







IMPACT REPORT 2019.20



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

"We are immensely grateful to our Blundell's family for making it possible for our pupils to have such a wonderful environment in which to learn and grow. If we have learnt anything through these challenging days, it is to count our blessings and to savour them."

I hope we never have another year like 2020 but I will look back on this period with unique gratitude. As with many trying circumstances, the opportunities to learn and grow are far greater than during more straightforward times, and these last 9 months have provided fertile ground for reflection, innovation and progress.

There have been several incidents of accidental learning where we have been forced to do things differently and have discovered that the new way of doing things has some real advantages. Some things we lacked the courage to do because, despite suspecting that they could work, circumstances have never demanded it of us, and the status quo has been the safer option.

So, when I look back on 2020 it is with sincere gratitude for the lessons learnt and for the discomfort that has caused us to think harder, more creatively and more courageously. Blundell's is and will be better for it.

During a recent Latin Prayer, I addressed the School on the topic of gratitude. Gratitude is not about warm fuzzy feelings of thankfulness. Gratitude is as much an intellectual process as an emotional one and it involves the recognition and acknowledgement of being the beneficiary of a kindness, possibly deserved but often not. I reminded the pupils that it is easy to feel frustrated by what the current restrictions do not permit us to do but that it is not difficult to identify many, many things for which we can be deeply thankful.



When gratitude is cultivated through rigorous and regular reflection, it becomes a habit and corporate habits, become the foundation of culture. This is what we desire for our School and it is what is modelled so effectively through the members of our Community who give so generously to the School: with their skills, their time, their contacts, their resources and their finances. Thank you.

Gratitude ultimately demands a response and my challenge to the pupils was exactly that: when they consider their many blessings, what is the most appropriate way in which they can respond to that? For many it is simply making the most of our opportunities at School and by being wholehearted contributors to school life.

Biologe.

Bart Wielenga Head

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ANNUAL REVIEW

The Development Office & Old Blundellian Club has certainly been busy this year. Despite the major knock on effects of COVID-19, we have managed to accomplish a great deal.

Year on year we rely on the generous support of various donations and offers of assistance. We cannot thank these supporters enough, without your support many projects and pupils who rely on these donations to attend Blundell's, would simply not be possible. Thank you.

We are also very pleased to report several new donors have come forward to offer their financial support for pupils and their families particularly affected by COVID-19. The Hardship Bursary Fund was established to offer support to families in need and we are very pleased to report that no pupil has needed to leave the School due to financial constraints as a result of the coronavirus. There are still several families impacted by the current economic circumstances and we are committed to ensuring pupils can remain at School unaffected. We are also pleased to announce that the Hardship Bursary Fund will remain a fundraising option for our donors, and long-term these funds will be used to support families suffering from acute hardship cases, such as a death or health issues in the family. The coronavirus is clearly not over, and neither is the need for your support. If you have been thinking of supporting a philanthropic cause this year, please keep Blundell's School in your thoughts.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 brought an end to our face-to-face events for now, however, it did allow us to do something special for our Community. In March 2020, we launched our COVID-19 Telethon Initiative. The aim was to reach out to members of our Community who may benefit from a quick check-in.

The positive response was overwhelming – with over 350 calls or individual emails/letters being made by 18 volunteers. We were also pleased to be able to offer this initiative to our overseas &/or hearing-impaired community via email & letters.

The following pages are a snapshot of the work the Development Office has accomplished throughout the year (September 2019 – August 2020) with the support of both the Old Blundellian Club, the School and the Blundell's Community.

Once again, we would like to thank the many members of the Blundell's Community who have helped us accomplish so much this year.

As we look to the future, we look back at our previous donors with gratitude. To express this gratitude, we are excited to launch a new donor pin (pictured) which will be sent to our donors in the new year.



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Old Blundellian, Colin Wood-Robinson (OH 1949-55) had this to say about his phone call with a pupil volunteer:

"I was very touched to have received a telephone call from Wilfred (OH), to see if I was surviving these difficult times. I told him that I had been Head of Old House in 1954/55 and informed him of which study I occupied in my final year. This was just to say thank you to those current pupils for getting in touch with those from an older generation to check on their well-being. It was much appreciated."

