



OT LIFE



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Welcome

Welcome to first edition of the Trent College alumni magazine, OT Life. For news and events, professional networking or perhaps just curious about what your old school friends are doing, we aim to keep you connected.

We love to hear from Old Tridents and share experiences of life beyond Trent. We organise events giving you the opportunity to reunite with old friends and teachers, and also invite you back to Trent to participate in the school's careers programme.

If you have an idea for an event, would like to organise a reunion or wish to share your career experience with current pupils, please get in touch.

Finally, with the launch of our new 'Access Portal' keeping in touch has never been easier. If you have not yet provided your communication preferences to us, you will find details of how to register to the 'Access Portal' later in this magazine. The Portal enables you to subscribe to communications, and with your own personal log in, update your contact details at your convenience.

We hope you enjoy reading the latest news and updates from Trent College, The Elms and The Old Tridents' Society and look forward to keeping in touch.



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From THE HEAD



It's hard to believe that our year of celebrating the 150th anniversary of Trent College is now over, with the grand finale event taking place almost a year to the day that we launched our celebrations with the visit of HRH The Earl of Wessex. It was

a fantastic year of celebration which we were pleased to share with so many from the alumni community. The lasting legacy to this significant anniversary is the commemorative stained glass window located in the Chapel, made possible through the generosity of The Old Tridents' Society.

The start of the academic year has seen a fantastic display of support by OTs for the school's careers education programme. Our continued thanks go to all Old Tridents who offer their time, experience and invaluable advice in this way. If you want to know more or wish to get involved, please see the careers feature.

It was a pleasure to welcome OTs and supporters back to Trent in December for the highly anticipated annual fixtures against the Trent teams of rugby, football and also this time netball.



It was also a great pleasure to meet some of you at the recent OT Society Dinner held in London. Another very enjoyable evening.

I am very much looking forward to offering a warm welcome to all former pupils and staff who attended Trent during the 1970s and earlier, as the school will host a special reunion event in May. I am certain this will be a nostalgic occasion for all.

As ever, if you are passing by and wish to drop in to visit the school or would like to pre-book a visit, please get in touch with the Alumni Office and they will be delighted to arrange this for you.

Best wishes,

Mr Bill Penty, Head





A Sesquicentennial CELEBRATION



The 150th anniversary celebrations gave the school a wonderful opportunity to look back through history and create a lasting legacy. Former Head of Biology and Trent's volunteer archivist Mr David Pinney created a timeline of the school's history, from the first 53 boys arriving in April 1868, under the headship of Rev. T.F. Fenn, to the appointment of the school's 10th Head, Mr Bill Penty. A whole school photograph was taken to capture the school community as it is now, including all staff and pupils from Pre-School to Sixth Form.

The calendar was packed with events designed to involve the whole of the Trent community.

To launch these celebrations, in September 2017, pupils, staff and invited guests lined the driveway and terrace to welcome The Earl of Wessex. Inspiring students, Prince Edward observed them taking part in a number of DofE and team building activities before officially opening the school's new Food & Nutrition Suite. Before



departing by helicopter from Top Field, much to the delight of the flag waving onlookers, Prince Edward unveiled a plaque to commemorate his visit.

In November, The OT Society hosted an evening with Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards. All guests agreed it was a real treat to meet the 'from zero to hero' British Olympian and Ski Jumping Champion who was only too happy to work his way around tables, talking about his career, the highs and lows, and to show video footage of his time at Calgary '88, and the biographical movie 'Eddie the Eagle'.

A highlight in the anniversary calendar was the London Gala Dinner held in February, at St Pancras International

Station, also celebrating its 150th anniversary. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, including the Head, Chair of Governors Andrew Crompton (Blake 1979 –1986), Old Tridents, parents and former staff.

In March, the school held its annual Spring Concert at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. This very special concert was an orchestral, choral and jazz spectacular themed especially for the 150th anniversary with music through the ages performed by Trent College students, staff and Old Tridents, including a guest appearance on the drums by OT Pete York (Hanbury 1957-1960) of Spencer Davis Group fame.

The school's 150 year military heritage was marked by an official Inspection event, with Inspecting Officer Wing Commander Larwood-Hughes, Head of RAF Air Cadets, Cranwell and held on St George's Day. The event involved the school's CCF comprising of 160 cadets and 6 officers from both the Army and RAF and was led by Old Trident and teacher of Graphics Maj. Ben Ward (Kemp 1992-1999).

The CCF cadets performed drill squad demonstrations and competition rotations as well as an impressive blank firing exercise. It was also a real pleasure to see the re-establishment of the Trent College CCF Drum Corps. The Inspection finale was the highly anticipated arrival overhead of the



world famous British Army Parachute Display Team, The Red Devils, who swooped across the school fields making a spectacular entrance to the awaiting crowd. In the evening a special Mess Dinner was held to celebrate the achievements of the year 13 cadets. Special guests included local dignitaries, Old Trident military personnel, the visiting Inspecting Officer and members of The Red Devils team.



The celebrations continued through spring and summer with a Whole School Reunion event giving OTs and former staff the opportunity to return to Trent, take a tour of the buildings and grounds and enjoy an afternoon tea. There was also an outdoor festival of music, 'Rock on the Terrace', organised by the Trent Parents' Association, followed a few weeks later by a Family Fun Day, where parents and children could participate in a 'history of Trent' treasure hunt organised by the TPA.

