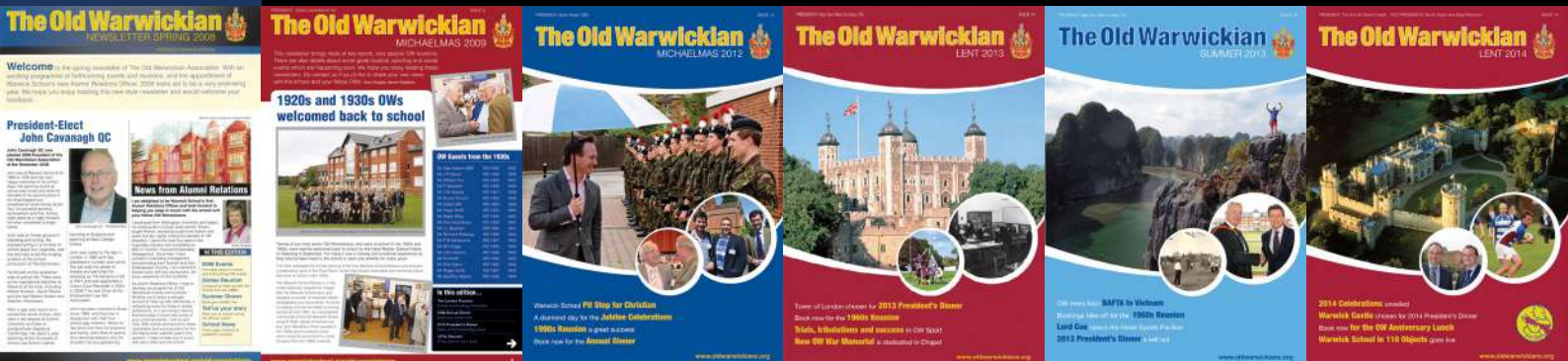


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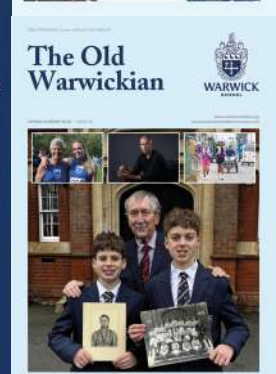
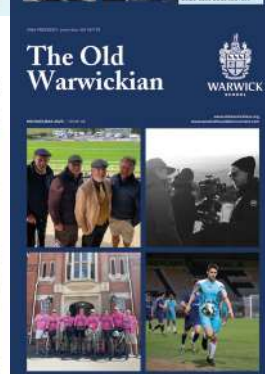
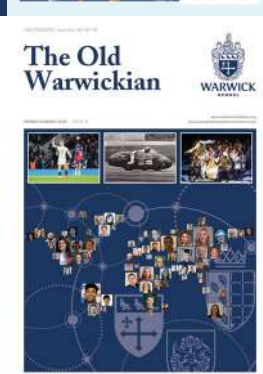
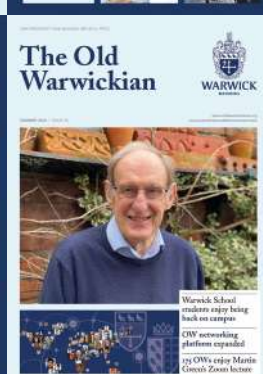
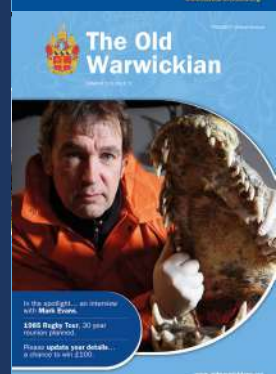
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Welcome

Welcome to the 50th edition of **The Old Warwickian**, celebrating a calendar filled with memorable reunions, inspiring events, and the enduring friendships that make our Old Warwickian community so special.

One highlight of the summer was undoubtedly our **Anniversary Reunions**, where we welcomed over 200 OWs back to Warwick School – record numbers! A relaxed afternoon and evening gave nine year-groups from 1956 to 2016 the opportunity to renew friendships, reconnect with former classmates and teachers, and revisit both familiar and transformed corners of Warwick School.

Many were amazed to see the expansion of the Warwick Schools Foundation campus on the Myton and Banbury Roads – but also delighted to see much which is still familiar. The day culminated in the OWA annual dinner.

In this edition we also share news of our first ever **Igniting Futures Giving Day**, which involved our whole community. Many of you gave generously, supporting our plans to increase the number of Warwick School bursaries, so thank you.

This Old Warwickian also brings news of sporting fixtures, regional gatherings and individual **OW** news and updates. We hope you enjoy reading about these achievements and adventures.

Looking ahead there is plenty to enjoy, with a programme of social and sporting opportunities – both online and in person, including an evening with Rugby international Fin Smith (WS 2013-2020) and sports journalist Alex Bywater (WS 2001-2008), The President and the Head Master webinar and this year's OWA President's Dinner on 5 November.

Finally, don't forget that this term's **Warwick School music concerts, drama productions, Remembrance Service in Chapel and Carol Service at St Mary's** are open to all our OW community – we would love to see you!

Saintsational Smith



Fin Smith © Northampton Saints

Fin Smith (WS 2013-20) enjoyed a stellar spring campaign where he won the Gallagher Player of the Month award for Northampton Saints and routinely delivered clutch, match-winning performances against top-tier rivals.

Fin will be returning to school in October, along with top sports journalist Alex Bywater (WS 2001-2008), to work with students on rugby skills and working in the media, before an evening interview. Highlights from the day to follow.

Alumni Relations and Development



After 18 years in Alumni Relations at Warwick School and, latterly, across the Foundation, we said goodbye to Anne Douglas in July and wish her well in her new role at The Shakespeare Hospice.

We are delighted to share that Sarah Whitehouse has been appointed as our new Head of Alumni and Community Relations.

Sarah joined the team in summer 2025 as Alumni Relations and Development Officer, but her connection with the school goes back much further. She is the daughter and granddaughter of two OWs, was both baptised and married in the school chapel, and even spent time behind the bar at the Portcullis Club!

Olivia Knops joins us from Headington School Oxford, as our new Alumni Relations and Development Officer joining Julia Donoghue and Richard Ashworth in the alumni team. Please do get in touch at wss-alumni@warwickschools.co.uk with all your news and celebrations.

Graduation Success

Huge congratulations to all our graduates who completed their degrees in the summer.

We were delighted to hear from Ethan Bailey (WS 2016-2023) who has graduated with a 2:1 in International Social and Public Policy with Politics from LSE and is currently undertaking a policy advocacy internship. He was joined by brother Theo (WS 2018-2025) – also proudly sporting his OW tie – who has just completed his first year at university at the UAL studying Computer Science.



Ethan and Theo

We look forward to seeing Ethan, Theo and other recent leavers at our Recent Leavers Drinks event on Wednesday 6 January. In the meantime, please do get in touch with your graduation stories and next career steps: wss-alumni@warwickschools.co.uk

Ties of friendship

OWs James Hadley (WS 1982-92) (left) and Steve Hamilton Shaw (WS 1981-92) (right) will be embarking on a fundraising walk to support fellow OW Jules Buczacki (WS 1981-92) (centre).