- Colin Wood-Robinson (OH 1949-55)



Linda Bulpin (Development and Events Coordinator), Emily Roffe-Silvester (Development Executive)

Janet Wooff (GH 1980-82 & Old Blundellian Club Secretary) & Ben Boswell (FH 2000-02 & Director of Development).

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW IN NUMBERS

IMPACT REPORT - 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020

PETER BLUNDELL'S FOUNDATION AWARDS

84 pupils have been supported to attend the School, when they would otherwise be unable to do so.

TELETHON INITIATIVE

350+ Calls & Emails to members of our Community who may benefit from a brief check-in or chat.

EVENTS

19 Development & Old Blundellian Events.

HARDSHIP FUND

45 pupils have been supported via the Hardship Bursary Fund.

TELETHON INITIATIVE

18 Volunteers/Callers.

1604 SOCIETY

49 members of the 1604 Legacy Society.

GIFTS IN KIND

11 donations of items to the School.

TELETHON INITIATIVE

7,000 + minutes on the phone connecting with our Community during Lockdown.

FOOD BOXES

528 food boxes were compiled for our wider community to purchase during the lockdown period.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW IN NUMBERS

IMPACT REPORT - 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020

ANNUAL FUND

Small-scale projects that would not normally be able to go ahead due to budget constraints.

£3,739.00

HARDSHIP FUND

Supporting pupils significantly affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19.

£21,318.63

PETER BLUNDELL'S FOUNDATION AWARDS

Supporting pupils to attend Blundell's when they would not be able to do so due to financial constraints.

£50,753.00

PREP SCHOOL

To support projects specifically related to the Prep School.

£2,000

GENERAL PURPOSES

Unrestricted funds for general purposes.

£1,335.00

JAMES BULLOCK MEMORIAL FUND

An endowment fund to support recipients of the PBFA with financial assistance during their 1st year at University.

£3,250

GIFT AID

Funds provided by HMRC
via the Gift Aid option
available for UK taxpayers.
Gift Aid funds are allocated to
the donation they were
associated with.

£5,305.93

LEGACY INCOME

Income generated from legacies.

£275,000

SPONSORSHIP

Businesses supporting Blundell's through various initiatives.

£1,494.00

WHO DONATED?



2% FORMER PARENTS

5% WELL WISHERS

6% STAFF

12% **CURRENT PARENTS**

75%

OBs

% Who Donated

14% 13% 10% 4% **CURRENT FORMER PARENTS PARENTS** WELL **WISHERS**

57%

OLD BLUNDELLIANS

STAFF

^{*}Please note, legacies were removed from the % of Amount Donated to provide more accurate reporting.

ANNUAL FUND 2019.20

A committee of staff members, including Head Boy & Girl have come together to allocate £3,739.00 to various school related projects across the Senior & Prep School.

Staff & pupils were invited to nominate a project to receive the funds. This year, the committee paid particular interest to projects that support the greatest number of pupils possible. Traditionally, these funds have been focused on supporting House projects, however due to COVID-19 and the restrictions this has caused, we have decided that the most appropriate application of the Annul Fund this year should be towards projects that benefit the most pupils.

- Piano for the Blundell's Café.
- Willow Huts for the Prep School's Wild Wonders outdoor learning area programme.
- Communal seating in the Blundell's Garden.



Table Tennis tables for School House made possible by previous Annual Fund donations.

PETER BLUNDELL'S FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Peter Blundell's Foundation Awards have been an integral part of the School for many years now. These allow those who may not ordinarily be able to afford a Blundell's education to do so.

FORMER PETER BLUNDELL'S FOUNDATION AWARD RECIPIENT - ALEX EVERETT (P 2010-12)

Alex Everett (P 2010-12) transferred to Blundell's from his local high school on a Peter Blundell's Foundation Award & Music Scholarship. Alex says, 'For me, receiving this support was genuinely the difference between attending or not attending.'