The anniversary celebrations culminated in the autumn with The Royal Finale Ball, organised in association with the Parents' Association. Over 230 guests were welcomed with a Champagne reception and enjoyed a three course dinner with entertainment from a close up magician. There was dancing to live up magician. There was dancing to live up band 'The Jazz Dynamos' and for those whose feet were up to it, the dancing continued late into the night to tunes played by the aptly named 'DJ Prince'! Thank you to Old Trident Tom Singleton (Shuker 2005-2012) and his team for the fantastic lighting and production, and for compering the whole evening.

In reflecting on the anniversary year, Bill Penty said "The 150th anniversary celebrations epitomised the sense of community Trent has, with so many people sharing this landmark in the school's history. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in marking this historic occasion."



A commemorative STAINED GLASS WINDOW

During the anniversary year, Trent College Art teacher Mrs Vicky Prince ran a competition for pupils to submit designs for a new stained glass window, to be installed in the Chapel.

The winning design is by talented artist Lucy (Year 11). Lucy's artwork was taken by glass designer Jayne Ford and painted onto individual panes of glass. It was then assembled and installed by Steven Parsonson of Classic Glass High

Peak Ltd to produce the finished stained glass window. With thanks to The Old Tridents' Society for its generous donation and making it possible to create this lasting legacy to Trent.

Sharing the stage with the Band of the Grenadier Guards

Trent College was delighted to welcome the world-renowned Band of the Grenadier Guards to the school recently. It was a real privilege for the school's Hurricane Wind Band to have the opportunity to spend an afternoon rehearsing with the oldest band in The British Army, in preparation for a spectacular evening concert.

Led by Grenadier Guards Bandmaster, Warrant Officer Class One Sarah Marinescu, the concert featured performances including The National

Anthem and the music of Handel, contrasting with popular compositions such as Bohemian Rhapsody. For one oboist student, Daniel, there was the fantastic opportunity to take centre stage in a special performance of Hummel's Adagio, performed solo and supported by the Grenadier Guards.

Earlier in the day, student percussionists and buglers were put through their paces in a drill session by Colour Sergeant



Damian Thomas, Senior Drum Major of the Household Division, followed by a careers talk on the musical opportunities available in the Army. Trent's Director of Music Chris Foster said "it was a real honour to perform alongside a band steeped in history to the level of the Grenadier Guards".

OT Events

The OT Society's Annual Dinner was held on 2 March at the award-winning warehouse style restaurant Gordon Ramsay's Bread Street Kitchen, London.



Guests enjoyed a 'Le Fizz' cocktail upon arrival and a delicious three course meal selected especially for us by the Head Chef. Whilst sadly Gordon was not able to join us on this occasion, everyone had a lovely time!

DECADE REUNION: *the 1970s & earlier*



"Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back everything is different?" - C.S. Lewis

Getting together with old school friends and teachers gives us a little piece of the past back and no matter how much things have changed, we'll always remember the people we shared those school years with.

This special reunion event, being held on Saturday 18 May, is for all former pupils and teachers at Trent College during the 1970s and earlier.

Share your memories, your notable achievements and even your old school uniform! This will be a day full of nostalgia and a wonderful opportunity to reminisce with contemporaries, whilst taking in the school as it is today. The event will involve a welcome

reception, Chapel service and a special lunch, inviting speeches from former staff and OTs. Afternoon activities will include tours of the school, a trip down memory lane in the school's archives and an opportunity to observe the school sports fixtures.

Later, we will come together for afternoon tea before departing. For details on how to book, please go online or refer to the 'blue sheet' booking form.*



Calendar of Events

27 & 28 March 2019

School Production: My Fair Lady

16 May 2019

What's My Line? Careers Evening
(14:00 juniors & 18:00 seniors)

18 May 2019

Decade Reunion: 1970s & earlier

24 May 2019

OTs v Trent 1st XI Cricket T20
& BBQ

12 June 2019

OT XI v ON XI Albert Ball Cup
(Round 1)

18 July 2019

ON XI v OT XI Albert Ball Cup
(Round 2) Adbolton Lane, Nottm.

12 October 2019

Anniversary Year Reunion:
Leaving years ending in 9

30 November 2019

Founders' Day Dinner
(by invitation)

December 2019

Evening Carol Service
(date to be advised)

* To register for an event or book tickets please visit www.bit.ly/OT_EventsCalendar or complete the 'blue sheet' and return to the Development & Alumni Office at Trent College.

Trent College & The Elms



New Head at The Elms Nursery & Junior School

Mrs Faith Potter joined The Elms in September, taking over from Keith Morrow who has moved on to a new headship in Birmingham.

With over 25 years' experience in education, this is Faith's third headship. Members of The OT Society Committee had the pleasure of meeting Faith who told them she has thoroughly enjoyed her first term at The Elms, getting to know the children and parents and the wonderful team of staff at the school.

The Elms Nursery & Junior School will celebrate 20 years in September 2019. Information on the celebrations will follow soon.

EXPLORE *the schools...*

As lifelong members of the Trent College community, many Old Tridents choose to enrol their children at The Elms and Trent College.