Further details of the event and how to donate on page 14.



Forthcoming events

2026 OWA AGM

Wednesday 9 December – 17:30 Portcullis Room

Nominations sought for the next OWA President

The Old Warwickian Association (OWA) is seeking nominations for the position of President.

This rewarding, one-year role offers the opportunity to serve as the formal representative of our global alumni community. The President's duties include hosting the President's dinner, welcoming new alumni at UVI graduation and serving on the OWA Committee alongside the Head Master, Chairman and committee members, helping to guide the future direction, outreach, and fellowship of the association. Nominations are also invited for the committee members.

To comply with the rules of the Association, any nominations for President-Elect 2027 (to serve as President 2028) and committee members 2027 should be sent to Sarah Whitehouse, Hon Sec OWA, c/o Warwick School (sa.whitehouse@warwickschools.co.uk) no later than Monday 9 November.

Rules and details including nominations and the AGM agenda will be available at www.oldwarwickians.org/2026AGM.

OW and KHS Recent Leavers Drinks

Wednesday 6 January – Warwick Hall Foyer

2022-2026 leavers from Warwick School and King's High are invited to New Year Drinks on Wednesday 6 January at 17:00-19:00. Catch up with fellow recent leavers and enjoy complimentary drinks followed by a card-payment bar. Please book [here](#) or email r.ashworth@warwickschools.co.uk.

Remembrance and Senior School Carol Service

Sun 8 Nov 2026, 16:15 – Remembrance, Warwick School Chapel

Tues 1 Dec 2026, 16:15 – Advent Service, Warwick School Chapel

Weds 9 Dec 2026, 19:00 – Warwick Senior School Nine Lessons and Carols, St Mary's Church

All welcome. No need to book.

Warwick School Sport, Music and Drama

OWs are especially welcome back to Warwick School to enjoy some great sport, music and drama. For details explore the Warwick School calendar on www.warwickschool.org.

Into The Woods

Weds 11 to Sat 14 Nov 2026, 19:00, Bridge House Theatre
Warwick School and King's High School Senior Production*

Orchestra of the Swan (side by side with WS students) Strauss
Die Fledermaus; Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2, Sibelius Symphony No.5.

Thurs 15 Oct 2026, Warwick Hall*

Warwick Schools Foundation Concert

Fri 27 Nov 2026, Warwick Hall

Warwick School Christmas Cracker

Fri 4 Dec 2026, 19:00, Warwick Hall

* Tickets at www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk

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2026 Autumn Law Network

19 November – 18:30 Warwick Hall

As part of our Professional Network events, we are delighted to invite those in the legal profession to the autumn Law Network Midlands' meet up. Details www.oldwarwickians.org/oldwarwickians/professionalnetworkevents.

Wessex Old Warwickians

20 November – White Hart, Stockbridge, SO20 6HF

Further details at www.oldwarwickians.org/2026WOW.

The President and The Head Master

An online encounter – details to follow

1960s Birmingham Bash

Thurs 29 October 2026 – 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. If you would like to attend, please email Clive on cliveboast@gmail.com. Booking deadline Fri 16 October 2026.

International Community

For news and events from across our International Community please visit www.oldwarwickians.org/2026international

2027 – Save the date

**1967, '77, '87, '97, 2007 and 2017 Leavers
Anniversary Reunions**

Sat 12 June 2027 – Warwick School

Save the date. Full details in January.

OWA President's Dinner 2026

Thursday 5 November – Manicomio City, London

There are only a handful of places left at this year's President's Dinner on November 5 hosted by OWA President James Uffindell (WS 1992-97).

Timings: Drinks from 18:30 to 19:30, with dinner at 19:30

Tickets: £70 (includes drinks and dinner)

Dress code: Smart casual.

For availability, please email wss-alumni@warwickschools.co.uk

Canticum

Canticum is the Warwick Schools Foundation community choir, comprising members of staff past and present, OWs and members of the wider school and Warwick community. The choir meets on Weds evenings and generally performs in two or three concerts each year. All welcome to come along and try us out (no audition). If you are interested in joining Canticum please email Stuart Thompson on s.thompson@warwickschools.co.uk

Welcome to the OWA

2026 Leavers

Our 2026 leavers celebrated their time at Warwick School with a range of events, culminating in a formal graduation ceremony in Warwick Hall on 22 June, where they were given a fond farewell by the Head Master, the Senior Deputy Head and the Head of Sixth Form.

Graduation was an opportunity to pause and reflect on individual journeys over their time at Warwick, to appreciate their dedication and accomplishments, to acknowledge their collective and individual contribution to school life and to wish them well as they journey on.

Surg Lt Cdr Adam Griffiths RN (WS 1996-2001) gave our 2026 leavers a warm welcome into the Old Warwickian Association and offered some key pieces of advice about discipline, relying on friends, appreciating your family, taking every opportunity to talk to others and rising to the challenge when you don't have things mapped out and when things don't go according to plan.



2025-26 Upper Sixth © Gillman & Soame. This photograph has been reproduced by kind permission of Gillman & Soame photographers and can be ordered online at <https://www.gsimagebank.co.uk/warwickschool/t/uiv3uo2026>.



Craig Bennett, Kimberley Wyatt, Surg Lt Cdr Adam Griffiths RN and Head Master James Barker



Back: Oscar Au, Ian Chung. Middle: Adrian Lee, Will Yu.
Front: Cyrus Tse, Jaden Tsui



Cyrus Tse, Adrian Lee, William Lees, Jaden Tsui,
Eynan Somasundaram



OW father and son, Matthew and James Albrighton



Sam Phillips, Seun Olomaiye



Ed Lawlor, Yusuf Homayon,
William Cartwright



Kanush Sahay, Aman Sagoo, Ashvin
Jeyaseelan, Sewon Sateeskumar



Nilash Jeyakantharaj, Jas Uruthiran,
Ashvin Jeyaseelan



Henry Hancock, Charlie Mee,
Kanush Sahay



Seb Morris, James Curley, Benjie Braine



Kanush Sahay and George Holmes



Seb Owen, John Schofield, Frankie Swain



Daniel Nichols, Freddie Brown, Thomas Gilyead, Dan Gilyead, Patrick Daniel



Henry Rivera



Huw Perry, Theo Cooper, Sebastian Carr, Zac Varachia, Austin Willoughby



Albert Rivete, Archie Goodrum, George Holmes, Hector Magraw, Charlie Mee



A J Nash, Nicholas Lewis, Finlay McCombe, Archie Richards, Edward Evans,
Gene Williams, Isaac Turner



Kaiser Wong, Oscar Au, James Ruan, Thomas Ng, Cyrus Tse, Tina Coller,
Adrian Lee, Jaden Tsui, Audric Wong, Alex Ting, Will Yu, Ian Chung



Ari Patchett, Will Payton, Edgar Dumbreck



Farewell

2026 OW Anniversary Reunions

1956, '66, '71, '76, '86, '96, 2006 and 2016 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

It was wonderful to welcome back to Warwick School over 200 OWs, and many staff who taught them, for this year's Anniversary Reunions. Record numbers! OWs from the classes of 1956, '66, '71, '76, '86, '96, 2006 and 2016 enjoyed a special afternoon connecting and reconnecting. The day culminated in the wonderful OWA annual dinner. For photos and details see pages 20-27.



