

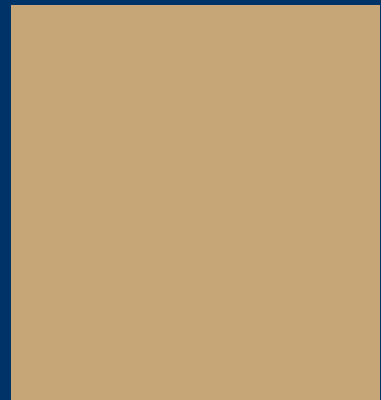
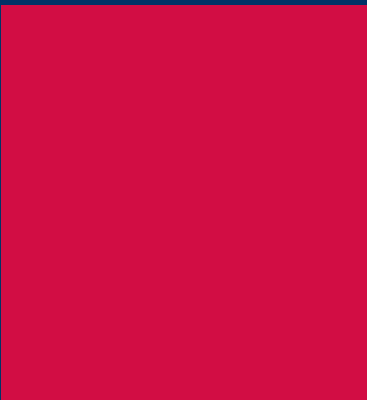
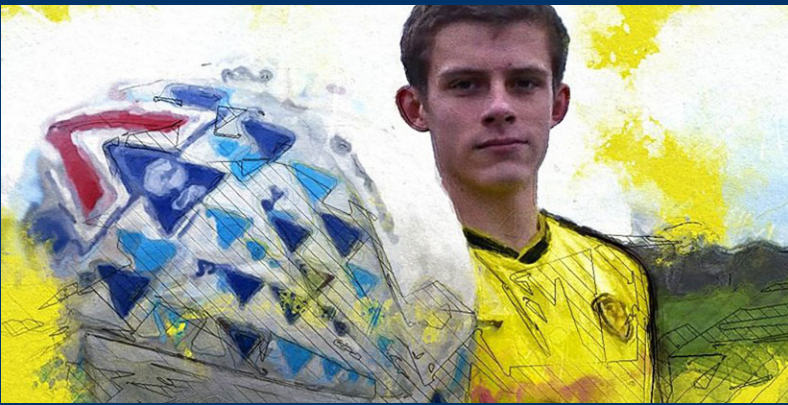


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The Trident Bulletin: June 2021



 **Sunday 20th June 2021**

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TRENT COLLEGE AND THE ELMS






Dear Old Trident

On Friday 21 May Trent College held its first live event in over a year, as the school hosted the Trent Young Musician of the Year competition (more on that later). Private tours to prospective parents have resumed on campus (by appointment only) and so it is wonderful that we are now able to consider the planning of 'in person' events and renew our alumni events programme. Steps are being taken cautiously as we do this and we look forward to starting by welcoming back the girls of the 2019-2020 National Indoor winning squad, for a hockey fixture against the Trent 1st XI later this month. We also look forward to inviting the Class of 2020 back to Trent later in the year, who sadly missed out on the traditional leavers' events they were so looking forward to.

We are very grateful to Old Tridents who, during this long period of restriction, have continued to support pupils in their careers education by offering virtual careers talks and mentoring. We hope that it won't be too long before we can offer a warm welcome in person, as we know that the pupils value very highly the information and advice offered.

It has been wonderful to learn of the recent achievements of Old Tridents and we share more of this with you in this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Trident e-Bulletin and as always, welcome your feedback. Please do continue to share your news with us.

With very best wishes
The Development & Alumni Team
Trent College

Alumni News



To find out more, donate to a nominated charity by purchasing merchandise or to listen to the latest podcasts, you can visit Robert's Touched By Covid website <https://touchedbycovid.com> or visit the Touched by Covid Facebook page **Facebook/TouchedByCovid**.

We wish Robert the best of luck as he continues with his campaign and look forward to more upcoming podcasts.

In April, the National BAME Health & Care Awards announced its first set of winners for 2021.

Congratulations to Old Trident Robert Goddard (class of 1985), for receiving the Compassionate and Inclusive Leadership Award for Initiative.

Robert, a Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon at Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust said, *"The award means a lot to me, but probably even more so for the people around me that have seen the things I've done or attempted to do."*

In our last newsletter, we shared Robert's 'Touched by Covid' campaign with you. Robert has reported increasing interest in his campaign, which has gained real momentum with the addition of podcasts.