If you are considering your own son, daughter, or grandchildren following in your footsteps and would like to find out more about the specialist teaching and co-curricular opportunities provided today, the Admissions team would love to welcome you and your family for a

personal visit, at your convenience.

As the school constantly evolves, the buildings and grounds will almost definitely have changed since your own time at the school. The Devonshire Library and The Prince Obolensky Building have been new developments during the past 10 years and much more recently, the school has built new classrooms at The Elms, refurbished the science laboratories, created a state

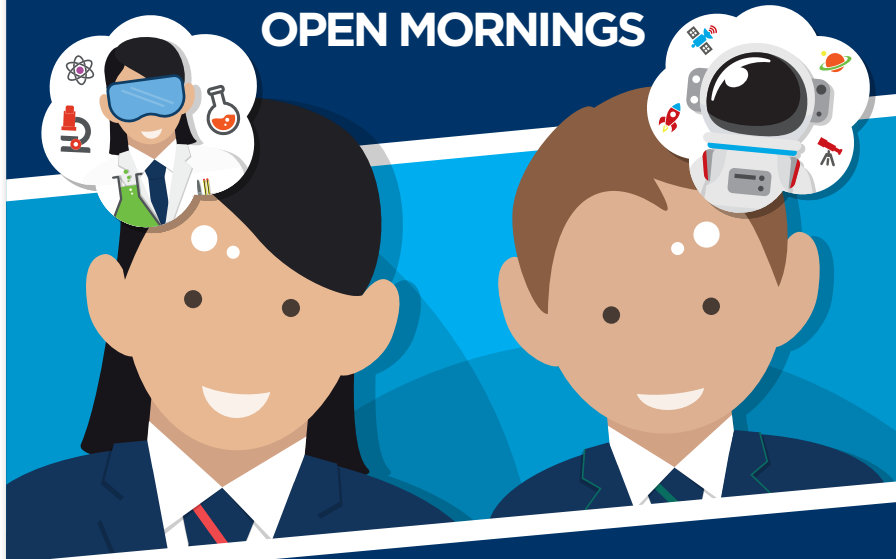


of the art Food & Nutrition suite and, with thanks to OT and benefactor Peter Brack (dec'd) (Shuker 1936-1940), has built an inspiring Careers & Higher Education Centre.

A tour gives you the perfect opportunity to see what your former school can offer today, for the OTs of the future. If you would like to find out more please contact the Admissions team.

Imagine the Possibilities

OPEN MORNINGS



Saturday 23 March & Saturday 5 October 2019

09:30 - 12:00

For an opportunity to get 'hands on' in the classroom
and take a tour at your leisure.

For more information or to register, please contact the
appropriate Admissions Manager.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The mission of The Old Tridents' Society is to further the interests of Trent College, arranging various activities for the members of the Society in order to further continuing interest in and support of Trent College, and providing a means of communication between Trent College and its former pupils, former staff, past parents and friends of the school.

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Considering Sixth Form?

**The Admissions Department
also welcomes enquiries to
the Trent College Sixth Form.**

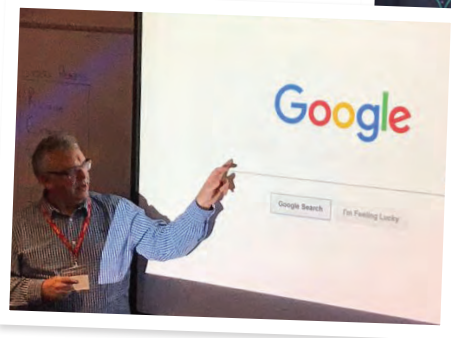
**Many new students join
the vibrant Sixth Form
community each year.**

**Expert careers guidance, a
wide selection of A Levels
and broad extra-curricular
opportunities are all on offer.**

Life in CAREERS

Old Tridents supporting Trent STEM Week

Thank you to all OTs who took time out of their busy schedules to support the Trent College STEM week in December; a series of talks, workshops and demonstrations focused on careers in science, technology, engineering and maths.



30% of Old Tridents joining university in 2018 are studying STEM related subjects.

On the Tuesday, former Head of Physics Pete Wearn (aka Cool Pete) (1974–2004) presented a lively assembly to The Elms year 6 pupils and pupils from a visiting primary school. His 'Cool Science' experiments involved comparing the weights of different gases, using balloons to demonstrate, as well as involving the children in a 'tug of war' with magnets. On Wednesday, OT Richard Evans (Wright 1972-1979) returned to Trent to talk

about his career in IT as a Google Cloud engineer and gave students a sneak preview of the new Google driverless cars which were launched that day. On Thursday, OT Mags Scholes (Martin 1984-1986) gave a talk to selected students about the variety of technical careers in the film industry. Finally, on Friday OT Jack Smedley (Shuker 2008-2015) spoke to pupils who are considering an apprenticeship, about his experience of applying for an engineering apprenticeship and the opportunities he is receiving upon graduating at Rolls Royce. It was a very successful week where OTs were able to share their experience and offer invaluable advice to the pupils.

A military career

Another focus for the Careers & Higher Education Department later this year is careers in the military. Whether currently serving or retired and now in a civilian role, your experience would be of great benefit for those pupils considering a military future. Planning will begin in the autumn with the event taking place early in 2020. Please contact development@trentcollege.net to find out more or register your interest.