Alex is a strong example of how an education at Blundell's can be so influential in a person's life. Alex is currently an Investment Analyst with a first-class Honours degree in Economics from the University of Edinburgh. He is also a piano teacher & accompanist, along with being an organist and Trustee at St Michael & All Saints' Church, Edinburgh.

When asked how Blundell's positively influenced his life, he said:

"Blundell's gave me the confidence to jump into 'any' situation headfirst. I feel that part of who I am today, is a direct result of the range of experiences I had while at Blundell's. I was never short of both wisdom and kindness from my teachers, who cared enough to not just share advice, but to listen and treat us as adults."

"I am also grateful for the lifelong lesson of time management that Blundell's help provide – you are rarely as busy as you are at Blundell's - it's a crash-course in fitting everything in!"

If you are already a donor towards the Peter Blundell's Foundation Award (PBFA) or are considering becoming a donor – Alex would like you to know:

"Thank you! Please rest assured that your investment to the PBFA, is producing maximum opportunities for selected

beneficiaries. These beneficiaries are getting the absolute most out of their experiences, like I have — it has provided me with skills and attitudes to tackle the future like no other experience could provide."

As you can see, Alex is doing extremely well, and we wish him the best of luck with his future. Alex is currently settled in Edinburgh and is planning the next chapter of his life – his wedding!



72 pupils have been supported through donation-based bursaries in 2019/20 and an additional 12 pupils have been sponsored via external Trusts.

NEWLY CREATED - HARDSHIP BURSARY FUND

The economic hardships that many have faced since the coronavirus pandemic has left many with uncertainties. This included several pupils who were uncertain if post-lockdown, they would be able to return to School due to newly arisen financial constraints. There has been a range of families that have needed financial support during this time to ensure that their child can remain at Blundell's to finish their education. We are delighted to report that no pupil has needed to leave the School due to the coronavirus.

This commitment to support our pupils that are suffering economic hardships due to the coronavirus is due to the generosity and foresight of our wider Community who donated towards the newly established Hardship Bursary Fund.

Temporary assistance was provided to a total of 30 families (45 pupils), amounting to £76,800 in assistance.

HARDSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

Here is a snapshot of some of the pupils we have been able to support thanks to the generous donations towards the Hardship Bursary Fund.

OXBRIDGE RECIPIENT

"I can safely say that in my 21 years of teaching this pupil, they are one of the most fascinating students I have met. Intelligent, talented and inquisitive – all the things that a teacher wants to see in a student."

"Whenever I had a lesson with this pupil, I very rarely had an idea of where that lesson may end up! We could end up talking about the latest advances in epigenetics, the current political landscape, the struggles of balancing life as a young activist whilst also maintaining a vibrant social life, or simply their favourite selection from the Tesco Bakery aisle. I loved watching their passion inflame. I will miss the excitement they bring to a lesson. I will miss this pupil's wit, autonomy, originality, good humour and friendliness." - Pupil's Former Houseparent

Congratulations to this pupil who received an offer to Oxbridge - clearly well-deserved.



PUPIL WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP POSITION

Another pupil who has benefited from the generous support of the Hardship Fund is a pupil with a senior role within their boarding House. This pupil is exceeding within the academic and music sectors of the School and would be unable to continue their education without the support from both the PBFA & Hardship Fund.

This pupil makes the most of every opportunity presented to them at Blundell's. An outstanding student, achieving top grades across all subjects. A love of learning fuels this pupil and they often go beyond the curriculum to explore other areas of interest. Despite many achievements, they remain humble and approachable and uses their spare time for the benefit of others, for example choosing charitable causes during activity time. Lastly, the pupil conducts themself in a positive and generous manner and frequently expresses their gratitude for the

educational experiences available while at Blundell's.

MAKING AN EXCELLENT FIRST IMPRESSION AT BLUNDELL'S

This pupil has only recently joined us but is already making headway in their educational career here at Blundell's.

