

Polished CORNERS

QUONDAM FRANCIS HOLLAND REGENT'S PARK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



2017 MAGAZINE

Dear Quondam Members,

I am delighted to be able to write to you again. When I am meeting prospective pupils and parents who come to look around this wonderful school in droves, it gives me great pleasure to be able to claim that Francis Holland is "The Finest School in London". By any imaginable measure of success, this is a school which is positively thriving.

Your successors here at the school can boast of innumerable achievements, adventures and experiences. They enjoy life in an environment which is both academic and kind. The warmth of spirit and the buzz of a busy, urban day school are both still very much in evidence here – just as I hope you will agree they have always been. If you have the chance to visit us again perhaps at the Quondam AGM on 4th November or during 2018, I am certain that you will feel proud of Francis Holland School, just as I do.

Here is some news about developments at your school over the last twelve months. A period in which we have been working to prepare pupils for the world of the future – the world which they will inhabit.

At the centre of what we do, and rightly so, is teaching and learning. Within this topic area have been new leadership opportunities for girls, the introduction of

Philosophy to the Lower Fourth curriculum, a renewed lecture programme and, significantly, a new system of frequent progress cards. This has been a year when the teachers have considered how a "growth mindset" can enable our pupils to reach yet higher heights; how the language that we use and the subtle messages which we send out can challenge and inspire our pupils to succeed.

This year we have also sought to make the most of our prime central London location; twelve visits for each tutor group in the Lower Fourth took place, there were also twenty theatre trips and we shared a venue with our very good friends at Francis Holland, Sloane Square for a magnificent joint concert.

Francis Holland is a confident school which is bold enough to reach beyond the school gates, to welcome guests and to seek partnerships. In terms of being ever more outward-looking, a strengthening of the Help Fund has taken place to great success, moreover the volunteering programme has been relaunched and I am delighted to say that our "Entrepreneurship Fortnight" in November was enormously positive. It challenged girls to look beyond the typical careers which might be considered and to imagine themselves setting up their own business. Indeed, possibly inspired by the initiative, this year's three Young Enterprise groups were more successful than ever before!

Back in March we hosted an event with Mark Carney the Governor of the Bank of England as a launch for the school's vision of a "new spirit of internationalism". Perhaps the most striking proposal is the French house project which is now taking shape, but the exchange programme with a school in Manhattan and the introduction of a gap year student from New Zealand were also noteworthy initiatives.

Francis Holland School remains an extremely successful and highly-sought after independent girls' day school in London. The school has countless strengths, not least its dedicated staff, its impressive cohort of pupils and its alumni network.

In mentioning our staff, I am delighted to include that my predecessor, Vivienne Durham, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the Girls' Schools Association; see page 12 for a full article. I am also pleased to read all the terrific memories you have submitted for Felicity Forde; her donation of a Senior Cup for Netball is a lasting reflection of her contribution to Francis Holland and we are thankful for all she has done.

Next year we will be celebrating the school's 140th birthday. There will be opportunities for you to re-engage with Francis Holland School - details to follow. I would be delighted to meet as many of you as possible over the coming year and please do not leave it until the 150th. After all, this is The Finest School in London!

With very best wishes,

Charles Fillingham
Headmaster



Mrs Forde donates her Senior Cup for Netball to Miss Jane Tucker



Charles Fillingham

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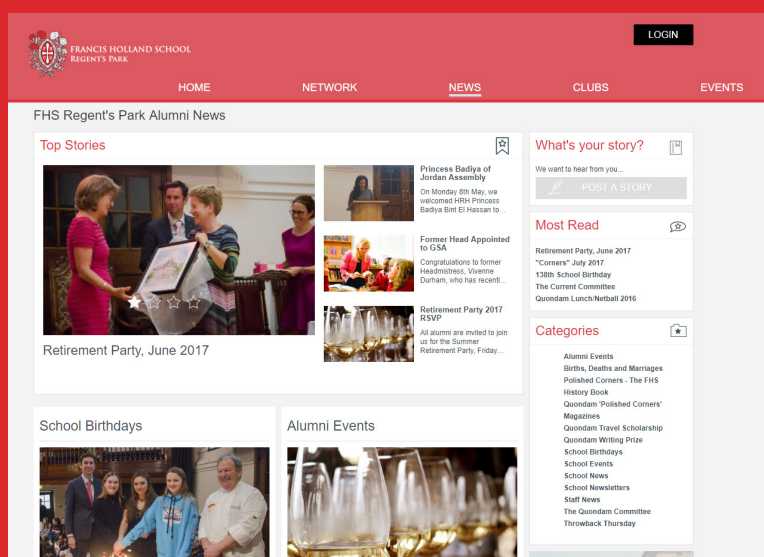
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JOIN OUR FHS ALUMNI NETWORK!

Our alumni network, which is exclusively for former pupils, parents and staff, is a wonderful way to stay in touch with former classmates, keep up to date with news and events and become part of an exclusive professional network.

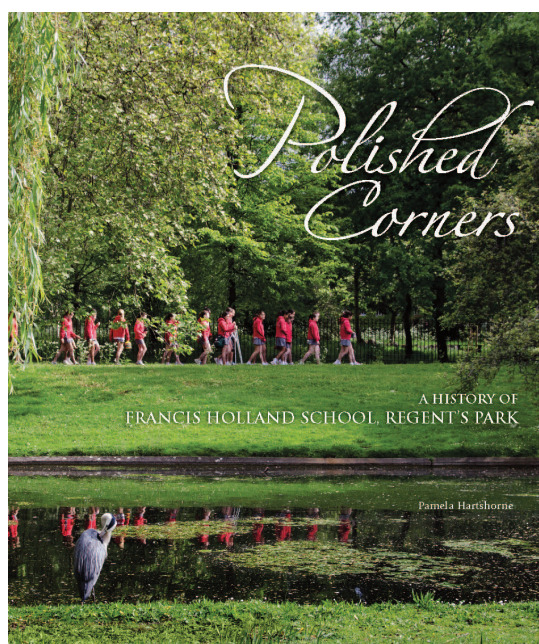
Joining and updating your contact details only takes two minutes - please go to <https://alumni.fhs-nw1.org.uk>. Or if you would prefer, please send any updates to the Alumni Relations Officer by email: quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk or post: Alumni Relations Officer, Francis Holland Regent's Park, 35 Bourne Street, London SW1W 8JA

We look forward to you joining us!