The 2026 Anniversary Reunions



Prefects ready for the tours

Staff Past and Present

Saturday 6 June 2026



Back: Bob Fair, Louise Haines, Daniel Menashe, Gervald Frykman, Tony Sparks, Robert Hudson, Derek Shield, Geoff Tedstone, Carlo Giudici, Chris McNee, Keith Davenport, David Seal, Eric Hadley, Tom Pierce, Martin Green. Front: Jeremy Rider, Geoff Lane, Mags Shield, Anne Dickinson, Head Master James Barker, Sylvia Fair, Brian Emmerson, Alan Reilly, Odile Thomas



Anna Albrighton and Christine McNee



Derek Shield and Jon Stone



Some of the alumni team – Julia, Emily, Sarah, Anne and Susie



David McNee, Chris and Christine McNee and Anna Albrighton



Brian Emmerson with Liz and son Andrew



Eric Hadley, Robert Hudson and Jeremy Rider



Tom and Lucy Pierce with Jordan Ainslie (centre)



Guy Russell-Wilks and Geoff Tedstone

OWA Annual Dinner 2026

OWA Annual Dinner 2026 – 6 June 2026

The OWA Annual Dinner, normally in December, was brought forward in 2026 to the evening of the Anniversary Reunions, giving all reunion attendees and other OWs the opportunity to enjoy each other's company back at Warwick School.

The evening was informal and relaxed although some key traditions were upheld including the toasts to The King, Warwick School and the Old Warwickian Association.

L6 student Jason kindly accompanied the rousing signing of the two school songs.



Craig Bennett and Carlo Giudici



Malcolm and Val Eykyn, David and Phil Derbyshire



"Gaudeamus nos alumni"



Simon Doherty, Tim Jacques, Hugo Doyle, Loz Foster, Owen James, Michael Cheung



Luke Farrow, Mike Reece, Jack Thornton and Michael Streets



The Head Master, James Barker, and 2026 President James Uffindell with WS student Jason



Clive Boast, Mike Galbraith, John Davidson, Richard Galbraith, Martin Newman



Julian Emens, Reg Skelton, Robert Hudson, Josh Fuller, David Glennie



Back: Josh Fuller, Matthew Bevan, Brian Schwieger, Anne Douglas, John McCulloch, Julian Green, Front: Will Morris, Jonathan Bacon

Regional Events and Networking

OW London Drinks

Reconnecting in the heart of the City

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's OW London Drinks at The Hydrant, near Monument. Great to welcome OWs working across the City in a wide range of professions and at varied career stages.



Fred Lowe, Edward Briggs, Angus Smith, Chris David, Edward McGovern, Oliver Thorneywork



James Watson, Rajan Hayer, Charlie Cribb, Tom Allin



James Mulrairie, Dino Bossi, Ed Lloyd, Dan Thwaites



Nick Evans, Richard Beattie, Kim Kerton



GianCarlo Pacitti, Tom O'Grady, Eric Hadley



Ross Lillyman, Pradeep Kacchala



Rohan Pai, David White

Professional Networks

Inspiring Connections at Middle Temple

A sincere thank you to all who attended the launch of our Law Professional Network at the historic Middle Temple, one of London's four Inns of Court.

The evening brought together an inspiring mix of university law students and recent school leavers, alongside those in the early stages of their legal careers, all networking with experienced professionals who have distinguished themselves within the legal profession.

It was a fantastic opportunity to share insights, build meaningful connections, and strengthen a network that will support the next generation of legal talent. We look forward to seeing these relationships continue to grow and to welcoming even more members to future events.

The audience was honoured with a keynote speech from High Court Judge Sir John Cavanagh (WS 1971-78).

Watch out for future professional networking events in Law and other key sectors. The autumn law event will take place on 19 November at the School. See page 3 for details.



OW Sir John Cavanagh and Grainne Cavanagh launch WSF Alumni Law Professional Network



Henry Stride and Martin McKenna

Wessex OWs

A spring visit to Bath

Our Wessex OW regional gatherings continue to be popular and well-supported. In March, Wessex OWs met in the beautiful city of Bath, beginning the day with a guided tour of the iconic Roman Baths.

Following the tour, OWs enjoyed a leisurely walk before gathering for lunch at one of Bath's finest independent restaurants – Woods.

As always, the WOW gathering was marked by friendship, lively conversation, and the pleasure of reconnecting with fellow Warwick School alumni.



WOW Lunch at Woods

Wessex OWs

Summer BBQ in Salisbury

Huge thanks to Roy Saxton (WS 1955-63) who kindly hosted a summer WOW BBQ at his home at Landford, just outside Salisbury.



OWs in Wessex and their partners enjoyed a summer BBQ

Igniting Futures

A heartfelt thank you to our generous OWs who joined others from across the Warwick Schools Foundation in donating to our Igniting Futures Giving Day – helping to increase the number of bursaries we offer, and to grow our hardship fund.

On the day, students took part in various sponsored events including an Aquathon, a Chess Tournament, a Year 7 Decibel Challenge (singing as loudly as a passing train), a House Fitness Challenge, a Riverside Rally, an 'Alternative Sports Day' and a cricket match against Marylebone Cricket Club.

The buzz and energy around campus was palpable and it was wonderful to see children, current and former staff, parents, alumni and friends uniting to provide a safety net for families who need our help during these tough times, and to give other children the chance of a Warwick School or Foundation education.

Impressive House Fitness Challenges included student Theo who managed to hold a plank for 12 minutes and 9 seconds!

126 pupils took part in the House Marathon.

Guy House had the fastest 100m row.

During the lead up to the event, pupils participated in a sunflower growing competition, generously sponsored by Greenfingers Nurseries, who donated £5 for each sunflower entered. The winning sunflower reached a towering 113cm.

Thanks also to Warwick Prep's PTA, WPSA, who organised a coffee morning as part of the festivities.

It is a testament to the generosity of our community that 239 donors collectively raised more than £57,000. Huge thanks to all the students for taking part and to everyone who kindly contributed.

In the long term, our aim is to almost double the number of bursaries we can offer over the next decade by increasing our endowment so we can fund a further hundred places at our schools. This is an ambitious campaign, and the Igniting Futures Giving Day has set the tone brilliantly as we continue to work together to bring a step change in social mobility for local young people.