This pupil has been described as "A most polite and thoughtful student, who has made an excellent first impression at Blundell's. They are dedicated to trying as many new things as possible, whilst maintaining an excellent standard of academic study. In both class and around the wider School, as well as having a naturally lovely demeanour, they have been described as enthusiastic and motivated. Certainly, destined to achieve great things at Blundell's." - Pupil's Tutor



LEGACIES

Legacies continue to remain the highest donation stream we receive to the School. This year (September 2019 to August 2020) we saw £275,000 in legacy income.

Legacies are an important part of our Development plan to support both our pupils and our School. We are committed to ensuring these donations are used in accordance with the donor's wishes. We are delighted to be able to report back to you with an update on some of our more recent legacies. These funds have now been allocated to projects in accordance with the donors wishes.

NEW MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP: THE JOHN VICTOR REYNOLDS AND BERYL REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to announce the newly appointed scholarship available to future music scholars. The scholarship is in memory of John Victor Reynolds (P 1944-48) and his wife, Beryl Reynolds. John was an Old Blundellian in Petergate from 1944 to 1948 and both John and Beryl were also past parents at Blundell's School.

John Victor Reynolds introduced his wife Beryl to 'the pleasure and enjoyment of music' and in recognition of this, Beryl and John left a gift in their Will to the Blundell's Music Department. The scholarship is to be known as the 'The John Victor Reynolds and Beryl Reynolds Scholarship.' The gift will be 'applied for the benefit of one or more scholars of promising talent of the School's choosing.'

John and Beryl will be pleased to have known that their generous bequest will be strategically investing via the School's Finance Department. The intention is to use the funds from this investment to support a scholarship, allowing the bequest to benefit pupils for many years to come.



John Reynold's in his 1948 Petergate House photo

REMEMBERING RICHARD PARKINSON (NC 1944-48)

This year we remember Richard Parkinson (NC 1944-48) who was a hugely loyal Old Blundellian.

Born in London in 1930 he moved to Cardiff in 1932 on the death of his father. He lived a peripatetic life exacerbated by later bombing raids, but he enlivened it all with several naughty childhood escapades. With no previous connections with Blundell's School his mother chose it because of its rural location away from the wartime conditions in Cardiff.

Settling into North Close, his favourite subject was History and favourite sport was swimming. He also enjoyed long weekend cycle rides through the Devon lanes (no cars, no petrol) and cream teas at various farms – not affected by rationing – which inspired a lifetime love of the countryside.

A contemporary of Ted Crowe (FH 1943-46) and Tom Clough (OH 1942-47), he was a faithful attender at OB events travelling from Cardiff in the 1950s by ferry across the River Severn before the days of the M4.

His career as a Chartered Accountant provided another link with the school and in the late 1950s, he became Treasurer of the Old Blundellian Club. In the 1970s, his two sons attended the School, both in Westlake - Tom from 1977-81 and Henry from 1979-83. His links continued as he served as a Governor from 1983 until 2000.

At this time, Richard and his wife, Lizzie, moved to Devon and a new link with the School began. His granddaughter Honor joined the School in 2014 and her sister Maddie in 2017.

Richard forged a career in Accountancy after returning from an extended National Service in North Africa. He was a long-standing partner in the Cardiff office of the national firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co, which became part of the huge international firm of KPMG in 1987. He was an especially calming and encouraging boss to the younger

staff who could find the work very tedious. Retiring from KPMG at sixty he began another career in the Church in Wales, first at diocesan level and finally as the lay head of the province managing all their assets. He retired from this work in 2000 aged 70.

He died in January 2019 after several years of ill-health having set up a very happy three generation-link with the School. His enduring love for all things Blundellian is remembered in his legacy to the School.



SMEATON STUART MEETING ROOMS

We are excited to unveil our new Smeaton Stuart Meeting Rooms! These 4 meetings rooms were made possible by the generous legacy of Old Blundellian, Major John Smeaton Stuart (SH 1949-54).

The meeting rooms will be both available and utilised by almost every area of the School body which make them a very fitting tribute to Major John Smeaton Stuart who will be able to support so many members of the School through his generous legacy. So far, the meeting rooms have been utilised by our Admissions, Marketing, Development & Old Blundellian Club for meetings. And have also benefited several pupils who required quiet spaces to work and/or take exams.