HISTORY BOOK

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Francis Holland Regent's Park history book, you can take advantage of a special alumni discounted rate of £25, or two copies for £40. To purchase, please email quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk.



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adjective: Having been formerly; former;
sometime.

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LETTER FROM THE QUONDAM CHAIRMAN

Dear Quondam,

I take pleasure in writing to you again after a busy year. Our main change is the welcoming of Alistair Brown as our first full-time Alumni Relations Officer, shared between the two Francis Holland schools. Alistair joined us in September 2016 and his role is to support and develop relations between the school and past pupils, parents and staff. So if you need any information about the school, or a tour of the school or wish to contact former school friends or staff, please contact Alistair on quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk at any time.

This year we have had to say goodbye to two long-serving members of staff. Sandy Bailey, the school Registrar, left us after 20 years with the school and Felicity Forde (née Dennis) left us after an incredible 43 years! We held a joint retirement party in their honour at the end of June and I was delighted to see so many Polished Corners attending to say their farewells. Fortunately, Felicity has agreed not to sever her ties with the school completely and I was so pleased to learn that she has agreed to join the Quondam committee and to also help Alistair with the never-ending task of trying to find contact details for former pupils whose details we have on record are sadly out of date. This year we are working on collecting not just address details but also some idea of the career paths chosen by our alumni. This is because we would like to assist both current and former pupils who are looking for career advice in a particular sector. Our hope will be that we can contact former pupils who have made a career in a specific area and ask them to act as mentors, provide work experience or simply give advice on how to enter/succeed in their career of choice. Do please help us by adding your own career information to our network at alumni.fhs-nw1.org.uk and help other Polished Corners to follow in your footsteps.

So far as Quondam's normal business is concerned, we were delighted to award the 2017 Travel Scholarship to Jess Clayton who will be travelling to Nepal to take up the opportunity to teach English and sport at an extremely remote school in rural Nepal in the Himalayan foothills for one month. She will then travel south to Kathmandu where she will work for two months in an orphanage. We shall look forward to reading about her experiences in next year's Polished Corners. In this issue, we are delighted to include the report from Amy Fass, last year's winner, who describes her trip to Sri Lanka where she was inspecting four different charities as possible partners for Lancaster University with the aim of helping the health and education of local Sri Lankan children. We wish the project every success.

This year's title for the Quondam Writing Competitions was "Image" and a wide range of treatment of this subject was produced, including some wonderful poetry. We are delighted to congratulate Larissa Isaacs as the Junior winner and Alice Ward as the Senior winner. Their entries can be found on the school website at fhs-nw1.org.uk/support-us/quondam/writing-prize.

This year's Reminiscences section on pages 4 - 6 has a wonderful selection of entries containing memories of Felicity Forde from her 43 years with the school. It was lovely to read the warm and grateful memories of all the students whom Mrs Forde had inspired - often motivating them to a lifelong habit of sport and exercise. However, I also enjoyed reading the comments from those who were clearly not natural sportswomen and yet who still treasured very happy memories of her sports' teaching. An even greater achievement!

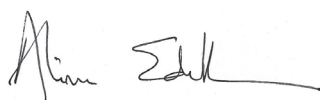
I always enjoy reading the news of former students and particularly enjoyed Margaret Moss' memories of school in the late 1940s and early 1950s. It made me smile to see how much manners had changed ("never a spoon alone") but also that the pranks did not. She recounted being told off for hanging on the school washroom pipes, which was then echoed by Caroline Rolls on page 13 with our year doing the same in the 1960s. I am not sure I dare ask if this still occurs...

More sadly, I was so sorry we have included the first obituary from a pupil from my own year. Some lovely memories have been penned about Sue Winter and her achievements both at school and afterwards.

Thank you all for sending us your own news, which we do so enjoy reading. I hope these are enjoyed by all, especially when they trigger more memories of your own. As I mentioned above, the school database of contact details for past students has many entries where "Polished Corners" have moved or changed their email address and not informed the school. So if you know of any past students who have not received this magazine, it is a good sign that we do not have their up to date address and I would ask you to urge them to contact the school with their updated details.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Quondam Lunch on Saturday 4th November 2017.

With best wishes



Alison Edelshain
Quondam Chair



Alison Edelshain

REMINISCENCES

Memories of Felicity Forde (née Dennis), FHS 1974-2017



U13 Middlesex Netball Champions, March 1995

After 43 very happy years at Francis Holland, Mrs Felicity Forde (née Dennis) retired at the end of the 2016-17 academic year. Mrs Forde taught in the PE, Geography and Learning Enhancement departments, rising up through the school to become Senior Mistress on the SLT. Below old girls share their fondest memories and best wishes.

1970-79

Kalli Hadjipateras (née Lemos) 1979

Your common sense and wisdom and fun loving nature has been an asset to this school.

Alexandra Martyn (née Moss) 1979

Wishing you a very happy retirement doing all the things you want to do.

1980-89

Juliet Moss 1981

As someone who has always been a complete disaster at sport and I mean all sport with a capital S, I really shouldn't have such fond memories of Felicity Forde but for some reason I do. I remember her arrival at school, I was 11 years old and just starting life in the Senior School after what seemed like six long years in the Junior School. I was feeling grown up and more confident,

well that is with everything apart from PE.

I can't begin to count the amount of times that my poor mother had to cajole me out of bed in the mornings on gym days when I had horrendous stomach aches – real or possibly imagined – and my older sister Alexandra still reminds me too often of the shame and embarrassment she felt one day at being made to go to the front of the coach on its way to Seymour Baths where I was being sick at the thought of the imminent dreaded swimming lesson. Through it all Miss Dennis, who then became Mrs Forde, tried to encourage me with her enthusiasm and love for all types of sport. Okay so I was last in the swimming gala (I guess it didn't help me walking slowly down the steps whilst the rest of the class jumped or dived in before it started!) or that I was normally picked last for most of the team games. I even remember once being made Goal Shooter in a netball match which is great as I still haven't quite made it to being five foot!

At this point I should add that I wasn't the only sporting failure in my family, my sister, the aforementioned Alexandra (Martyn née Moss) failed every BAGA Gym award that she ever took and

then subsequently became a teacher and passed every BAGA Gym teaching qualification!