To find out more about supporting bursaries visit www.oldwarwickians.org/bursaries



Warwick School Fitness Challenge – 100m row



The MCC vs School match



Warwick School House Marathon



The Kingsley School Alternative Sports Day



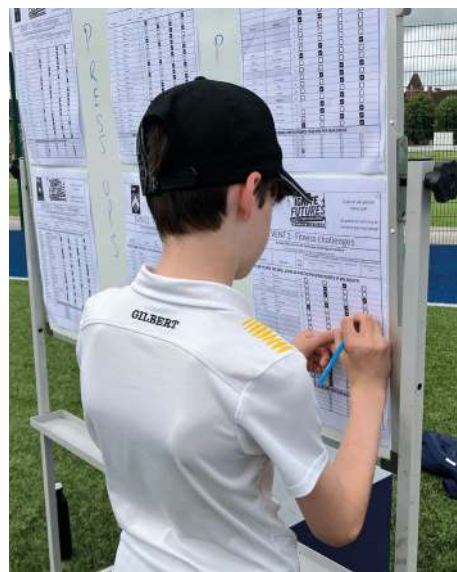
Welcome coffees at Warwick Junior School



Warwick School House Marathon



King's High School Riverside Run



Keeping a record of the Fitness Challenges



Warwick Junior School Aquathon



The Kingsley School Alternative Sports Day



Warwick Prep School Coffee Morning



Warwick School Fitness Challenge – Planks



The Kingsley School Alternative Sports Day



Warwick Junior School Aquathon

OW News

Alley Cats

Steve Hamilton Shaw (WS 1981-92) celebrated the release of *Alley Cats*, the new adult animated television series on Netflix, for which Steve is Executive Producer, alongside Ricky Gervais. The show, which is written and directed by Ricky Gervais, was released on Netflix on 7 August.



Adventures in Sardinia

Charlie Hopcraft (WS 2014-24) has been working for Neilson Holidays as a bike guide in Sardinia. Charlie spent summer 2025 biking and then winter 2026 in the Italian Alps while working at one of their chalets. He returned to Sardinia in the summer of 2026 as head bike guide and ran the bike team for the summer season. "Best 'job' ever!"



Charlie Hopcraft

Another piping honour

Highland piper Keith Wellings (WS 1968-79) was a Finalist in the 2026 UK Top Influencer Awards.

The Awards ceremony celebrated creativity, the impact of influencers across the UK and the next generation of digital stars. It spotlighted creators who are, "using their platforms to drive positive change and inspiring others".

Keith said of his Performer Finalist status, "It was an honour to be included in such a glittering line-up of celebrity and future talent in the Performer category."



Keith Wellings

Catching up and a fabulous catch

Chris McNee (WS staff 1992-2017) and Eric Hadley (WS staff) enjoyed watching Rob Yates in action as they caught up at Trent Bridge on Day Two of the County Championship. In the Notts vs Warks CCC match Rob (WS 2011-18) took one of the best catches ever, sending off Patterson-White in his only over (a maiden!). Rob was on very good and gracious form.

In the summer Rob crossed his '7,000 career runs' milestone in fine fashion.



Rob Yates, Chris McNee and Eric Hadley

Atlantic Mavericks Vélodyssée

The Atlantic Mavericks Vélodyssée 2026, a team of three military veterans, Garry Mitchell, Roy Dixon (WS 1973-81) and Ian Davies; with an average age of 65, took on a self-supported 1,000 mile cycle challenge following the Vélodyssée route along the Atlantic coast of France from Roscoff to Bilbao in Spain.



Roy Dixon

The trio are raising money for two charities: Myeloma UK, because one of the team, Ian Davies, is suffering with Multiple Myeloma, and the Fisher House Foundation which provides accommodation for the families of military veterans who are in hospital.

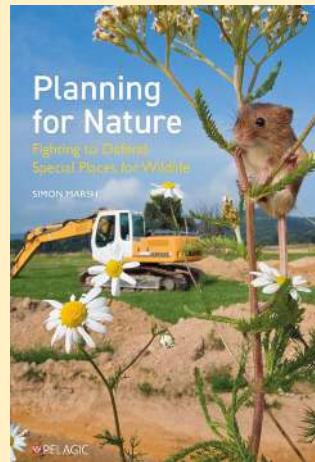
PWRHOUSE

Harry Hunt (WS 2010-17) has launched PWRHOUSE Lifting Club in Alcester, a motivating training hub packed with hand-selected golden era equipment and a passion for serious strength training. Harry says, "From beginners to experienced lifters, everyone is welcome. Train hard, feel supported, and be part of a community that grows together". Find out more at <https://pwrhouseliftingclub.co.uk/>



Planning for Nature

Drawing on his extensive personal experiences and interviews with planners and conservationists at the front line, town planner and lifelong birdwatcher Simon Marsh MBE (WS 1971-82) has published *Planning for Nature*, focussing on planning battles in the UK since around the turn of the millennium and particularly how the RSPB, other wildlife bodies and local communities have fought development proposals.



Planning for Nature recounts battles won and lost but also imagines a better future for planning and nature. Along the way it reflects on why high-quality habitats are so important, and considers key principles of good planning for nature. There are also hints and tips for campaigners who love nature and want to protect places from the dangers of bad development.

The Only Living Pickpocket in New York

Watch out for *The Only Living Pickpocket in New York*, a 2026 American crime thriller film co-produced by Rian Johnson and Leopold Hughes (WS 1999-2006).

The film had its world premiere at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival, and its international premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival. It is scheduled for a limited theatrical release in LA and NYC on October 16, 2026, followed by a nationwide expansion a week later by Sony Pictures Classic.



The Only Living Pickpocket in New York (with Leo Hughes second from left)

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A warm welcome back

David Till chose the hottest day of the year to revisit Warwick School. Chapel provided some welcome cool from the heat! David was at Warwick Prep from 1945-47 before he moved to the Junior School 1947-49.

He vividly recalls being reprimanded for walking across Prefects Lawn while eating a jam doughnut from the tuckshop. He also remembers, at the end of school, being regularly collected and driven home on a horse-drawn dustcart.

David started his career working as a visualiser and then as an illustrator for many and varied advertising accounts. He continues publishing work for primary English grammar and spelling, primary Maths and Science and ELT primary overseas, including in Kurdistan and Egypt.



Mann to Mann

Tim Mann (WS 1976-83) flew in from Hong Kong with his children to meet up with his father Roger Mann (WS 1946-51). The family were delighted to also bump into Martin Green who was revisiting school at the time.



The Manns and Martin Green

Flying in

It is always a pleasure to welcome OWs back to Warwick School. Many generously return to support our careers programme – something for which we are immensely grateful – while others simply enjoy the opportunity to revisit familiar surroundings, either on their own or accompanied by family.

A return visit offers the chance to step back into former classrooms, wander through well-loved buildings, and reminisce about school days, whilst also seeing how the school has evolved.

Recent visitors flying in included:

Oran Aske-Haley,
WS 2006-17
777 First Officer at BA.



Lars (Oscar) Pettersson,
WS 1988-93
Visiting with his family from Sweden.



Paul Kerby, WS 1987-98
Over from St Louis and delighted to meet up with JJ.



Shintaro Kawakami,
WS 1989-90
Our first ever boarder from Japan.



Back to the Beats

DJ, doctor and former Head of School Kishan Bodalia (WS 2006-13) was delighted to return to Warwick School and run a DJ workshop with students. Kishan credits Warwick with laying many of the foundations for his own journey in music and found it particularly rewarding to return and show pupils that a passion for music can take you in many different directions, across different genres, styles and careers.