Since the beginning of this academic year, more than 10 Old Tridents have committed their time to talk to pupils about their careers. This support is fantastic and the pupils really enjoy it. Let's keep it going. Please get in touch to get involved.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Trent College Head of Careers is Old Trident Fiona Starbuck (nee Skelston) (Martin 1984-1986)



Work experience: Why should OTs get involved?

A recent survey (UCAS) showed that two thirds of employers look for graduates with relevant work experience because it helps them prepare for work and develop general business awareness.

Of significance, one third of employers felt applicants did not have a satisfactory level of knowledge about their chosen career or job.

Work experience during a pupil's time at Trent can have a significant impact on how they plan their future pathway and the support of Old Tridents can be of great benefit, and interest. A recent example is that of a sixth form

student who travelled to Sheffield to shadow an OT specialising in criminal defence law. This placement proved fundamental in writing their Personal Statement, a requirement of the

university application process. To this end, Trent continues to build a network of offers for work experience and is actively looking for more support. If you think that you could offer a work experience placement, we would love to hear from you. Placements can be from as little as one day or up to a full week, with some pupils having capacity to travel.

The work experience highlighted key areas of interest and solidified my decision to apply to study Criminology

What's My Line? CAREERS EVENT

Nearly 100 Old Tridents have participated in this event since 2015. A high energy 'speed networking' careers evening giving Year 10 pupils the opportunity to meet with OTs and quiz them on their career goals, pathway, experience, the highs and the lows and most usefully, what they learned along the way.

This year, The Elms' pupils will also be getting involved with their own junior version of What's My Line? led by the school's careers coordinator and year 6 teacher OT Ed Jolly (Wortley 2000-2007).

NEXT EVENT:

Thursday 16 May 2019

The Elms (Y5): from 14:00

Trent (Y10): from 18:00

(each session includes delegate briefing, pupil participation and networking opportunities)



For more information or to register as a delegate to either or both sessions please email **development@trentcollege.net** or telephone 0115 983 6927. Registration will close on Friday 5 April 2019.

Trent Foundation

The Trent Foundation was established within the Trent College charity with the aim of helping to secure the future of the school and its pupils. The Foundation's main aim is to directly support a range of fundraising initiatives that provide resources for bursaries, campus improvements, learning and extra-curricular activity.

In 2016, The Trent Foundation launched its Anniversary Fund with a telephone appeal.

The school was delighted with the support received from OTs and past parents and the opportunity it brought to reconnect with members of the alumni community.

“It was so lovely to speak with Old Tridents, I had such delightful conversations and learned so much about our school and about life in general. Inspirational.”

Shannon (Martin 2008-2015)

A gift of £20,000 would fund a 25% bursary for one pupil over 5 years

The callers, all recent leavers of Trent, found it inspiring to speak with their fellow alumni.

Almost £40,000 was pledged during the two week appeal, with a significant number of donors pledging a regular gift.

A huge thank you goes to all of the supporters to this appeal and to the ongoing support of donors who continue to provide their long term commitment to the Foundation.

We can't say thank you enough



“It was a pleasure talking with Rohan, he is a continuing example of the great standard of alumni produced by Trent College. The college gave me a great grounding in life and helped me to become the person I am today.”

Nick W (Wright 1985-1993)



The gift that keeps on giving. Legacy gifts have enabled us to build a modern Careers & Higher Education Centre and complete a full refurbishment of one Chemistry laboratory.

Match Funding Challenge

The Anniversary Fund received a generous boost by way of 'matching challenge' set by Old Trident Robert Barker (Wortley 1967-1969), in support of bursaries. Robert is passionate about the education he received at Trent College; the academic challenge, the relationships he discovered with classmates and the support and encouragement he received from teachers and pastoral staff.

The support for this challenge has been tremendous, with £82,500 raised so far towards the overall target of £120,000. The school is truly grateful to Robert for setting the challenge and for the enormous support received to date. All gifts, whatever the size, make a huge difference. For more information or to help the Foundation reach its target please contact development@trentcollege.net

Those gifts, given so readily and freely to this 16 year old boy in 1967-69, solidified my personal values, launched my professional career in the USA and gave me friendships that last to this day, not to mention a love of art, architecture, painting and music.

So, what have we achieved so far?

Many pupils, past and present, have benefitted from the generosity of donors, allowing them the opportunity of a Trent education. These pupils help to create a diverse community in the school, reflective of society today.

Today, a quarter of all pupils are in receipt of bursarial support and with the generosity of gifts to the Trent Foundation a significant difference is made to the lives of these pupils.

The internal refurbishment of all Science Centre laboratories is now complete providing a new and inspiring environment in which pupils can embrace the challenges of the Physics, Chemistry and Biology curriculum. Further projects benefitting from the support of donors include visiting artists to GCSE and A Level Art students as well as additions to the music and library departments. The May Hall has received fantastic new

black-out blinds and retractable seating is due to be installed over the Easter break.

The Trent Foundation continues to fundraise in support of future projects, which currently include an extensive refurbishment of The Wortley Sixth Form Centre, creating a contemporary and modern space; modernisation of the boarding houses including full refurbishment of all bedrooms; resurfacing of the astro turf pitches and development work to the sports hall.