When my niece Victoria Arad (née Martyn) started at the school more than twenty years later and told Mrs Forde who she was, she was greeted apparently by Felicity Forde with the immortal words "you can't be related to Alexandra and Juliet Moss because you are good at sport!"

I wish Mrs Forde well in her retirement and think of her fondly when I go swimming virtually every single week and swim my weekly mile – okay so it does take me a considerable length of time to swim it and I am still walking rather slowly down the steps but I would like to thank her for her dedication and patience when helping this most unsporty of pupils!

Jenny Isaacson (née Jaffa) 1982

I always loved PE at school and Mrs Forde played a very important role in my years at FHS. I remember gymnastics in the gym with the very old-fashioned box-like vault, the ropes attached to the ceiling, and climbing frames that could extend out from the walls. I remember taking (and passing) BAGA awards in the gym (and I still have my four badges!). I was always disappointed when it rained and we had to take PE in the gym, but Mrs Forde always made it a lot of fun; we played circle games like "Fishes in the Sea", and Mrs Forde would tap each one of us on the head, designating us "cod, haddock, plaice and salmon" and then call out instructions like "high tide", "low tide", "tide turns" and the inevitable "sea settles" whereupon you sprinted back to your seat in the circle hoping not to be the last one to sit down. Mrs Forde also built elaborate courses using all of the



Swimming Tour to Malta, May 2016



Quondam Lunch Netball, November 2014

apparatus and you had to navigate your way around the gym without touching the floor, otherwise you were out.

I played netball, hockey, rounders and tennis, and we were always on tenterhooks to see who would get selected for the teams and in what position. Mrs Forde would post handwritten lists on bulletin boards, usually outside the staff room, and it would be a mad dash to see who had made the cut. I'm sure there's a much more high-tech way of doing this now, but amazingly, when I visited last May and Mrs Forde kindly took me on a tour of the school, we reminisced about our matches. She then disappeared into the staff room and came out a few minutes later with lists from some of our games. They brought back very happy memories so I took a few photos as well as one of me and Mrs Forde to whom I am enormously grateful for being such a wonderful teacher and inspiration during my time at FHS. Thank you Mrs Forde! I wish you the happiest of retirements.

Ruth Logue (née Clifton Samuel) 1983

I'll never forget our PE lessons in Regent's Park especially running/jogging around the outer/inner circle at least three times!

Ros Heath (née Leach) 1984

You inspired me with my love of sport and the desire to be competitive and above all, to keep on trying until I succeeded. I think that this persisted with me; not to be knocked down or defeated even when life is tough.

Although I don't swim very often anymore, when I do I still enjoy being a 'speed merchant'.

Charlotte Harrison 1986

Passion, encouragement, determination, caring. Only four words to sum up what you did for me.

Abi Hercules 1987

Go paint the world! Thank you for the memories.

Gabi Brais (née Panas) 1987

You taught me so much, gave me so many great memories of my time here and taught me how to always see the best in people. You'll be missed hugely.

Cathy Bor (née Fischgrund) 1988

I remember with huge fondness many a hockey, gym, netball and dance lesson

with you... and... of course... the forward and backward walkovers – that I am only able to do now in my yoga days because of you.

Jahnene Green (née Gutkin) 1988

I remember Mrs Forde struggling to get me to do a forward roll in every gym class and telling me she would reward the whole class by opening a bottle of champagne if I achieved this. Unfortunately I never did so no champagne!

Deborah Amdor (née Robson) 1989

I can't tell you how much you contributed to a fantastically happy childhood. The love of sport still holds strong.

1990-99

Delia Cardnell 1993

Thank you for all the wonderful days we played rounders in the assembly room. I looked forward to rainy days when we would hit the oil painting of an old headmistress with a tennis ball and race up the stairs to the balcony, avoiding teachers en route, to throw the ball back downstairs. A brilliant tradition which has no doubt been lost due to health and safety. One of my best memories of school!

Lara Max (née Levy) 1994

FHS won't be the same without you. Incredible number of years dedication.



Felicity's Retirement Party, June 2017

REMINISCENCES

(continued)



Alexandra Rose Day, June 2013

Kirsty Hinton 1995

The best netball teacher and such a privilege to be taught by you.

Anya Kelly (née Dillon) 1995

I loved my sport at school and enjoyed playing lots of matches in rounders, netball and hockey. Mrs Forde kept you going when you felt like giving up and really encouraged you. She was a fantastic teacher.

Jodie Leigh (née Mason) 1997

It is at FHS that my love for dance really began and I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart and the tips of my toes for all your support, encouragement and passion you gave me. I went on to fulfil my dream and you were an absolute inspiration.

2000-09

Victoria Arad (née Martyn) 2002

Many congratulations and enjoy all your adventures post FHS.

Rhiannon Adam 2003

I'll never forget my first day and turning up in the wrong uniform and being marched to lost property by you! Then

being told by a classmate that it was a uniform swim and me jumping in the pool fully clothed with you blowing the whistle furiously!

2010-17

Zoe Silkstone 2013

I have so many wonderful memories from my time with you at FHS, the place in which I grew up! I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours and thank you from me and so many other girls for helping to make our time here as fabulous as it was!

Asia Nicoletti 2016

Thank you for all your kindness and help during my time at FHS! I could never have passed my exams without you.

FORMER STAFF

Vivienne Durham

End of an era. You are the F in FHS. Have the happiest, happiest retirement!

Helen Forbes

Lots of people have enjoyed the privilege of being your pupil, or of working with you over your years in FHS. But – we'll always have Moscow!

Sara Kidel

There's no one like you for multitasking... I hope you continue in your well-earned retirement.



Sports Tour to South Africa, October 2005

ALUMNI VISITS



Nasheed Faruqi 1996 (pictured), Ruth Logue 1983 and Frances Baawuah 1998, Careers Evening



Amy Currell 2005, creative careers talk



Ali Gillum 2010, Entrepreneurship Fortnight



Tara Mei 2005, Sixth Form seminar



Srutti Suresan 2014, panel of medics



Katia Pagano and Margot Smith 2015, Science Fair judges

OLD GIRL NEWS

1950-59

Sally Williams (née Harris) 1950

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I have just returned from a five-week cruise from Singapore to Tilbury with thirteen points of call, the highlight being on a submarine experience off the Maldives seeing the beautiful colourful coral. At the second submarine experience in the Red Sea the coral was white-dead.