He said *"I also really enjoyed spending time with John Mann, Head of Music, hearing his vision for the future and discussing how I might support the school moving forward. The DJ workshop was a great success, with two pupils getting behind the decks and plenty of sixth formers joining us to enjoy the music and atmosphere in the Sixth Form Centre."*



Kishan Bodalia (WS 2006-13)

School friends rally to support fellow OW

A group of friends who met at Warwick Junior School are embarking on a 100 km fundraising walk along the famous 'Race to the Stones' route to support treatment for close friend and fellow OW Jules Buczacki (WS 1981-1992) who is battling a rare and incurable cancer.

Charlie Mulraine (WS 1981-1992) who is embarking on the task with Jim Hadley (WS 1982-1992), Juston Boynton (WS 1990-1992), and Steve Hamilton Shaw (WS 1981-1992) said: *"Many OWs will already know about Jules's condition. The good news is that an experimental treatment is working to hold back that cancer for now. The catch is that the treatment isn't available to Jules through the NHS and costs £10,000 every three weeks. Family, friends and military charities have helped so far but sustaining it is becoming increasingly difficult. If you would like to sponsor us, any contribution – large (for a cycle) or small – will go towards funding Jules's continuing treatment and helping give him more time with his family."*

Walking 100km to buy more time for Jules: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jb-the-stones-challenge>



Charlie Mulraine in training and Jules with his family

Supporting the transformative power of education



The Wissenbach family pictured on one of their trips to the region which inspired their work building schools

A foundation established by the family of an Old Warwickian has reached a remarkable milestone, helping to fund 37 schools in some of the world's poorest communities.

Founded in 2013, the Magic Future Foundation was created by the Wissenbach family with a mission to transform the trajectories of communities and countries – one school at a time. Their journey began with a commitment to fund four schools.

That same year, Max Wissenbach (WS 2010-2017) and his sister, Alex (KHS 2008-2015), joined their parents and brother, Oli, in travelling to Kasambankhole, Malawi, to help build the Foundation's first school. The experience proved life-changing for the family, demonstrating the extraordinary impact that access to education can have on children, communities and future generations. It also reinforced their belief in the power of education to create lasting change.

The Foundation works in partnership with buildOn, ensuring that every school is delivered through a community-led model that promotes gender equality, empowers local people and creates sustainable opportunities for generations to come.

In 2019, the family's mission took on even greater significance when Oli died unexpectedly at the age of 25. In the days that followed, they discovered a manuscript he had been writing under the pseudonym Sam Leaper. Within its pages, he expressed his desire to "leave the world better because I was here."

Those words inspired the family's commitment to build 100 schools in Oli's honour. Reaching the milestone of 37 funded schools and 31 completed schools marks a significant step towards fulfilling that vision and stands as a lasting tribute to his legacy.

To find out more about the Magic Future Foundation, or to explore opportunities to support its work or join a future school build, visit <https://oliverwissenbach.com/magicfuturefoundation>.

Ink and Intrigue

Bill Penn (WS 1970-75) was delighted to return to Warwick School to present the 2026 'Ink and Intrigue' creative writing prizes.

Established by a group of OWs to encourage a love of reading and original writing, this year's competition included another strong group of entrants. Angelo and Charlie were delighted to receive their prizes of £150 and £100. Last year's winners are both going on to read Humanities at university.



Bill (centre) with 'Ink and Intrigue' winners Angelo and Charlie

The King's Singers Charity Gala Concert

Old Warwickian Edward Button (WS 1997-2008) returned to Warwick Hall with The King's Singers on Friday 18 September, providing 850 guests with an evening of a cappella entertainment, at a special Gala Concert in aid of The Rufus Trust – the event raised £33,500.

The programme included *After the Gold Rush* by Neil Young, arranged by Peter Knight, alongside the comedic *Short People* by Randy Newman, arranged by Simon Carrington, and many more songs spanning the decades.

The evening culminated in a well-deserved standing ovation, bringing a memorable night of music to a close, with drinks and nibbles to end the successful event. The sold-out event will assist the The Rufus Trust to provide grants to low-income families in Warwickshire who have a member with learning disabilities. The Rufus Trust is now in a partnership with WSF MAT school, Evergreen, and helping to increase provision of the Evergreen Holiday Club.

Warwick Hall is just one of several locations across the Warwick Schools Foundation that can be used to host private, professional and community events. For more information please contact events@warwickschools.co.uk



The King's Singers

Obituaries

We record with regret the passing of Old Warwickians and staff mentioned below and pass on our sympathies to their loved ones, families and friends.

Depending on the wishes of family, obituaries for some appear on www.oldwarwickians.org/obituaries. This is a password protected page. The email is obituaries@oldwarwickians.org and the password is AltioraPeto

Richard Ashley, WS 1943-50

M S Cook, WS 1949-57

Llewellyn Grimes, WS Staff 1980-94

Don E Hanson, WS 1945-54

Laurence (Dos) Hinde, WS 1966-76

Michael R Horne, WS 1968-75

Mark G Johnson, WS 1987-94

Michael J Kettell, WS 1943-50

Ian C Maycock, WS 1948-56

David M Phillips MBE, WS 1955-61

Richard Phillips MBE, WS Staff 1965-66

Revd Roger H Smith, WS 1943-53

Leslie T Turner, WS 1949-56

OW Sport

School vs MCC Cricket

19 June 2026



1st XI captains Richard Barker (1961), Richard Gash (1962), David Foskett (1967), Mike Barnwell (1968), Tim Shenton-Taylor (1969) and Brian Joseph (1970 and '71)

It was a busy — and blisteringly hot — second half of term for Warwick School Cricket. The U15A side continued their impressive run, reaching the Midlands semi-final and quarter-final in their T20 and 30 over competitions.

The prestigious annual School vs MCC match went right down to the wire, thanks to a brilliant unbeaten 65 from student Tim. Adding to the sense of occasion, the Head Master invited Warwick School 1st XI Cricket Captains from the 1960s and early 1970s to join him for lunch and spend the day enjoying the cricket together. Many had played together as school boys and were delighted to reconnect and reminisce.

"I am still coming to terms with meeting my closest and dearest school friend after 64 years. You cannot know what this meant to me"

The match coincided with our Igniting Futures Giving Day and a series of cricket challenges unlocked £1,000 of very generous support.



Richard Barker and Richard Gash enjoy their first meet-up in 60 years



Pouring over the old scorebooks

OW Cricket, OWs vs School XI

13 June 2026

Saturday 13 June provided another wonderful day of cricket as we were delighted to welcome a number of OW cricketers back to Warwick School. The occasion offered the perfect opportunity to rekindle their love of school cricket, reconnect with friends and staff, and continue one of the traditions of the summer term—the annual OWs vs School cricket match.

OWs faced the current senior side in a highly competitive 40-over fixture that showcased excellent cricket and the enduring spirit of the occasion. We are especially grateful to OWs for taking time out of the middle of their own club cricket seasons.

Batting first, the School posted a competitive total of 166 for 9. OWs responded confidently, reaching 167 for 4 to secure another well-earned victory. At the conclusion of the match, the Peter Treadaway Salver was presented to OW captain James Williams.

Thank you to everyone who played, supported, and helped make another memorable day of cricket at Warwick School.