Every year The OT Society funds a 50% bursary to three pupils, who would otherwise be unable to attend Trent.

To find out more about supporting The Trent Foundation please email development@trentcollege.net or telephone Jo Slater on 0115 983 6927.

Where are they now?

Chris Abbott (Blake 1981-1988) tells us about his symphonic celebration of a childhood obsession

I'll forever remain grateful to Trent for sparking my obsession with computers! I arrived in 1981 to a fully equipped computer room; 8 Commodore Pet 4032s and a bit of tubing to signify who could use the disk drive, bliss! It only took one term to decide that computers and science were my future. Break and lunch times were a case of wolfing down the food and then running to the computer lab. I learnt a lot during that time and Mr Evans was always on hand to help. Exciting times, even though sounds on the early computers were from a little bleeper!

I remember during my third year in Blake, looking longingly at computer magazines and brochures and designing adventure games. Christmas 1983, I received an Atari computer which didn't leave my side! In the evenings, I shared turns setting up the computer

with the two other computer owners in my year (ZX Spectrum, Commodore 64), playing it (often to an audience), in the days of 'Ultimate Play the Game', 'Manic Miner' and 'Radar Rat Race', under the close supervision of Mr Pye and Mr Mitchell.

Somewhere in 1984 Commodore 64 music suddenly exploded and I fell in love! Games like 'Ghostbusters' and 'Tales of the Arabian Nights' (which played a decent version of Rimsky Korsakov's Scherezade) formed a link in my mind between music, computers and classical music early on. Then, a whole raft of talented composers started composing amazing original music for the Commodore 64's groundbreaking sound chip. Some of these tunes were obviously composed for a much bigger stage and then

compressed down. In my head, they decompressed to form wonderful soundscapes and epic symphonies.

Fast forward to 1988 when I produced a Commodore 64 music CD which kicked off a series of remix CDs and live events of Commodore 64 music, performed in places as diverse as a nightclub in Birmingham and St. George's Church in Brighton! I had always wanted to arrange a symphonic concert, but there weren't the skills nor the money to do it until recently.

21 years on and I am now able to collaborate and arrange a concert with a giant orchestra. The scores have taken three years of dedication, a real labour of love which has involved



learning classical arranging to get to this stage. The results have been good enough to persuade an orchestra that computer game music has some artistic merit! The concert covers everything from zany madcap (Stiffflip and Co.) and pirate adventure (Firelord) to space epic (Trap).

I've come a long way in 37 years and part of this journey will always be trying to prove to Mr Mitchell, Mr Pye and my mum that I wasn't wasting my

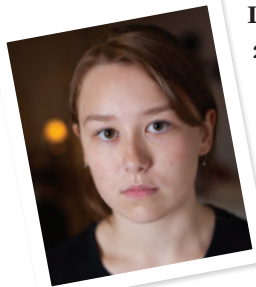
youth all those years ago when sitting in the common room dreaming about computers, and that the scratchy noise they were hearing was actually music after all!

The 8 Bit Symphony concert will be performed at Hull City Hall on Saturday 15 June 2019.

For more information or to book, visit www.8-bit-symphony.com



OT SPOTLIGHT



Liv Hill (Owen 2011-2016) was nominated in the BIFA 2018 best newcomer category for her portrayal of Sarah Taylor in the film Jellyfish. In a recent interview published in The Guardian,

Liv reflected on her career so far, from her role in the BBC drama Three Girls which earned her a TV BAFTA for Best Supporting Actress, to preparing for her next role in the Caryl Churchill play Top Girls at the National Theatre.

"I never expected this. Of course I've got ambitions. Not to get awards. Ambitions to really do something."

Dominic Kalantary (Shuker 2008-2015) and **Peter Nathanail** (Wright 2008-2015) both OT Society Committee members, whose company Vectare Ltd scooped Gold in the New Horizons Category at the UK Bus Awards in November. They were shortlisted down to seven companies from over 200 nominations, facing stiff competition from multinational transport plcs such as Go-Ahead, Stagecoach and Arriva.

Chris Hill (Cavendish 2015-2016) for his selection as one of JCI's 'Ten Outstanding Young Persons' at their 2018 Awards, adding to over 50 trophies & medals Chris has been awarded and nominated for. Now in his third (and final) year as a Choral and Instrumental Scholar at Oriel College, Oxford, Chris attributes his continued success to the support he received at Trent during his A Levels.



Life in SPORTS

Old Tridents sweep to victory against Trent College

It was wonderful to see so many OTs back at Trent in December, for the annual Old Trident sports matches. The 1st XV rugby match was well contested with the OTs pulling away in the final quarter. There was some fine running on display from both sides. Coached by Chris Rudkin (Cavendish 2013-2018) and George Dickinson (Wright 2011-2018), the OTs were driven to victory by the team who won the National Vase competition in 2017. Final score Trent 24-36 OTs.

On Bottom Field the football squad was in action against a physical OT side, led by Chris Proctor (Blake 2008-2013) in the middle of the park. The experience and maturity told as the 1st XI went down to a 4-0 loss. It was a great match, played in the right spirit, despite one or two 'friendly' challenges

and both teams were in high spirits at the end of the match.