My big challenge was walking to and from the Pink City, Petra, three miles down a gently curving slope and back up again - not for me a ride on a donkey, horse or carriage, that would have been too easy!

News of friends: Gillian Cockburn (née Pardoe) is still in a nursing home but Judy Taylor isn't, I am pleased to say. We all miss dear Jill Green (née Gamgee).

Susan Levitt (née Falk) 1951

35 Northway, London NW11 6PB

Sad to read of the death of Ella Calver (née McGregor) who taught Latin. Arriving at the school at a very young age in 1949 she was a good teacher and so pretty - we loved her lessons. When our year had a reunion in 2000, Ella joined us travelling up from Taunton. She had hardly changed. She was great fun.

Sally Adams 1955

I was pleased to be the first Polished Corner since the end of the Second World War to read at Oxford University.

Margaret Moss (née Fraser) 1956

I remember how every Wednesday an appointed ink mistress filled the white porcelain ink pots which slotted into our desktops and we practised writing with dip pens. Pencils were used other days.

Miss Guy was firm, but gentle. Very old school. I was very naughty, and she would be distressed rather than furious, and I hated that.

I also remember there were pipes high

up along the cloakroom wall where the ceiling met the wall. I happened to be swinging along this pipe and Miss Barter was faced with my thighs and knees when she opened the door from the playground. She looked up and, in horror, I dropped like a stone to her feet to be reprimanded.

In those days a mistress or prefect sat at the head of each table. Miss Barter would intone: "Sometimes a spoon, always a fork, but never a spoon alone" and forks were immediately grabbed!

Elizabeth Cookson (née Ritblat)

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I was in London in June and had a nice visit with Jill Leuw (née Barclay) and we talked about our class. My grandchildren love coming to England and have a great time. I remember Mrs Ford who taught games in the 1950s (different from Mrs Forde). I left FHS 60 years ago and have been married 52 years!

Yvonne Fisher (née Crisp) 1957

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I am still keeping fit with golf, swimming and the gym between travelling worldwide.

1960-69

Anne Diss (née Walters) 1965

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Class of 1986 and friends reunion, organised by alumna Charlotte Harrison

1970-79

Alison Edelshain (née Day) 1972

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No particular news changed from last year. Still enjoying the great variety which comes from combining my HR consultancy, being a magistrate and Vice-Chair of Governors of the two Francis Holland schools, supporting refugee work and being a grandmother.

Alexandra Wright (née Levitt) 1974

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I would be glad to hear news of anyone from the Class of 1974.

1980-89

Juliet Moss 1981 julcmoss@aol.com

I am still a freelance fundraiser working for different charities in London. I was pleased to meet Elly Hadjipateras (née Lemos) and Kyriacoula Lemos for breakfast a few months ago when Kyriacoula came over for a fleeting visit from her home in Athens. I haven't seen Kyriacoula for over 30 years! It is also good to have reconnected via Facebook with Bernice Plotnek, Danille Wishnie and Ione Deane and if there is anyone else out there interested please get in touch.

My sister Alexandra Martyn (née Moss) (left FHS in 1979) is still teaching at a

primary school in Kingsbury whilst at the same time enjoying being a hands-on grandmother and looking after her little grandson one day a week. Her older daughter Victoria (left FHS in 2002) is a GP and got married last year. Her younger daughter Abigail (mother of the aforementioned grandchild) is a psychiatrist about to start work at the Tavistock Clinic and her son Michael is a History Teacher at City of London School for Girls.



Juliet Moss and others, sports 1969

Jenny Isaacson (née Jaffa) 1982

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Jenny Isaacson and Felicity Forde

Nadia Demetriou Ladas 1988

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Hosted a wonderful get together for a few of our '88ers, such fun to see so many, especially Jo Disson and Mary Loxley. Time has flown by, next year is the 30 year reunion! *gulp*

Jahnene Green (née Gutkin) 1988

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My daughter Tatiana has just finished her time at Francis Holland so we will now both have fond memories of the school.



Class of 1988 reunion

1990-99

Miranda Kelly (née Roddy) 1991

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I have been working with a Shanghai based English language school for the last year. It is a truly global way to teach. I specialize in business and conversation English. The people I have met and helped in their careers are brilliant students, many of whom have become friends. They have an incredible desire to learn, not just English, but also about the European attitudes and culture. I am a Londoner born and bred, but I now live in the south of France and teach in China. I don't think anything will ever squash my desire for adventure, and the world ahead of us seems to make it easier all the time to cross boundaries and borders.

Delia Cardnell 1993

Oliena and Rupert are now three and have started nursery. They still keep me very busy.

Kelly Marks (née Goldenberg) 1993

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Having left FHS in 1993 and following university in Leeds studying History of Art, I began a career in PR. My firm, Pure Public Relations (PurePR.com), celebrated our 18th anniversary this year. We specialise in beauty, well-being and lifestyle, and design

sectors and work with incredible global and British brands. We have an active work experience programme and always welcome FHS girls with open arms. I am still in touch with lots of my friends from school and had the pleasure of bumping into Mrs Drummond a few weeks ago to have a good catch up.

Anya Kelly (née Dillon) 1995

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Married to TV director Brian Kelly in 2014 and along came our baby boy Charlie Foster Kelly in January 2016. We moved to Glasgow where I am now living.

2000-09

Jemma Japhet 2004

I first discovered the world of financial services when I joined a Fintech start-up. Fintech is a portmanteau of financial technology that describes an emerging financial services sector in the 21st century. The company I worked for specialised in FX, specifically spots, window forwards and trade finance agreements. The technology that they use makes them faster than any bank (who's onboarding processes are pretty lengthy) and they could offer more than other FX companies with a trade finance option. This sparked a genuine interest in international currency and how easily an economy can be affected by

changes, be it political or natural. After 18 months working for a start-up I decided it was time to move to a more mature, established company. I now work as a Personal Assistant supporting two top level Executive Directors at Visa. Part of my role means I am responsible for initiating contact with our global regions for the promotion of our innovation centre and often get to travel far and wide to present the various events we hold here. This gives me a global exposure of the Visa business which in turn assists me in understanding the needs of the Executive Directors. Before Visa was known as Visa it was a general purpose card program called BankAmericard, launched in 1958 by Bank of America, so I achieved my goal of joining an established company! Alongside my career in financial services I also have a keen interest in fitness and teach a variety of disciplines as a freelance instructor in my spare time. This passion has allowed me to travel to New Zealand and Australia along with other countries in Europe.

