundation Director of Development, supporting all schools in the Foundation to build positive relations with alumni and friends and raise vital funds to enhance educational opportunities.

We wish Phillip all the best as he takes up the post of Director of Development at King’s College, Taunton. Although he leaves the Foundation as a member of staff, he looks forward to continuing his association with the school as a proud Old Warwickian.

Many Kingsley alumnae returned to school for a summer garden party.

Warwick Schools Foundation hosted the second annual Future Fwd Conference, focussing on the skills that current and future pupils will need to make full and positive contributions to their communities and places of work.
The Old Warwickian 7s, set up in 2022, has had a second successful season with OWs loving playing and competing in the Warwick blue and white.

Five tournaments were played over the first season by over 30 OWs from seven school years. OWs were delighted to win the Open competition at the Summer Social in Richmond and made the final at Sixways, Worcester. Off the pitch, the squad raised £269 for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Dr Bill Gill (WS staff 2015-22) who was esteemed by all to be an amazing and treasured member of staff.

This season, OW 7s played four tournaments, including a full weekend at the Bournemouth 7s. OWs won the Chester 7s, made the Quarter Finals at the Summer Social and even entered two teams for the Wimbledon 7s, competing against the most established 7s teams in the country. The Open team won the plate final in extra time (golden point) while the Social team topped the group stages and went on to lose to eventual winners in the cup semi-final. A hugely successful day!

Now well established, the players have loved getting back together to play as Old Warwickians. They have enjoyed connecting, competing and creating new memories. Huge thanks to Tom MacDonald (WS 2013-18) for his enthusiasm and commitment in setting up the squad.

Looking ahead to the 2024 season, sponsorship is a big priority, especially for kit, tournament fees and a gazebo. Please contact Tom on tom.m@puresport.co if you might be able to support.

OW Cricket

Huge thanks to Ben Howard and Kamal Chhibber who organised and captained the OW team in their annual, closely contested game against the school. Once again, OWs retained the Peter Treadway salver. Final score: OW 195-8 (40), WS 185 all out.

Back: Harrison Williams, Simon Thompson, Oliver Richardson, Steve Dellow, Joe Robbins, Mark Banham. Front: Ed Pettifer, Manpreet Gill, Kamal Chhibber, Rob Rigby, Nick Couzens

OW Tennis

The annual OW vs School tennis match was of a high standard with OWs, showing their doubles experience, initially looking to have a tactical advantage. However, the school’s youthful exuberance stood them in good stead and the school secured overall victory.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Macvie (WS 1969-76) for captaining OW tennis for over forty years! Ian handed over the racquet to Joe Chapman, who will organise next year’s match.

Director of Tennis Conor Maguire and Ian Macvie. School team: Ned, Killian, Harrison and Joe. OWs: Alex Butt, Alex Didlick, Joe Chapman and Mark Wilson
OW Spring Golf Meeting
Tuesday 16 May 2023 – Tadmarton Heath GC

The OW Golf Society returned to Tadmarton Heath GC for the annual Spring Golf Day.
12 players gathered for the morning round of foursomes and a further 11 golfers joined in the afternoon, playing for the Langley Trophy.

A wonderful day’s golf was capped with a great dinner. It was especially good to welcome four newcomers who duly received their OW ball markers.

Gracey Tankard
Edinburgh foursomes – take the best of 2 drives and play alternate shots on either odd or even holes. A new rule of a minimum of 6 drives each per team.
- Winners: Sam Gill and Carrick Waldron on 39 pts
- Runners up: Harry Abell and Cameron Koolhoven on 39 (losing on the back 9)
- Third place: Julian Marcus and Peter Baird on 35 pts.

Langley Trophy
The individual main event – an individual stableford off full handicap.
- Winner: Harry Abell on 40 pts
- Runner up: Julian Marcus on 38 pts
- Third: Tom Emery on 37 pts
- Fourth: Clive Boast on 36 pts.

The Peter Gedge Pot
Peter was one of the founding members of the OWGS in 1967. He was the club’s first Hon Sec and has been a constant attendee at OW golf days.
- Winner: Julian Marcus.

Nearest the pin
- 7th: Harry Abell, 16th: Harry Abell.

The Grafton Morrish
Our Grafton Morrish team made the annual pilgrimage to Olton GC for the regional qualifying round of the competition. GM stalwarts Peter Gordon and Phil James came home with 28 stableford points, John Hale and Julian Marcus secured 23 points and Josh Kearns in his debut performance, partnered by Steve Tubb, finished on 22 points. Despite everyone’s best efforts, OWs were one point short of qualifying for the finals. Thank you to those who played and to Matt Hicks for his captaincy.