If you are a member of the wider Community, and are passing Blundell's – please do get in touch, we'd love to meet with you and our new meeting rooms are the perfect spot (with the ability to socially distance within the rooms).



John Smeaton Stuart (SH 1949-54) with his CCF group.



PETER HURFORD ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Peter Hurford Organ Scholar was established by the generous foresight of the late Denys Coombe (W 1932-36). Denys used to say that he was "just average" at everything, such was his (genuine) modesty. In fact, he excelled at music, playing the piano and organ to a high standard, and loved singing in the choir and Motet club. Even in adulthood Denys continued to take lessons on the organ and played occasionally for local services; in all for fifteen churches in the area. He was a member of the Surrey Organists Association for over 25 years, and also a past president. Denys was a fanatically loyal Old Blundellian, and over the last decade or so revelled in the school's soaring success. In particular, he was proud that 'Blundell's was once again, as in his day, undeniably excellent at music.'



The Peter Hurford Organ Scholar was appointed this year to a pupil described as:

'a fine musician, playing the violin, harp and organ. They are an earnest learner and always interested in discovering new music and exploring ideas.

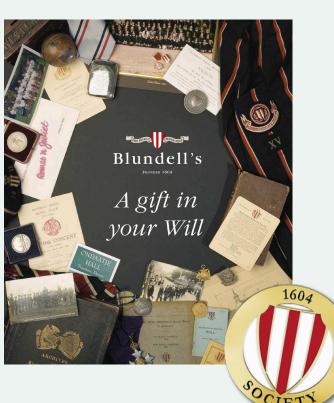
A keen supporter of all the choral ensembles and instrumental ensembles the Music Department run. The pupil is polite, punctual and completely committed and a genuine asset to the department.'



1604 SOCIETY

We continue to have a very vibrant 1604 Society with 49 current members. The 1604 Society was founded to recognise, honour and thank those that have promised support to Blundell's by pledging a gift in their Will. The Society provides an opportunity to thank members for their contribution through an annual event and regular updates on the School's progress.

If you intend to leave a legacy to Blundell's or indeed, have already done so, you are eligible for membership of the 1604 Society. We are excited to unveil a new lapel badge for all 1604 members in the coming months.



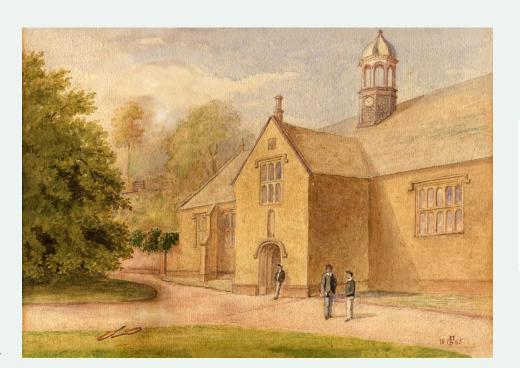


ARCHIVES, EQUIPMENT & SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS

ARCHIVE DONATIONS

The Archive department received the following donations this year. We thank you for considering our Archive department for donations of Blundell's items. Please note, the Archive has complete sets of **Rolls, Calendars** and **Blundellian magazines,** therefore no further copies are required.

- Scans of two drawings of Old Blundell's, dated 1865 made by George Marmaduke Hart Thornton (at School 1864-68), sent by his great-grandson George Bunting (pictured).
- Photographs, Christmas cards, and CCF belt all belonging to Boyce Land (1934-36), given by Nigel Pocock.
- **Small collection of concert programmes, newspaper cuttings, and personal letters** donated by John Goman (SH 1954-59).
- Incomplete collection of Boys and Girls Hockey team photographs dating 2002-14, internal donation.
- Supplementary collection of notes, documents and photographs, re Ravenswood School, Stoodleigh from Richard Holladay.



BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL ARCHIVE

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TRACTORS FOR THE PRE-PREP

Both a very generous and very fun donation of three new tractors for our Pre-Prep from Current Parent, Johnny Clapp (TH 1988-91).