Marie El-Khazen 2008

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After leaving FHS in 2008 I spent three years in Leeds studying Music where I also acted as JCR Music President for Devonshire Hall organising musical activities, concerts and conducting the annual musical. From there I went into advertising working with the Dove Self-Esteem Project online launch. This involved delivering workshops in schools as well as an interactive website. I also worked with the youth engagement programme Tottenham Turfies for Tottenham Hotspur's Football Club, Roald Dahl and Universal.

Since leaving FHS I still enjoy working with charities. I worked on Soul in the City, an annual weekend event put on by local churches in the King's Cross area. This includes organising and providing free BBQ and kids activities to develop relationships within the local community in King's Cross.

Through my association with LSSO (London Schools Symphony Orchestra) I managed an emerging orchestra where I worked with professional musicians and young conductors. We put on several concerts and took the orchestra on tours to France.

Particularly my involvement with the orchestra sparked an interest in coaching where I began to learn about what makes people 'tick' and how to help facilitate a change in an individual's

behaviour promoting better and healthier behavioural patterns and psychological habits which in turn lead to increased levels of well-being and performance.

For the past six years I've been studying and teaching executive and life coaching and more recently strengths assessment and coaching. This involves running workshops for young people, professionals and business owners. On completion of a Masters in Applied Positive Psychology (happiness!!) and Coaching Psychology in March 2018, I intend to develop my work in the coaching field with upcoming and professional musicians.



Marie El-Khazen and orchestra

Jodie Hayes 2008 jodie@beautii.co

I have been busy with my business, Beautii (www.beautii.co). Beautii is a luxury beauty concierge specialising in at-home treatments, weddings and events, as well as providing a highly sought after concierge service for London's top hotels. All of our artists (make-up artists, hairdressers, manicurists and beauty experts) have been carefully selected as part of the team and are known for working on red carpet events and high-end editorial shoots. All artists have also been personally vetted and carefully selected by industry insiders at sister company and leading editorial agency, Carol Hayes Management.

Parisa Mohajerani 2009

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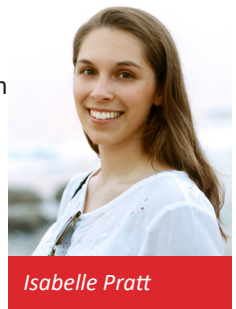
After completing a degree in Economics at LSE, I spent four years working in M&A at investment bank Greenhill. Since leaving that last year I co-founded AtHand, an on demand real-time ordering app for food and drink. No more waiting in queues or waiting around. Tap a button and your food and drink is ready. We're launching this summer!

2010-17

Isabelle Pratt

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Isabelle Pratt

After leaving FHS I graduated with a History degree from York University and then joined KPMG on their Deal Advisory (M&A) graduate scheme. I recently qualified as a Chartered Accountant (ACA) which involved three years of work experience whilst also studying for my exams. My role at KPMG involves client facing support to companies who are buying/selling other companies. I work on both private and highly confidential public deals. This has included supporting Nestlé spinning off its ice cream division, and spending three months in Santiago in Chile to help my client integrate an automotive business. I enjoy working with different teams and clients on cross-border transactions allowing me to interact and learn from people with different backgrounds every day.

Alexandra Thompson 2010

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Since graduating from Queen's University Belfast with a degree in Geography, I have been working as an Associate at FinTrU since early 2015. FinTrU is a company based in Belfast that specialises in Outsourcing for Global Financial Services. Since coming on board with FinTrU, I've gained valuable experience working as part of the Fixed Income and Commodities Operational Risk Department for a Tier 1 Investment Bank across EMEA, Japan, APAC and the Americas. Currently, I am working for a Tier 1 Investment Bank based in New York as part of their Front Office Supervision and Controls Department.

Lucy Collins 2012

After FHS I went on to study Biomedical Sciences at the University of Manchester. During this course I spent a year in industry working for DePuy Synthes, a medical devices company part of the Johnson & Johnson family. In 2016 I graduated with a First and was offered a place on the British Heart Foundation four-year PhD in Manchester. I have always had an interest in the cardiovascular system, and the structure of this PhD, with a lab rotation

system in the first year, contributing towards an MRes degree, has allowed me to greatly improve my technical abilities. Whilst at university I joined the dodgeball society. Whilst this was originally just to give me something to do, it is now an integral part of my life, with my current club, the Manchester Bees, having been promoted to the Women's Dodgeball Premier League! Although I have learnt much since I left FHS, I will always be grateful for it in starting me on my path to where I am now.

Charlotte Prinsley 2012

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After leaving FHS I went on to study Geography BSc at the University of Manchester.

Since graduating in 2015, I started as a supply chain graduate at United Biscuits. I am nearing the end of the graduate programme and I have completed placements in Procurement and Sales and Operational Planning but most importantly discovered there is so much more to a Jaffa Cake than just that yummy orange goodness...



Charlotte Prinsley

thing and actually one of the root causes of a segregated society. I frequently fall into the same trap at university: labelling students from overseas as "international" and generally expecting them to live and eat together, separate from the "national" students. They are perfectly happy, but maybe not achieving what they had intended by moving to the UK to study.

ICS took me to Bolivia, and this summer I will be working with NCS, a national charity that seeks social integration within the UK. NCS places young people out of their comfort zones and with people from different backgrounds in a four-week residential programme of various activities. I didn't consciously get involved with NCS because of my gap year or previous experiences but, reflecting on my path now, I can see how gaining a bit of perspective and travelling has altered what I care about, along with increasing my opportunities for jobs and interviews. The Quondam Travel Scholarship therefore not only enabled my gap year to occur, but has since aided job applications and even my interpersonal skills: having travelled across the world, I am far more confident at taking risks and meeting new people, this has carried through to university and means getting involved in choirs and sports that I would never have dreamed of doing before!

the slopes which was a dream come true. A truly magical experience which I would highly recommend - if ever in doubt, pack your bags and go do a ski season! I started working at The Good Life Eatery a few months ago which I'm absolutely loving. I am fascinated by start ups and it is great fun being part of such a young and exciting team. I'm really looking forward to this exciting opportunity and can't wait to see what the future has in store.