It was also a real pleasure to have an OT vs 1st VII netball match for the first time in recent years. In a hotly contested match the OTs, captained by Emily Major (Kemp/Martin 2011-2018), again ran out winners, ably assisted by former member of staff and Super League player Lauren Nicholls (aka Steaders!). Overall it was a super afternoon where the spirit of Trent College was the shining light.

Thank you to everyone who supported a fun afternoon of sporting rivalry. It was particularly nice to welcome back to Trent two members of the 1950 1st XV, Bill Belfitt (Hanbury 1948-1951) and John Holford (Shuker 1945-1950).



Congratulations to...



SIGNING on the dotted line

James Fish (Shuker 2012–2014) signed a professional contract with Northampton Saints at the start of the 2018/19 season. A hooker, James was a member of the Trent 1st XV that won the NatWest Vase at Twickenham in 2014. He joined the Saints Junior Academy whilst in the Sixth Form at Trent and played for England U18. Upon leaving Trent, he was offered a two year contract for the Senior Academy, from which he made his debut at the Singha Sevens (Premiership Sevens).



He impressed when playing for Saints A team and for Ampthill in the previous season, earning him a professional contract with Saints. After an equally impressive pre-season, he started for the 1st XV against Cardiff Blues and has since played in the opening Premiership games of the season, most recently the Premiership Cup.

In a game against Wasps in the Premiership campaign, James faced Old Trident Jack Dickinson (Cavendish 2010-2017), a member of the Wasps Academy, who was given a run out from the bench. Jack was a member of the Trent 1st XV who raised the winning trophy in the 2017 National School's Vase competition, thus regaining the trophy won by James' Trent team three years earlier.

Former 1st XI Captain **Josh Pavis** (Shuker 2010-2017) on his selection to the GB hockey squad. He will be competing in the FIH Pro League, a new and 'ground-breaking' global hockey competition.

Jamie Spencer-Pickup (Cavendish 2011-2018) on his selection for the GB Junior Judo Squad for 2019.



Cricketers Get involved in 2019



The Mitchell Cup and The Albert Ball Cup are two prestigious prizes to play for as an Old Trident cricketer, against the Trent College 1st XI and Old Nottinghamians respectively.

The Mitchell Cup match, OT XI v Trent 1st XI T20, will be played on **Friday 24 May**, at 17:00 and will include a BBQ and drinks.

In a bid to be the first to take The Albert Ball Cup, The Old Nottinghamians have challenged Old Tridents to home and away games. The 'away' match, to be played at Trent College, is set for **Wednesday 12 June**, at 18:00. The 'home' match, to be played at Adbolton Lane cricket ground, Nottingham, is scheduled for **Thursday 18 July** at 18:00. There will be an opportunity for networking over drinks and food served after the games.

Contact otsociety@trentcollege.net to find out more and get involved.

A message from OT Society President James Gregory



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this first edition of 'OT Life' magazine. I do hope that you have enjoyed your read so far.

It was wonderful throughout the school's 150th anniversary celebrations to meet so many OTs who helped the school commemorate this special occasion.

I would like to publically thank the pupils who participated in the anniversary stained glass window design competition, the result of which is a magnificent display in the Chapel depicting all that is Trent.

If you haven't yet been able to visit Trent College and The Elms, I would urge you to do so should you be in the area. The school really is in fine fettle and abuzz with the enthusiasm such a wonderful learning environment brings.

There are many new and inspiring developments around the campus which visiting OTs are very welcome to tour. I really would encourage you to pop in!

It was a pleasure to host the Annual Dinner this year at Gordon Ramsay's Bread Street Kitchen restaurant in London. I hope that in the coming months I get the opportunity to meet many more Old Tridents as we continue our social events calendar. I am particularly looking forward to the Decade Reunion event in May for all those who attended Trent during the 1970s and earlier, and the Anniversary Year Reunion planned for October, for all those who left Trent in a year ending in 9! Reunions are always a great way of meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

Finally, I would like to thank the OT Society Committee members for their continued support in Society matters and in working closely with the school's alumni team.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'James Gregory'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

James Gregory
OT Society President &
Trent College Director of Operations

OT Ambassador roles for Sixth Form students

In working closely with the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Paul Mayfield, on an initiative to create students' ease of access to The OT Society and wider network of Old Tridents, a new Prefect role has been created giving six Y13 students the opportunity to become an 'OT Ambassador'. James Gregory, President of the OT Society and Trent College Director of Operations, says "This is a wonderful initiative,

linking students with the Society, giving the student body a voice and for us to learn what the younger generation will want from the Society of the future. I am looking forward to inviting Lauren, James, Carmen, Harry, Marianne and Ethan to meet and discuss their thoughts, before they leave Trent at the end of this academic year."

Captain Albert Ball VC

A memorial garden tribute



If you find yourself in the area of Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire then you may wish to visit the Amersham Memorial Gardens where a special WW1 display has been created, and where homage is paid to the great flying ace and Old Trident Captain Albert Ball VC.

At the start of the Great War aircraft were unnamed and used mainly for reconnaissance. As the war progressed, air combat started and specialist fighter aircraft were developed, including the Albert Ball SE5a. With 44 confirmed kills when he crashed, Albert was known for his bravery, often going on patrol alone and never backing out of a fight. His aircraft, the A8898 and depicted in the photograph, was his personal aircraft whilst he was in command of No. 56 squadron RFC, an elite unit. It had a red engine cover to make it easier for his fellow fliers to spot.