JERSEY TOUR T-SHIRT DONATIONS

Sponsorship of our Year 6 Jersey Tour t-shirts. Sponsorship of the t-shirts was made possible by an anonymous donation from a Current Parent.



LATHE FOR THE DT DEPARTMENT

The DT Department's new Lathe from John Howell (M 1949-52) has been busy at work this year. It has been a useful teaching aid and a great piece of equipment to teach theory in DT.



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS

TELETHON

A huge thank you to the 18 callers who reached out to the Blundellian Community during lockdown and throughout these unprecedented times with a phone call (letter or email). The positive response was overwhelming – with over 350+ calls or individual emails/letters being made by 18 volunteers.

We would also like to thank the following callers for helping to make this initiative possible; Janet Wooff nee Frankpitt (GH 1980-82 & Old Blundellian Club Secretary), Charles Abram (M 1959-64) and Katharine Sendell (GH 2007-14), Heather Cordon (Staff), 12 current pupils and the Development Office.



Janet Wooff nee Frankpitt (GH 1980-82 & Old Blundellian Club Secretary) working from home and making calls to the Old Blundellian Community.

"You are all doing a great job keeping the true spirit of Blundell's going during this current crisis. Thanks for the call the other day Janet, much appreciated. Keep safe."

- Gordon Maddock (M 1950-54) "It was a surprise, and a pleasant one at that, to receive a call from Charlie Abram recently enquiring after our wellbeing. Congratulations to whoever thought up this idea, I am sure that there are some OBs to whom this connection has been very important."

- Tony Kirk (M 1959-64)



Benjamin (OH) making calls to the Blundell's Community while the School was remote learning during Lockdown.

"The phone rang. That was the remarkable thing, as it almost never does unless it is yet another scam call urging me to renew my non-existent Amazon Prime membership. The touching thing was that it was the secretary of my old school's 'Old Boys' (it was just boys in those days) club - 'reaching out' to their old gaffers to make sure they weren't in distress in the current difficulties. Turned out that she (also an 'old boy') was, like apparently half the country right now, trying to take first steps in sourdough, so of course we had quite a long conversation."

- Steve Rickaby (OH 1962-66)

CAREER MENTORING PODCAST

Thank you to all the Old Blundellians who took part in the Blundell's Careers Podcast during our home learning programme during lockdown. The interviews are being well-used by the Careers Department. The project is continuing thanks to Mr Dudgeon, and we have a great cross-section of professions which will be covered over the coming weeks and months.



If you would be prepared to speak about your industry for one of our podcasts or are interested in becoming a career mentor in general, please contact the Development Office.





- Tom Vantreen (OH 1997-02), now working in Commercial Real Estate.
- Jack Knowles (W 1996-01), now Sales Manager at Gul Watersports.
- Freya Slack (GH 2009-16) and Annie Hibberd (NC 2009-2016), who are both forging careers in the Art world.
- Ned Menheneott (FH 2004-11), now Country Manager, JD Ross Energy, Australia.
- Emma Nelson (GH 2013-15), now a professional singer.
- Vic Marks (Former Staff), ex-England cricket player and now a sports journalist.
- Anna Crosse (NC 1996-03) now an international commercial lawyer.
- Ben Barker (SH 1988-93), now Managing Director of Extreme International.
- David Luther (P 2000-05), now Registrar at the Anaesthetic and Intensive Care Unit in the Bristol Royal Infirmary Hospital.

PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Over 180 plastic visors were created in our DT Department and distributed to local hospitals, nursing homes and doctor's clinics etc.



SOCIALLY DISTANCED TEA PARTIES

Small socially distanced tea parties popped up once the lockdown restrictions were eased. Three have already taken place and further ones will be scheduled in line with Government guidelines.

"Thank you so much for having all the oldies to tea. It was a lovely idea and much appreciated. We enjoyed it so much we had no idea of the time - I was shocked to discover we were still sitting with you and it was 6pm. So thank you for making our day in these difficult times." -Carol Hamer (Former Parent & Staff)



FOOD BOXES

A whopping 528 food boxes were compiled for our wider community to purchase during the lockdown period and £1,766.43 of the profits were donated to CHAT our local Housing Action Team.