Back: Simon Thompson, Dexter Ainley, Tom Denton, Ankit Sreevathsa, Jojo Dow, Ibi Afzal, Scott Francis, Peter Dobson. Front: Tivik Perantham, Gabe D'Souza, James Williams (Capt), Tom Sarson-Hirst

OW Runners Shine at Hare & Hounds Alumni Race



Tony McGovern (WS 1976-1983) and daughter Molly Pocock, Martin Garrett (WS 1965-1972), Skip Snelson (WS 2014-2021) and Dominic Bostock (WS 1998-2005)

OW runners put in a fantastic performance at the Hare & Hounds Alumni Race in Wimbledon on 12 September.

Now firmly established in the OW alumni calendar, the event saw teams tackle the challenging five-mile course. This year, Skip Snelson (WS 2014-2021) produced an impressive performance to finish third overall – Warwick's highest individual placing since Simon Wurr won the race in 2013.

The OW team finished 11th out of 33 competing teams and also secured second place in the Denstonian Cup, awarded to runners over 60.

Next year marks the 75th Alumni Race, so we look forward to seeing even more OW runners taking part and helping to make it a memorable occasion.

OW Golf Spring Meeting

19 May 2026 – Tadmorton Heath GC



Back: Peter Baird, Oliver Murray-Bates, Malcolm Lines, James Druce, Andy Dunnell, Iain Simmons, Tim Harry, Richard Simmons.
Middle: Clive Boast, Andrew Dalton, Andrew Horn, Graham Carter.
Front: Piers Neville, Brian Woodham, Peter Gedge, Mike Barnwell (Capy), Ian Henson, and Julian Marcus (head only!)

With thanks to Julian Marcus (Hon Sec)

The first OW golf event of the year was the 60th Anniversary of the OW Spring Golf Day. Golfers were very grateful for the continued support of Peter Gedge, founder member of the OWGS and past Captain of the OWGS. This was Peter's 60th consecutive appearance at the meeting.

With the Gracey Tankards decided in the morning, the golfers were joined by an additional 12 members for lunch, before main events in the afternoon – The Langley Trophy and The Gedge Pot. This was Mike Barnwell's first official engagement as OWGS Captain 2026 and he was delighted to offer a warm welcome and well-filled OWGS port decanter.

Gracey Tankards

Edinburgh foursomes – take the best of 2 drives and play alternate shots on either odd or even holes.

- Winners: Piers Neville and James Druce on 34 pts
- Runners up: Tim Harry and Peter Baird on 30 pts (back 9)
- Third: Julian Marcus and Mike Barnwell on 30 pts.

Langley Trophy

The individual main event – an individual stableford off full handicap.

- Winner: Oliver Murray-Bates on 34 pts
- Runner up: Iain Simmons on 32 pts (back 9)
- Third: Peter Baird on 32 pts (back 6)
- Fourth: Julian Marcus on 32 pts.

The Peter Gedge Pot



Peter Gedge

- Winner: Julian Marcus – gross 82 (par 69)
- Runner up: Iain Simmons – gross 85

Nearest the pin: 7th: Oliver Murray-Bates, 16th: Malcolm Lines.



Mike Barnwell (capt), Julian Marcus (The Gedge Pot)



Mike Barnwell (capt) Oliver Murray-Bates (Langley Trophy), Julian Marcus

OWs vs School Golf

26 June 2026 – Tadmorton Heath GC

The traditional OWs vs School Golf match reconvened in 2026 as OWs endeavoured to wrestle back the Jack Marshall Trophy from the School.

Match 1 – Geoff Tedstone and Harry Abell managed a well fought encounter for half, having endured some big hitting youngsters.

Match 2 – Graham Carter and Tim Harry ebbed and flowed and ended the match with a gritty and honourable half.

Match 3 – Father and son Julian and Dan Marcus started well, before a School purple patch at the turn saw the match completely reversed within 4 holes. An exciting fight back took place, but hopes of a great OW victory evaporated and the match was won by the school pairing.

Final result: A win for the School, 1-0.

Huge thanks for the support of our OWs, and Owen Herringshaw for developing the school team.



Julian Marcus, Geoff Tedstone, Harry Abell, Daniel Marcus, Graham Carter, Tim Harry



Julian Marcus presents the Jack Marshall Trophy to the School

Save the date

2027 Spring Golf Day
Tuesday 18 May 2027 at Tadmorton Heath GC.

All welcome. Please contact Hon Sec Julian Marcus on arkvets@hotmail.com.

Warwick School News

The Summer term at Warwick was rich in opportunity, achievement and character. We witnessed an extraordinary breadth of opportunities embraced by our pupils and a range of remarkable achievements.

Creativity, scholarship and adventure

We celebrated success in the arts, from two Warwick pupils securing places with the prestigious National Youth Theatre to outstanding work showcased at our Art Gala and The Arts Festival.

Across music, drama and art, pupils demonstrated not only talent and dedication, but also a willingness to take risks, perform with confidence and share their gifts with others.



Art Gala

King's Singer Edward Button



Y10 Expedition to Finland



Mount Cook



Year 5 Residential



Bake off finalists

Academic excellence

Academic excellence remains at the heart of all we do.

Achievements ranged from the Chemistry Olympiad and national translation prize success, to impressive performances in competitions, lectures and enrichment programmes beyond the classroom. Whether through the Extended Project Qualification, our thriving English competitions, or the intellectual challenge offered by our Encounters programme, boys continue to demonstrate the curiosity and love of learning that we seek to nurture at Warwick.



Chemistry Olympiad



National Youth Theatre students



'Newsies'

Career Ready

Thank you to all OWs and parents who supported the Careers' Mock Speed Interviews. We are grateful, also, to OWs who support our Encounters programme.



Mock Speed Interview Evening



WSF talks AI

Intelligent Futures

An AI conference encouraged pupils to think critically about the opportunities and challenges presented by emerging technologies. As a school of character, we remain committed to ensuring that young people develop not only the knowledge and skills needed for the future, but also the wisdom and judgement to use them responsibly.

The Heaton Podcast

John Jefferies and Olly O'Brien kept up a constant stream of fascinating discussions during the summer term.



Turning Points of the Second World War – and half a life in one place

In their last podcast of the summer term JJ and Olly discussed Turning Points of the Second World War and reflected on John's time at Warwick School – half a life in one place.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/admin/1781158/episodes/19476587-turning-points-of-the-second-world-war-jj-reflections>

John Major Part 2

John and Olly discuss the Premiership of John Major after 1992.

<https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com/1781158/episodes/19397525-john-major-part-2>

Falklands Encounter with Chris Howe MBE

Listen to Chris Howe, who served on HMS Coventry in the Falklands War.

<https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com/1781158/episodes/19397734-falklands-encounter-with-chris-howe-mbe>

An Encounter with Britain's Nuclear Bomb: Operation Grapple

John Jefferies and Eric Hadley interview Derek Woolf – an RAF medic present at the British nuclear tests, in the South Pacific in the 1950s.