Thank you to OT Julian Webster (Hanbury 1950-1954) for sharing the news about the memorial gardens, which are open all year round, with this special WW1 project on display through spring.

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that the Old Tridents' Society reports the deaths of the following members, as notified at the 2018 AGM and to date. Our sincere condolences are with their families and friends.

Robert P Leather

Wright, 1938 to 1941

Passed away 20 December 2015, aged 91.

David C Lakin

Hanbury, 1961 to 1964

Passed away 18 November 2016, aged 69

David passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. His widow Angela remembers him often speaking fondly of his school days.

John D Lowe

Wortley, 1947 to 1951

Passed away May 2016, aged 83.

Dr Michael A Rogers MBE

Wright, 1951 to 1954

Passed away 13 February 2017, aged 79

Having served in the army, Dr Rogers was paralysed in 1960 by the onset of a spinal virus. He later became a lecturer and successful author on the topic of paralysis, receiving his MBE in 2007 for services to the disabled.

Kenneth Dodson

Teacher of Maths, 1962 to 1985

Passed away 25 February 2017

Married to Joan for 63 years, his sweetheart wife whom he met at Long Eaton Grammar School at the age of fourteen. They had three sons, Stephen, Michael and Martin who all attended Trent. Whilst at Trent, Kenneth was

Head of the Mathematics Department for a period of time, and was involved with the Junior School and assisted with Cricket. He was a very keen cricketer both as a player for Long Eaton Cricket Club and Trent; a mean left hand spinner, he turned to umpiring in his later years. He enjoyed a game of bridge, caravanning and a pint of bitter. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Graham Sharpe

Deputy Head, Head of Sixth Form,

teacher of Chemistry 1984 to 2004

Passed away 27 March 2017

Graham was a well-liked and respected member of the Trent common room.

A teacher of Chemistry from 1984 to 2004, he also held the positions of Second Master, Deputy Head and Head of Sixth Form. Graham was a committed supporter of the Trent College Foundation. He remained in close contact with many colleagues and former pupils and was President of TWITS, Trent Wine Tasting Society.

Mom Luang Usni Pramroj

Wright, 1952 to 1953

Passed away 2 April 2017, aged 82

Usni was one of the last Thai royal descendants to retain a title. Upon leaving Trent, he gained a BA at Oxford and graduated a Barrister at Law in

London in 1957. He later turned his career to finance, gaining experience in Europe and Australia, focusing on environmental finance, specifically advising and investing in renewable energy and water-related projects, in South-East Asia and Southern Africa. In March 1984 he was appointed Privy Counsellor, one of a group of advisors to the then World's longest reigning Monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej. An accomplished musician & composer, Usni was the co-founder of the Bangkok Symphony.

Alan M C Morton

Shuker, 1941 to 1946

Passed away 14 June 2017, aged 89.

Theo A Savvides

Wortley, 1979 to 1987

Passed away 10 July 2017, aged 48

Theo tragically died in a cycling accident whilst on holiday in France. After Trent, he went on to study Biochemistry at the University of York. In 1994 he qualified as a solicitor and enjoyed a very successful legal career. His passion outside of the law was his loyal support of Derby County FC.

John G Thirley (also known as Pete)

Hanbury, 1932 to 1936

Passed away August 2017, aged 98

With happy memories of Trent, John

displayed a print of the school in his study and had kept many of his rugby and swimming medals. Having risen to the rank of Major in the Royal Engineers, most of his working life was spent conducting research into ships on Tyneside. He was married for over 70 years.

Kenneth W Mellor

Shuker, 1940 to 1944
Passed away 23 August 2017, aged 90.

John J Pugh

Wright, 1953 to 1958
Passed away September 2017, aged 77.

Simon Bennett

Assistant Housemaster, Hanbury 1966 to 1973 & 1987 to 1988
Passed away 1 September 2017
Simon was a very popular member of staff, throwing himself into as much of Trent life as he could. By 1968 he was running the 2nd XV, had joined his mentor Bill Melton in Hanbury and taken over the English Department. He involved himself in drama, the Trident, cricket (including a staff XI), organised outings (including several days in Hardy country based in his own home in Bruton), knew everyone and was a much needed friend to most. He had boundless enthusiasm, humour, wisdom and humanity. Simon left Trent in

1974 for a post in Malvern. Following a teaching spell in Kathmandu, he returned to Trent in 1987, but after one year, received the calling back to his home town where, at King's Bruton, he became Head of English. He resettled into the family home, where he married Jane and became proud father to Constance and Honour. He would eventually put his vast experience to more general use, with Ofsted, then ISI and finally as Chief Inspector of a small inspectorate, the School Inspection Service which he ran until his retirement in 2015. Simon's death came as a shock to his family and friends, with little warning of ill health.

Bryan B Harris

Governor, 2001 to 2005
Passed away 30 October 2017, aged 70.

Brigadier George (Bev) Smalley

Hanbury, 1960 to 1966
Passed away 20 December 2017, aged 71.

Susan M Donnelly, nee Ward

Wortley, 2001 to 2003
Passed away on 30 December 2017, aged 32.