From L to R: Rev Catherine Jenkins, Mary Julier, Janet Wooff, Gay and Jerry Salter, Carol Hamer and Rev David Hamer.

DEVELOPMENT & OLD BLUNDELLIAN EVENTS

WINTER 2019 EVENTS

Inaugural Community Touch Rugby Tournament, Paris Community Reception, Class 1990 Reunion, Reichwald Fives Tournament, Ladies Shooting Event, Winter Lunch with Ben Boswell (FH 2000-02 & Director of Development) & Heather Corden (Staff) & Vic Marks (FH 1968-73 & Former Staff), Exeter Casual Drinks, Alumni X-Country Race in London, New York Community Reception, Sir Francis Popham Society Reception, Class 1996 Reunion.

SPRING 2020 EVENTS & VIRTUAL SPEECH DAY

Winter Lunch with Johnny Ison (SH 1963-67) & Harry Flowers (Staff), 140th Russell Run Dinner, Alumni & Community Russell Run, Ladies Lunch with guest speaker Lisa Tregale nee Warren (GH 1991-93).



VIRTUAL SPEECH DAY SUCCESS

Although we were disappointed not to be able to host our traditional Speech Day followed by afternoon tea to celebrate our recent leavers, the opportunity to host the day virtually was a huge success. Although we could not celebrate in person, holding the event online allowed many from our wider Community to join who would not normally be able to participate due to number constraints. Here is what our Community had to say about the event.

"What a brilliant idea to stream the video of Speech Day. I was just so impressed not only that you had the idea of doing this but also by the content which was quite superb. This was a wonderful promotion of the school by all concerned."

– Paul Waterworth (NC 1958-62)

"What an amazing Speech Day presentation! Congratulations to all involved in its production and especially to the students who were so composed, articulate and enthusiastic about their particular event....."

- Vivienne Heeley (Former Governor 2005-17)

".....I thought it was a very professional production and it captured the essence of what it is to be a pupil at Blundell's School....."

- Nigel Arnold (Governor)

"Just watched the Speech Day Live broadcast, which was simply superb. The effort to put this together has been immense, but I'm sure it will give great pleasure to many."

- Mark Portsmouth (FH 1970-76)

"Absolutely everyone involved should be extremely proud. They have made me even more proud of my Alma Mater. Its (Blundell's) progress in every possible endeavour during the 61 years since I left is truly breath-taking."

- Nick Boothby (NC 1955-59)



1990 REUNION



LADIES SHOOTING PRACTICE





CELEBRATING 140 YEARS OF THE RUSSELL RUN





ALUMNI X-COUNTRY RUN IN LONDON

LADIES LUNCH 2020

with Marjorie Warren (Past Parent) Lisa Tregale nee Warren (GH 1991-93) & Heather Barlow (Former Staff & Parent)



RUSSELL RUN DINNER

with the Price family

MODES OF COMMUNICATION



We hope you have been enjoying the monthly e-newsletters, The Popham Post, in your email inbox. The Popham Post is an excellent mode of communication from Blundell's for those with emails. It allows the Development Office & Old Blundellian Club to communicate with you more regularly. It also means we can report on information that may not necessarily make it into the Diary which is published 3 times a year.

We are currently in touch with over 7300 Community members. 59% of these members receive the Popham Post and a similar number have opted to receive the next copy of the Diary (December) via email.

FUTURE DIARY COPIES

If you wish to receive a hardcopy of the Diary, please register your preference with the Development Office, ideally before December 2020 to receive the next copy in the post.

If you do not currently receive the Popham Post, please contact us with your email.

devoffice@blundells.org 01884 232324 "Gosh you produce magnificent email newsletters. Thank you. You are doing such a wonderful job particularly during Lockdown. The whole Blundell's Community is lucky you are there."

– Emma Leigh (Former Parent)

"I just have to say how impressed I am with both the content and the technical presentation of all recent Blundell's on-line publications. Having worked for IBM specialising in software and Quality Assurance you have severely dented my proposed epitaph which was going to be "Who writes this stuff"!"

- Michael Cuff (P 1963-65)

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