Natasha Kleeman 2013

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I was Features Editor for Edinburgh's Student Paper during my second year at University, and absolutely loved the experience. It involved coming up with features ideas for the paper, commissioning them to writers, and then editing the pieces and placing them online and in print using InDesign and WordPress. It was a highly demanding and time consuming role, but one that I learned a great deal from. I would definitely recommend getting involved with student-run organisations and publications, as you get far more responsibility and hands-on experience than you do in professional work experience placements.

I have just graduated with a first from Edinburgh University, where I had the most amazing time. Edinburgh is such an amazing city to go to university in, and the opportunities are endless. I was also lucky enough to spend one year abroad at the University of Pennsylvania, which was another major advantage of studying at Edinburgh. I'm not sure what my next step is - I'm planning on taking some time out to get some work experience and go travelling.

Bethany Wright 2012

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When I think back three years to my time in Bolivia it really pulls at my heartstrings. I dedicated my gap year to learning Spanish, and although I did not leave totally fluent, it was a great basis for taking on the language academically alongside my degree, Anthropology. It sounds horribly cheesy but besides an ability to show off en Español, my gap year opened my eyes to how inconceivably huge the world is. I expected to experience extreme poverty, what I did not expect was the uncomfortable feeling of being somewhere so completely unfamiliar. Moving to Bolivia came with a whole new etiquette, different food habits, hobbies and even silly things like learning how to use the washing machine. Adjusting was tough and I understand why in our everyday society we gravitate towards like-minded people with similar backgrounds. We know that this "natural gravitation" is not always a good

Anya Braimer Jones 2013

Since leaving FHS I have spent the past few years working and travelling. I returned to London after spending the winter season cooking for a family in Klosters, Switzerland. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the mountains spending most days on



Bethany Wright and her a cappella group

RETIREMENT PARTY



On the evening of Friday 23rd June, over 200 guests filled the school Hall and library to celebrate the retirement of two long-standing members of staff, Mrs Forde and Mrs Bailey. The guests comprised current staff, former staff and former pupils.

The evening began with former staff joining current staff to celebrate Registrar Mrs Bailey's retirement after 20 years at FHS, including a speech by the Headmaster, Charles Fillingham.



Following this, a large cohort of old girls arrived to celebrate Mrs Forde's retirement and her monumental contribution of 43 years to FHS. Guests were treated to a delicious assortment of drinks and canapés whilst perusing a range of archival displays. These included sports trophies named in

their honour. Later, everyone enjoyed heartfelt presentations by Mr Fillingham, Mrs Forde and the Chair of Quondam, all highlighting the contributions which had been made to the school community.

A memory book for guests to write down their best wishes for Mrs Forde was greatly received, with the pages filled with well-wishes for a happy and exciting retirement.

Having worked at Francis Holland for a combined duration of 63 years, Mrs Forde's and Mrs Bailey's guests covered a wide range of decades. It was lovely to see recent leavers mingling with those that left school in the 1970s, with every decade in-between also well represented. For many, it was the first time in years they had reconnected with former school friends and also former teachers, again many of whom had not visited the school for years. We were of course delighted to have two former headmistresses, Mrs Vivienne Durham (2004-2015) and Mrs Pamela Parsonson (1988-1998), and the Chair of Governors in attendance as well.

The party was an exciting send-off for two members of staff who will be sorely missed within the school.



VIVIENNE DURHAM APPOINTMENT

We are delighted that former headmistress, Mrs Vivienne Durham, has joined the Girls' Schools Association as their new Chief Executive.

From September 2004 until December 2015, Vivienne was Head of Francis Holland School Regent's Park, overseeing an expansion in the school's roll and considerable improvements to its site and facilities. Vivienne then joined Enjoy Education, a London-based consultancy where she was Director of the Schools Advisory service. In this role, she was responsible for leading their schools advisory service, offering counsel to parents about schooling options across the age and ability range in both day and boarding schools.

Speaking on behalf of the Appointment Panel, GSA President Charlotte Avery said: "We are delighted to have appointed Vivienne Durham as our new Chief Executive. She offers insightful knowledge of the education of girls – as a teacher and senior leader with both academic and pastoral responsibilities,

in addition to having been a highly successful Head. We believe that we have found an excellent advocate for the Association who will uphold and enhance the GSA's ethos of excellence in girls' education, and who will both support and inspire our members and their students to even greater success."

Commenting on her appointment, Vivienne said: "GSA has been at the heart of my professional life since I qualified as a teacher in 1983, and I am delighted at the prospect of becoming its Chief Executive. The GSA has inspired the achievement of so many young women and it will be a privilege to work with all GSA members to ensure that young women of the future are confident to embrace and relish the opportunities and challenges that life presents to them. I am proud of the GSA's unapologetic commitment to excellence in girls' education and look forward to representing the association within the independent sector and beyond."



QUONDAM LUNCH



We were pleased to welcome over 70 alumni back to school for the annual Quondam Lunch on Saturday 5th November 2016. Those former staff and pupils attending were all eager to catch up with each other's news and share memories of their time at Francis Holland.



During the lunch a number of gifts were presented, including to Jean Jaffa (née Gluckstein) who celebrated her 90th birthday earlier in the year. The whole hall delighted in hearing extracts from her report card and the progress she made throughout school.



Following the Lunch, Charles Fillingham interviewed alumna Katie Taylor on stage about her time working at the BBC. Highlights included hearing about her role on Strictly Come Dancing as well as her insightful advice to younger Polished Corners on succeeding in business. With alumni representing every decade since the 1940s right up to 2013, this was a wonderful afternoon to demonstrate the continued strength of the Old Girls' community.

TRIBUTE TO SUE WINTER (1954 - 2017)

Julie Winter

When my sister called me to say that she was going to the Royal Marsden Hospital to have a biopsy, I never imagined that 16 months later I would be writing this obituary.

The old girls and teachers who knew Sue will in all probability not remember her for her academic successes or ambitions but for her sense of fun, energy and forthright nature. When Sue left Francis Holland she embarked on a very successful career in politics as a Conservative agent. In 1974 she made history as being the youngest political agent in the country, trying to secure a seat for John Major on his first attempt to become an MP. With that experience behind her she was then instrumental in winning Fulham and Hammersmith, a constituency long held by Labour. Never one for having a comfortable and 'boring' life, Sue ditched politics for television. Initially she was briefly in front of the camera and then behind, where she enjoyed researching and co-producing documentaries that took her around the world for several years.