James H Bacon

Shuker, 1955 to 1957
Passed away 3 February 2018, aged 76.

John R E Hooper

Wortley, 1954 to 1959
Passed away 23 January 2018, aged 76
John had very happy memories of his years at Bramcote Preparatory School and of his time at Trent College. He was very grateful for the excellent education and sporting opportunities he received, together with guidance in many social skills. He became Head of House and Head of School and was greatly involved in all areas of the school, in particular his favourite sport, rugby. After university John entered the teaching profession, his final post being at King's Ely after which he enjoyed a busy retirement with his wife Norma. He retained his lively mind and a great sense of humour and was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Along with his widow Norma, John would have wanted to wish everyone involved with Trent the very best of luck in all that they do. His passing was very sudden and unexpected.

Jack J Prescott

Wortley, 1968 to 1976
Passed away 26 May 2018, aged 60.

Obituaries continued

Ben P Hallam

Hanbury, 1989 to 1996

Passed away 13 July 2018, aged 40
Ben was a very popular member of Hanbury and especially happiest on the rugby field. He joined Trent from Attenborough Prep School. He left Trent in 1996 on a gap year to Australia and New Zealand with fellow OT and good friend Nick Brown. He read History at the University of Hull. Returning to Nottingham he worked at Carlsberg Tetley and latterly at Rolls Royce, Derby. Ben was married in 2012 to Louise. His passion for rugby never diminished and he enjoyed a 20 year career at Nottingham Casuals RFC, being appointed Club Captain. He was the leading try scorer for 15 years and had also represented Nottinghamshire. He also enjoyed cricket, being a regular spectator at Trent Bridge. Ben was injured mid-way through the rugby season and scans later revealed he was suffering from cancer, a battle he sadly lost a short time later.

Lt. Geoffrey A Havilland MC

Wright, 1943 to 1947

Passed away 19 July 2018, aged 88
Head of Wright House in 1947 and

Captain of the 1st XI football team, Geoffrey was a member of the Junior Training Corps, NCO. He showed early proficiency in weapons by climbing to the roof of the school during a wartime blackout to snipe at any light he saw shining. He graduated RMA Sandhurst and commissioned into the Royal Leicestershire Regiment in 1950. He served in 1st R Leicesters in Hong Kong and Korea where, as a 2LT in A Company he was awarded the MC for his actions in Korea as a Platoon Commander at the battle of Maryang San on 5 November 1951, during which he was badly wounded several times. He later served three years with Airborne Forces as Company Commander and then MTO in 1st Bn The Parachute Regiment. Retiring from the Armed Forces in 1967, Lt. Havilland worked for John Swire & Sons Ltd in Hong Kong as General Manager of the company's Pacific Ship Management and later in London as the company Shipping Manager. He was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights. He passed away peacefully following a short illness and after several difficult years endured with his 'customary good humour'. He was devoted husband of

late wife Mary, and much loved father and grandfather.

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Robert (Bob) Good

Teacher of English, 1970 to 1977

Passed away 24 July 2018

Bob was awaiting a double heart bypass operation when he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in November 2017. His familiarity with "Puckoon" led to him deciding he would be present at his own wake, and in May 2018 Bob and his wife Maggie held a two day Wide A Wake party, entertaining a selection of old friends. He passed away painlessly just a few months later with his wife and family around him.

John A Partington

Former Governor

John passed away on 6 September 2018, aged 83.

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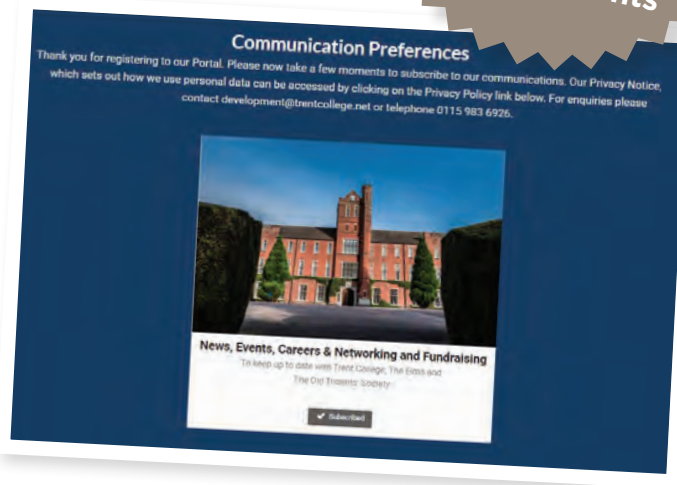
The Portal enables you to manage your personal details, updating them at your convenience, and choosing how you wish to be contacted. It also provides access to the Trent College Privacy Policy, giving you confidence with the way in which your data is handled.

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1. Visit <https://trentcollege.accessconsent.com/register>
2. Complete the online registration form and click 'Register'
3. You have now set your communication preferences and will receive an email asking you to activate your account.

Should you run into any difficulties or require assistance, please telephone 0115 983 6926 or email development@trentcollege.net

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There is a monthly Trident E-Bulletin, sharing regular news & events




Regular news and event information is shared by a monthly Trident E-Bulletin. If you are not receiving these, you can opt in to email via the 'Access Portal'.

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