<https://theheatonpodcast.buzzsprout.com/1781158/episodes/19222508-an-encounter-with-britain-s-nuclear-bomb-operation-grapple>

60 years of outstanding service

Warwick School said thank you and a fond goodbye to two exceptional members of the teaching staff who, together, have served the school for 60 years. The dedication, commitment and inspiration of John Jefferies (WS Staff 1995-2006) and Jon Stone (WS Staff 1997-2006) have been an inspiration to decades of Warwick School students. They are dearly loved by our OW community.



John Jefferies



Jon Stone

Guest of Honour

As well as acting as Guest of Honour at U6 Graduation, Surg Lt Cdr Adam Griffiths RN, WS 1996-2001, was an inspiring Guest of Honour at Years 7-10 and 12 Speech Day and Prizegiving.



Surg Lt Cdr Adam Griffiths at U6 Graduation

A summer of Sport

Sport has once again provided many moments of pride. From national success in hockey and outstanding performances in athletics, tennis and fencing, to achievements in swimming, chess and cricket, pupils have represented the school with distinction.

Warwick U15 boys won the Inspiresport Independent Schools Hockey Cup.

While trophies and victories are always pleasing, what matters just as much is the perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship that underpin these accomplishments.



IAPS Swimming Champs



U15 Hockey success

Beyond the classroom

Beyond the classroom, pupils have continued to broaden their horizons through a remarkable range of experiences. Finland expeditions provided opportunities for challenge, perseverance and personal growth, while our charitable and community initiatives demonstrated a deep commitment to serving others.

Our Combined Cadet Force (CCF), which at its peak comprises around 340 students and 18 staff, usually meets on Friday afternoons. OWs enjoyed a unique opportunity to attend a CCF Open Afternoon to see a tour of student CCF activities including the range, field craft and flight simulators. They also had the chance to watch the CCF Corps of Drums in rehearsal!



The CCF Open Afternoon

2026 OW Anniversary Reunions

1956 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

Seventy years since leaving Warwick School

*"The refreshments were excellent quality:
infinitely better than in post-war years"*



Back: Peter Pauwels, Tony Williams, Kevin Cox, Robin Taylor.
Front: Tony Kaye, the Head Master, Peter Wright, Mike Reece



Peter Pauwels and AP (Peter) Wright



Kevin Cox and Robin Taylor



Kevin Cox, Tony Kaye and Robin Taylor in their old woodwork classroom

*"It was a pleasure to return to the School
to see how much it has developed over the
years and to see a few familiar faces. It was
also a pleasure to be conducted round the
school by two current students who were a
credit to the School and living proof of the
success of the education it continues to offer"*



Peter Pauwels, Kevin Cox and Peter Wright



Prefect Rupert with Mike Reece (1956) and
David Spicer-Freeman (1966)

1966 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

Sixty years since leaving Warwick School

"A great chance to catch up with old(!) friends and see some new old faces from years ago. We laughed a lot"



Back: John Davidson, Chris Patterson, James White, David Spicer-Freeman, Ben Kimberley, Paul Williams, Richard Galbraith, Martin Nixon, Richard Winter, Mike Galbraith, Nigel Thompson, Nick Willson, Tom Payne, Chris Ward. Front: Roderick Clark, Nick Williams, Andy Dunnell, Stuart Thomas, the Head Master, Clive James, Malcolm Lines, Martin Newman, Steve Chamberlain



Ben Kimberley, Paul Williams, Malcolm Lines



James White, Clive James, Andy Dunnell, Roderick Clark, Steve Chamberlain, Martin Newman



Malcolm Lines and Stuart Thomas



Nick Williams spots his father in a 1936 OW rugby pic



Tom Payne and Chris Ward



Richard Winter and Martin Nixon

"First time back in almost 60 years! What a difference a few decades makes"



Quiet reflections

1971 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

Fifty-five years since leaving Warwick School

"Quite emotional to be back at school after so many years, and meet people I had not seen for more than fifty years"



Martin Brightman, Brian Joseph, Tim Barnwell, the Head Master, Alastair Page, Stirling Thorpe-Smith

Back in the day...



1970-71 Prefects



1970 1st XI



1970s, now Music



1970s, outside Chapel

1976 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

Fifty years since leaving Warwick School

"Would love to come back more often! Another ten years seems a long time to wait!"



Back: Chris Osborne, Duncan Gould, Nigel Ede, Alex Leake, Richard Kerby, Paul Heath, Neil Edwards, Andrew Mathie, Ian Macvie, Jeremy Sleath, David Tomlinson.
Front: Mark Powell, Robin Lal-Sarin, Mark Salmon, Tony Davison, Head Master, Chris Tidball, Mark Calderbank, Nick Bond, Richard Jackson



Round the table, l-r: Andrew Mathie, Richard Kerby, Tony Davidson, Jeremy Sleath, Duncan Gould, Neil Edwards, Paul Heath, Alison Jackson, Richard Jackson, Chris Osborne

"We were very well looked after and valued as old boys"



Tony Davidson and David Tomlinson



Enjoying some of the school archives



Nigel Ede, Andrew Mathie and Duncan Gould



Mark Calderbank, Ian Macvie, Mark Salmon



Chris Tidball, Mark Powell, Robin Lal-Sarin

1986 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

"Great fun!"

Forty years since leaving Warwick School



Back: Matthew Bevan, Andrew Cox, Jonathan Bacon, Richard Evans, Andrew Richardson, Brian Schwieger, David Glennie, John McCulloch, Chris Thornell, Bruce Cockerton, Clark Sargent, Jon West, Reg Skelton, Neil Cullum. Front: John Rowe, Richard Petley, Michael Hobson, Peter Squires, Alan Dee, Head Master, Julian Emens, Will Morris, Julian Green, Martyn Haynes, Josh Fuller



Reg Skelton and Julian Emens



Andrew Cox, Clark Sargent, Alan Dee



1986 leavers heading into DT (Woodwork)



Richard Evans, Chris Thornell, Will Morris



John McCulloch and Matthew Bevan



Brian Schwieger, John McCulloch and Julian Green

1996 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

Thirty years since leaving Warwick School

"Absolutely fantastic. So good to see everyone and, also, to look around the school and marvel at all the changes since we left. Some of it unrecognisable other parts very recognisable!"



Standing: Andrew Bolt, Andrew Guthrie, David Daniell, Sam Adams, Daniel Balmer, Giles Littleford, Mark Avery, Tom Shattock, James Macpherson, Stuart Munton, Nick Rupra, Stephen Mitchell, Charlie Buckle, Aleks Stanojevic, Paul Green, Richard Thomas, Paul Harben, Douglas Forsyth, David Skinner, Tom Preston, Duncan Nealon.
Front: Jeremy Noon, Nigel Bell, James Ballinger, Jeff Thomas, Head Master, Brian Emmerson, Andrew Emmerson, John Grundy, Martin Green.

"Fantastic day reconnecting with old friends (after too long)"

"Great to spend time with current pupils who showed up brilliantly – with energy, professionalism and charisma!"