Sue's life changed dramatically when she adopted two children but in spite of the demands of such a huge commitment she reinvented herself yet again and helped many disadvantaged children and their families in her role as a mentor at a local primary school. Following this she set up the Wandsworth branch of Home-Start, a charity to support families with young children during difficult and challenging times.

When Sue became ill one of her biggest problems, other than dealing with her illness, was managing her diary because friends, old and new, were queuing up to visit or give a helping hand. Sadly, although she was always positive and determined from the outset to beat the odds, it was not enough. She will be fondly remembered by many and I do hope that the old girls will raise a glass in her memory at the next annual Quondam Lunch.

Catherine Norgren

Sue was a great friend: clever, trendy, hilarious, and felt nothing like me. We adored going to the theatre together. She was incredibly politically-minded at an early age, and cared desperately

about doing good in a right-minded way. She had fierce expectations for herself, and held her friends to the same high standards. Sue was an important part of my daily existence throughout my teenage years. We laughed, we argued, we shared secrets. Even though we had not been in regular touch for many years I always assumed I would see Sue on a next trip to London. I will miss her.

Alison Edelshain

Sue always had a strong interest in the theatre at school and directed and produced our year's most memorable plays. So I was somewhat surprised that Sue originally opted for a career in politics but not that she was successful. Sue had a very forthright character - known for her straight talking and for getting things done. She was also a great cook and, weirdly to me, took great pleasure in cleaning. Sue remained positive to the very end and was still writing about joining our year's reunion six weeks before her death. At her funeral I was hugely moved on hearing how she had changed the lives of so many people for the better through her work with Home-Start, Wandsworth. She will be much missed!

Anne Bristow

Since her schooldays, the theatre remained a passion for her, along with reading and her book club which was a highlight of her month, as well as more recently her choir. Gardening was another great interest and sadly she did not get to enjoy the south-facing garden, which went with her new house. About 20 years ago, Sue adopted Carla and Leon who became the love and focus of her life. Sue also worked as a mentor in a junior school in Wandsworth, helping children to read and transition from junior to senior school and then set up Home-Start in Wandsworth, which she did with great success. She worked tirelessly, helping others in the community.

Robina Gibb

I think of Sue as if it were yesterday. The picture that jumps to my mind's eye is of a bikini-clad Sue and I on the pebbled beach in Nice, where we were spending part of the Summer before Sixth Form to polish up our French. In the photo, a gaggle of young lads has congregated around us, but around Sue in particular.



Sue Winter

Her dismissive chuckle is indelibly etched in my memory. Quintessential Sue, not phased, not impressed. Taking a seat in the observer's deck, ready with a pithy or dismissive comment. But strong in her beliefs when it was time to speak up. I will not forget her.

Matilda Cockbain

Sue and I started Francis Holland on the same day and from the start she was a vibrant force in the class. She was a fantastic director of the form play and always appeared more mature than the rest of us. She was a larger than life personality and I was so surprised to meet up with her years later at a reunion and discovered that we were the same height!

Koshu Chanrai

She was one of the friendliest girls when I joined Francis Holland and really helped me to settle in. She was very warm hearted and we see now what a charitable nature she had in her work with Wandsworth Home-Start. God bless her.

Caroline Rolls

Sue was gregarious, sporty and always up for fun and adventure. I have very happy memories of going on a skiing holiday with her and her family to Austria at about the age of 14. Break times at FHS were usually spent in the playground until we discovered a new diversion. Sue was at the heart of a group of us taking it in turns to hang from the overhead pipes in the cloakroom, swinging back and forth a few times and then jumping off. This went on until one day we brought the whole lot down. Our parents were of course presented with the bill. Normally well-behaved, when we owned up, instead of the expected dressing down, I'm sure I detected a twinkle in Heather Brigstocke's eye.

QUONDAM TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP 2016

In 2016, Amy Fass travelled to Sri Lanka to volunteer with a children's charity.



Thanks to the generous support of Quondam I was able to travel to Sri Lanka this summer with six other Lancaster medical students. We were aiming to set up a new branch of SKIP. SKIP stands for Students for Kids International Projects. It is a student led charity which helps support children's welfare in developing countries. SKIP currently has branches across eleven UK universities each of which work with a non-government organisation (NGO) in Europe, Asia or Africa. The aim is to develop a sustainable community-based project focusing on the health and education of local children.



As the newest SKIP branch, Lancaster's trip to Sri Lanka involved visiting four NGOs in Colombo, Kandy and the tea plantations of Dickoya. The aim was to visit each of these charities to see which one would be the most suitable partner for SKIP Lancaster. Over the coming year we will work with the chosen NGO to establish our healthcare project and in 2017 we hope to be able to send students from Lancaster University to volunteer on the project over the summer.

The four NGOs that we visited were Child Action Lanka, The Paalam International School, Lanka Mother and Child and the Cerebral Palsy Lanka Foundation. Child Action Lanka and The Paalam International School are two NGOs that work with street and disadvantaged children.

Both NGOs are attempting to break the cycle of poverty by providing these children with an education which they would otherwise not have been given. During our time with these NGOs we were given the opportunity to run some interactive first aid sessions. In small groups we taught the children basic life support, the recovery position and what to do if an adult or child is choking. This was a fantastic experience for us and it was really rewarding to see the children practising their new skills at the end of the sessions. We also ran some teaching sessions on infectious diseases, for example dengue fever, which is highly prevalent in Sri Lanka. We focused predominately on how to identify its symptoms and the management of the disease. We were also able to learn from the children as many of them had themselves contracted dengue fever.

The third NGO, Lanka Mother and Child, focuses on improving the lives of the children of the Dickoya tea plantation workers. Amongst

this community there are high levels of poverty and alcoholism and children often leave school at a very young age. We were given the opportunity to visit the NGO's child development centres, which provide a safe and educational environment for pre-school children whilst their parents are at work. We also learnt about the medical camps and nutritional programmes organised by this NGO. This experience provided us with a good background knowledge of the problems these children face and how SKIP Lancaster could potentially get involved with this predominately isolated community in the future.

The final NGO we visited was the Cerebral Palsy Lanka Foundation. Cerebral palsy is a physical disability that affects movement and posture and it is estimated to affect 40,000 children in Sri Lanka. This is currently the only charity in Sri Lanka that helps children with cerebral palsy. We visited one of the charity's "dream centres" with the view that Lancaster students could potentially volunteer at the centre next summer. The centre provides the children with both education and therapy (occupational, speech and physiotherapy).