OWs vs School
This year’s encounter saw three pairs from each team competing for the Jack Marshall Trophy at Leamington & Co. Golf Club.
OWs were proud to welcome into the team WS Director of Rugby Tom Pierce. After 17 years, Tom is taking up a new post as Director of Sport at Berkhamsted School. Owen Herringshaw supported the match as the new WS Head of Golf.
The first OW pair of Geoff Tedstone and Tom Pierce secured a narrow win while the second OW pairing, John Gibbons and Sam Gill, faced some fantastic golf from their opposition who secured a win for the school. The third OW pairing, Tim Harry and Harry Abell, secured a very narrow win so the matched squared 1½ to 1½ with OWs retaining the trophy. The score book now shows 8 wins for OWs and 7 for the School.

Dates for your diary
Autumn Golf Day, Friday 8 September 2023 at Leamington & Co GC
Spring Golf Day, Tuesday 21 May 2024 at Tadmarton Heath GC
Huge thanks to OW Golf Hon Sec Julian Marcus. Newcomers always welcome. For further information please email Julian on awkets@hotmail.com

OW Cross Country
OW runners are invited to join an OW team for the annual inter-schools Alumni Cross-country Race over Wimbledon Common on Saturday 16 September 2023. The five-mile Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Race starts at 15:00 and we would love to have an OW team. Team size is unlimited and participation is more important than positioning (although we can always make room in the school trophy cabinet). There are various age categories to suit all.
For details and to register, please visit https://data.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2023/GBR/thhar23/. There is a £10 per person entry fee which includes a donation to the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators.
A great deal of work went into producing Warwick School’s memorials for the First and Second World Wars. We must not forget, either, that there were five OW casualties in the South African (or Boer) Wars in the late 19th century. It is an unfortunate fact that there is some confusion as to who some of the names carved on the memorials actually are. It is astonishing, perhaps, that around a quarter of the names on the First World War memorial in the school chapel are not recorded in the school’s Admissions Books, and it can only be surmised that these casualties were accorded the honour of being classed as Old Warwickians either through having passed through the King’s Middle School, which amalgamated with Warwick School in 1906, or because they were “school servants” – which is how non-teaching employees of the school were termed in those days. We have no records of such employees from the First World War period, or even much later. A rare example of proof of this hypothesis was provided earlier this year, when I was sent information about one Able Seaman W. E. Neville, who went down with his ship at the Battle of Jutland (862 crew lost from that one ship), aged 19, and whose name is on our Memorial. His naval record lists his occupation on joining the Navy in 1912 as “Garden Boy.”

A second problem is that, in the decades since the World Wars ended, names have gradually emerged who, it can be proved, were definitely Old Warwickians and also who definitely died in military service of their country. The fact that one name only came to light 104 years after the end of the First World War galvanised us into commissioning a memorial listing these names, and it is hoped that this new memorial will be in position in the school chapel in time for a dedication on Remembrance Sunday, 2023.

We are indebted to Historic England for the following:

*It is not known how many First World War memorials there are, so widespread was the nation’s grief, but there are certainly tens of thousands in Britain. Historic England listed more than 2,500 war memorials over the centenary period 2014-2018.*

*No area of our heritage is more poignant than war memorials. They are found everywhere, and link the tragic impact of world wars with local communities across the land. Every community sent people off to fight and work; virtually all suffered losses, and the absence of the British Empire’s 1.1 million dead created a powerful need for monuments. No greater wave of public remembrance has ever happened in history.*

*Memorials took many forms, and in some places the war was commemorated by dedicated parks and gardens, village halls, tree planting, church lychgates and playing fields.*

*Now that the last veterans of the 1914-1918 conflict have died, it is left to future generations to keep the memories fresh, with communities taking an ever-greater interest in their local memorials.*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.
The missing First World War casualties are:

- E A Walker (WS 1906), died 29 December 1915.
- H B Davies, died 3 November 1917. Possibly the mis-spelled H. Davis (WS 1891-94).
- F E Smith. There were two Warwick School casualties with the same surname and initials. Frank Edmund Smith, KMS and WS 1900-08, died on the Somme on 25 August 1916. Francis Edward Smith died on 18 November 1918, but is not in an Admissions Book.
- C F H Kent, died 14 March 1917. (WS 1910-12).
- R D D-D Brownson (WS 1899-1902), a Captain Surgeon who died in India on 21 October 1918, and who we were only informed about in 2022. He is pictured as the touch-judge in the 1901-02 Warwick School Football Team photo.

The missing names from the Second World War are listed below. The first five, listed by Kenneth Fowler in his County of Warwickshire Roll of Honour, Vol 1 (2005), are not listed as former pupils:

- R G Hart, died 18 December 1940.
- L J Glover-Price, died 29 June 1943 (killed in a Halifax).
- J F Harper, died 31 July 1943 (killed in a Halifax).
- G Faulkner, died 29 December 1944 (killed in a Lancaster).
- K W Hardiman, died 17 May 1945 (lost at sea).
OWs around the world

If you are living overseas and would like to help organise an occasional gathering of OWs, please get in touch with Anne Douglas on a.douglas@warwickschool.org

The number of OWs residing in different countries outside the UK

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