Andrew Emmerson, Martin Green and David Skinner



John Grundy, James Macpherson, James Ballinger



1996 leavers with Head of School JJ



Andrew Bolt, Andrew Guthrie and David Daniell



Andrew Emmerson, Mark Avery, Charlie Buckle, Andrew Bolt



Richard Thomas, John Grundy, James Ballinger, Daniel Balmer, Andrew Guthrie, David Daniell



Aleks Stanojevic and Paul Harben



Duncan Nealon and Sam Adams



Stephen Mitchell and Stuart Munton



Sam Adams and Giles Littleford

2006 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

Twenty years since leaving Warwick School



Standing: Toby Bowser, Tom Whiteside, Tom Owen, Gerard McVeigh, Jake Wombwell-Povey, Will Ward-Jones, Alex Wollaston, Nick Porter, David McNee, Andrew Norton, Rich Calcutt. Front: Phil Darby, Jimi Macdonald, Thomas Hiorns, Ben Sleath, Head Master, Tom Coyte, William Chaundy, James Payne, Chris Johnson

Thank you to Tom Coyte (WS 1999-2006) for sharing his reflections on the day, Twenty Years On...



"On Saturday 6 June I attended my 20-year school reunion at Warwick. Pulling into the school car park for the first time in two decades, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Like many, I wondered how it would feel to revisit the people and places from so many years ago. As it turned out, I needn't have worried.

The reunion was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and catch up on the different paths our lives have taken since leaving school. What struck me most was how instantly recognisable and familiar the people and place still seemed. Twenty years may have passed, but the personalities and characteristics I remembered were still very much intact!

It was fascinating to see how the school has developed. The investment in the site is impressive, and there have clearly been significant changes to meet the needs of today's staff and boys. I was interested to discover that the old Sixth Form Centre had been transformed into a Wellbeing Hub, with work/meeting areas, therapy rooms, a sensory room, and a multi-faith prayer room. All positive improvements.

Yet, amidst the modernisation, some things felt wonderfully unchanged. Walking into the Design & Technology block, I was instantly hit by that familiar, nostalgic smell of sawdust and machine coolants and oils, which brought back happy memories of woodwork and metalwork lessons (one of my favourite subjects). Meanwhile, stepping into my Lower Fourth Latin classroom transported me right back to the less



Back: Andrew Norton, Nick Porter, Gerard McVeigh, Tom Whiteside, Will Ward-Jones, Phil Darby, Thomas Hiorns
Front: Jake Wombwell-Povey, Jimi Macdonald, Ben Sleath

enjoyable feelings I had when I first joined Warwick and was tackling Latin for the very first time!

After the reunion event drew to a close, the conversations naturally spilled over into a local pub, sharing memories and reflecting on the years since leaving Warwick.

I left feeling grateful that I had made the effort to attend. For anyone considering a future reunion but feeling hesitant, my advice would be simple: go. You may be surprised by how much you enjoy it."

2016 Leavers

Saturday 6 June 2026

Ten years since leaving Warwick School

"A great way to see old friends and teachers, see how the school has changed over the last ten years, but more importantly, see the ways in which it has stayed the same"



Standing: Morgan Barnden, Ronit Kanwar, John Wyles, James Chamberlain, Joe Waldron, James TW, Christian Von Sydow, Brian Davies, Nick Greaves, Zak Somra, Ben Smith, Daniel Wilkes, Ashley Barron, Michael Streets, Jake Reynolds, Jamie Pincott, Luke Child, Charlie Briggs, Ben Scoular, Jamie Walker, Guy Russell-Wilks, Henry Day.
Sitting: Omar Khalil, Conrad Lee, Raymun Kohli, Eugene Yick, David Morris, Head Master, Joseph Doyle, Luke Farrow, Kabir Braich, Nick Johnson, William Roberts.
Kneeling: Alex Lillie, Tom Donaldson, Sam Lillie, Daniel Taylor, Benjamin Lambert, Dominic Gayle, Vishesh Dawar, Alex Domingo, Joshua Grimes, Jordan Ainslie

"Think it's really important the school does this. Men can be awful at keeping in touch with each other"



John Wyles, Luke Child, Alex Lillie, Eric Hadley, Sam Lillie



Melvin Cooley, Benjamin Lambert, Zak Somra, Daniel Morris



Ashley Barron, Joseph Doyle, Eugene Yick, Kabir Braich, Vishesh Dawar



James TW and Ronit Kanwar



Alex Lillie, John Wyles, Sam Lillie



Alex Domingo, Joe Waldron, Charlie Briggs, Tom Donaldson



Omar Khalil, Michael Streets, Luke Farrow



Raymun Kohli, Conrad Lee, Eugene Yick, Dominic Gayle, Vishesh Dawar



James Chamberlain, Jake Reynolds, Daniel Wilkes, Daniel Taylor, Jamie Pincott



Nick Johnson, Brian Davies, Nick Greaves, Christian von Sydow

Warwick Schools Foundation

As we wish last year's leavers all the best for their next adventure, we offer a warm welcome to our new Year 7s.

There are changes in our schools and professional services too, with valued colleagues taking well-earned retirement, and moving onto pastures new. Each go with our gratitude and good wishes.

A farewell to our Foundation Chair of Governors



After ten years as a Governor and five years as Foundation Chair, Mrs Sally Austin stepped down at the end of the Summer term. Sally has overseen significant changes during this time. These include a revised governance structure, the completion of Project One Campus, the introduction of girls' boarding, an international school strategy, and the establishment of WSF MAT.

Mrs Jane Mackenzie-Lawrie takes up the appointment of Foundation Chair from September 2026. Jane joined our Governing Body in 2022 and was Chair of the Resources & Estates Committee. In addition, she is Non-Executive Director at Express Medicals plc. During her executive career, she held roles across sales, operations and marketing in global B2B and pharmaceutical sectors. She is a former Foundation parent, her two sons having attended Warwick School.

An announcement from King's High School



Dr Stephen Burley will be leaving King's High School at the end of the 2026/27 academic year, having been appointed Head of Headington School Oxford. Steve became Head Master of King's High in January 2021, having previously been Deputy Head (Academic) from January 2017. His decade at the school has been marked by exceptional leadership and an unwavering support for the pupils. Steve has led the school community to new heights: in public examination results, inspection outcomes, and in opportunities for pupils. These initiatives and achievements have led to significant national recognition for the school, and for Steve himself, being named Best Head of a Public School by Tatler Schools Guide last year.

Dr Philip Seal has been appointed as the next Head Master of King's High School in September 2027.

An announcement from The Kingsley School



Dr Sarah Howling left The Kingsley School at the end of the summer term. Sarah has been a transformational Headteacher. During her tenure at Kingsley, she oversaw significant investment in facilities, led the introduction of boys into the senior school, drove a root and branch overhaul of the pastoral and academic life of the school, and most recently led the school to a tremendous ISI inspection outcome.

Mr Peter Bucknall has been appointed Head from September 2026.

Independent Schools of the Year Awards



We are delighted that our Foundation schools have been commended in the Independent Schools of the Year Awards,

for the following categories:

Independent Prep School of the Year

Warwick Junior School
Warwick Prep School
The Kingsley Preparatory School

Independent Girls' School of the Year

King's High School, Warwick

Independent Boys' School of the Year

Warwick School

We look forward to the announcement of winners later this year.



The Warwick Schools Foundation service, in September, celebrated the schools' links with the town.