Whilst in Sri Lanka, we also took the opportunity to explore this fantastic country; visiting the elephants at Minneriya National Park, exploring the temples in Dambulla and the beaches in Mount Lavina.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS 2017

ANNELISE APPEN	Cambridge	Classics
CHIARA ARGENTI	UCL	Chemistry
ELLA BARKER	Exeter	History and International Relations
MARTHA BARRON	Edinburgh	Biomedical Science
ZINNAH BELL	Kingston	Art Foundation
ANYA BENTWOOD	Leeds	Psychology
ADITI BHANDARI	King's College London	Engineering
ELYSE BHATTEE	Amsterdam (The Netherlands)	Liberal Arts
SAYDEE BROWN	Nottingham	Politics and International Relations
JESS CLAYTON	Exeter	Geography
SARAH EL-MUTTARDI	UCL	History
MAYA EMBERTON	Sussex	Politics and International Relations
CLAUDIA FRENCH	Oxford	History
KATE GABRIEL	Manchester	Drama and English
MADELEINE GAVIN	Bristol	Italian and History of Art
TATIANA GREEN	Nottingham	History and Politics
ALICE HAINE	Plymouth Marjon	Music Production and Sound Engineering
MADELEINE HARDING	Nottingham	Politics and International Relations
WILLOW HELLIER WATTS	Greenwich	Computing
NIKU HESSABI	Bristol	Philosophy
CHARLOTTE HOGARTH	Exeter	International Relations
TABITHA HULL	City and Guilds	Art Foundation
CAITLIN ISAACS	Nottingham	Biology
LAUREN KELLER	Nottingham	Geography
LILY KELLY	Bristol	Social Policy
MIRANDA LEE	King's College London	Comparative Literature
Yael LEVINE	Manchester	Mechanical Engineering
ZOE LOWDERMILK-OPPENHEIM	Central Saint Martins	Art Foundation
RUBY MACGREGOR	UCL	Biochemistry
ANGELICA MAXWELL	Edinburgh	Social Anthropology
DARCEY MCALISTER-WOBER	Royal Drawing School	Art Foundation
SOPHIE MCMEIKAN	St Andrews	Psychology
POPPY MENZIES WALKER	Oxford	History of Art
GEORGINA MILLER	Nottingham	Geography
LUCY MINDERIDES	Bristol	Theatre and Film
FRANCESCA MORELLI	St Andrews	Philosophy
LUCY MORRIS	Bristol	History
NADIA MUCCIO	UCL	Psychology
CHRISTINA NAKHLA	British Columbia (Canada)	BA
INDIA OWENS	Southampton	Geography
ESME PERETTI-O'BRIEN	Exeter	Politics and International Relations
CONSTANCE POLYDOR	Sussex	Art History
MADELEINE RAFTER	Notre Dame, Indiana (USA)	Liberal Arts
LULU RENNEY	Edinburgh	Italian and History of Art
AMY ROSTAS	Nottingham	Criminology
NATALIA RUHE	Kingston	Art Foundation
LILY RUTTERFORD	Bristol	Film and Television
ELEANOR SHANAHAN	Liverpool	Psychology
LARA SHIELS	York	PPE
CATHERINA SILVA	De Montfort	Computing
HELENA ZECEVIC	Royal Holloway	Film, Television and Digital Production

GAP YEAR

DANIA AL SAFFAR
EMMA BANNON
ELEANOR BOGLE

NICOLE CHRETIEN
NATASHA RHODES

SAVANNAH SANDFORD
ZINNIA SILVER

CLASS OF 2016 UNIVERSITY FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

LAVINIA CAREY	UCL	Modern Languages
VIDA FATEMI	London School of Economics	Government and Politics
NATALIA FISHMAN	Southampton	Medicine
ROSIE LING	Royal Veterinary College	Veterinary Science
MADDIE OGLAZA	Manchester	Psychology
ISABELLE SHIRLEY	Bristol	Anthropology
JESSICA TULI	Exeter	Computer Science
MILLIE WILLIAMS	UWE	Integrated Conservation

RECENT LEAVERS' DRINKS

We were delighted to welcome the Class of 2016 to their first Francis Holland reunion event on the evening of 13th December 2016. Having completed Sixth Form earlier that year, our newest alumni cohort caught up with teachers at the prestigious Lansdowne Club in Mayfair for a Drinks Reception. The year group had also been invited to the Carol Service held earlier that afternoon, with a number returning for this festive occasion too.

At the Reception, everyone shared tales of their exciting adventures during their gap years and how they were settling into university life. There were also, of course, many memories from their time at school. For some it was also the first time they had seen each other since starting new journeys and so there was much laughter and conversation!

With a welcome by Mr Fillingham, a slideshow of photos (past and present) of the year group and a chance to collect recently published exam certificates, this was a wonderful way for the Class of 2016 to join our extraordinary alumni community.



QUONDAM REUNION AND LUNCH 2017

Saturday 4th November 2017
12pm AGM - 12.30pm for 1pm Lunch

Come along and meet Charles Fillingham, Headmaster of Francis Holland School. There will be a short Quondam AGM before lunch, to which all members are welcome.

We are delighted that Polished Corner, Misa Saka (2012), will also be performing a short piano recital at the Lunch. Misa is currently studying Performance at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and has already won many prizes and performed internationally as a soloist. Tours of the school will be available.

Invitation and reply card are enclosed. RSVP by Thursday 26th October 2017, with acceptances only.

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QUONDAM TRAVEL PRIZE 2018

Quondam members aged 25 and below are eligible to apply for the Quondam Travel Scholarship. The scholarship aims to help those who are in education or in unpaid or poorly paid employment, who wish to broaden their education and experience by travelling abroad. The scholarship is £1,000 and preference is given to applications involving elements of education or service to others.

For more information, and to enter, please go to our website: www.fhs-nw1.org.uk/support-us/quondam and click on 'Travel Scholarship', or email: quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk



RECENT LEAVERS' DRINKS 2017

Following the success of last year's inaugural event (see above), we would like to invite all our recent leavers to join us for our annual Christmas drinks reception. This is a perfect opportunity to meet up with friends and former staff to catch up on everyone's university, gap year and career news.

The drinks reception will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at the prestigious Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. Formal invitations will be sent out shortly.