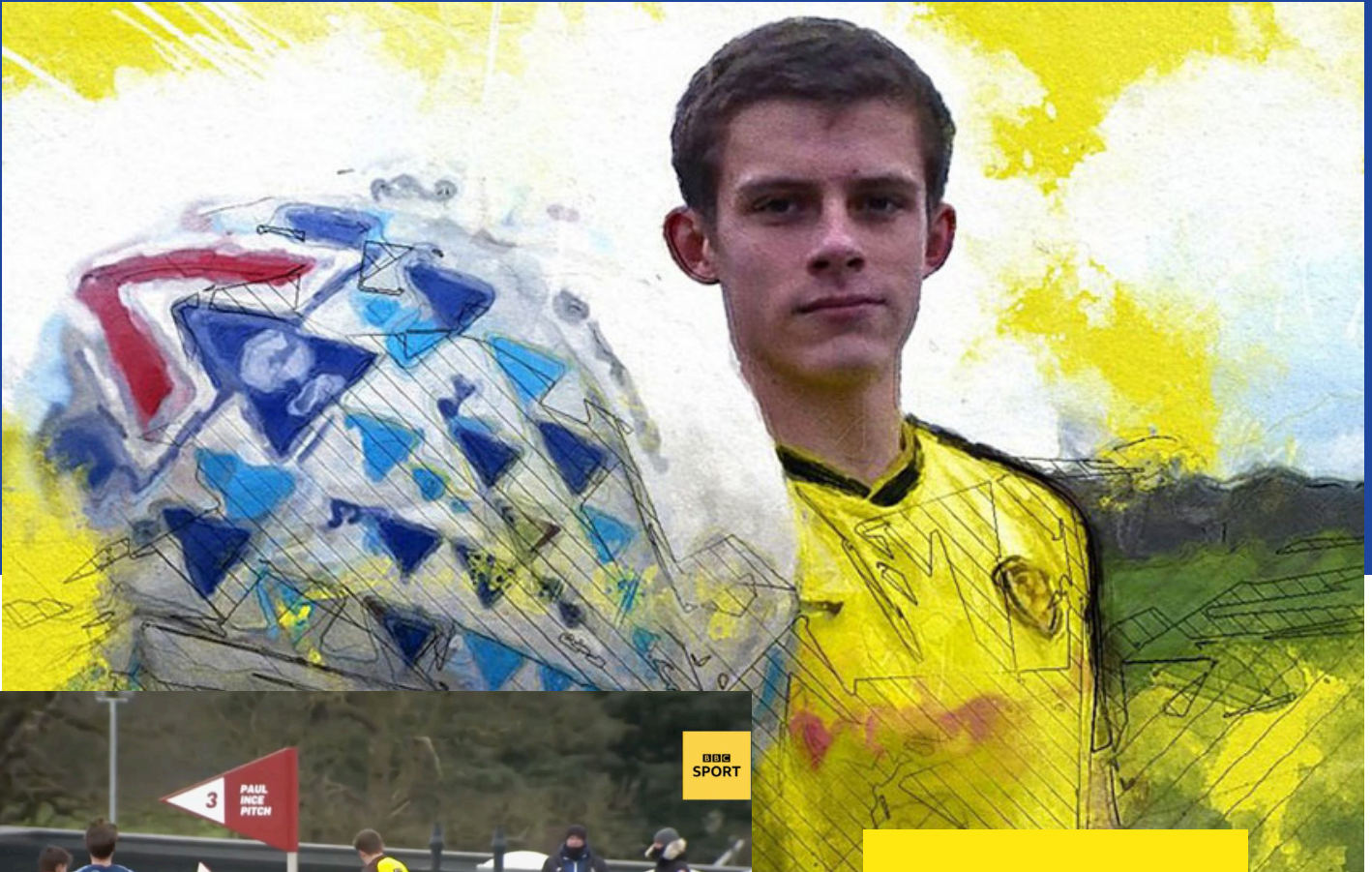
Inspiring through the pandemic

We would love to hear your stories of inspiration through this challenging time. How have you been inspired, or have you inspired others? Let us share your story.

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in Sport...



Watch Ben's full video on the
BBC Sports Football page:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/av/football/56435447>



BBC Young Reporters of the Year 2021 - Me and My World

Congratulations to OT Ben Radcliffe on being selected as one of the BBC's Young Reporters of the Year 2021, announced in March.

More than 2,500 young people aged 11-18 submitted their story ideas with the chance to make their own story with BBC programme teams, producers and reporters. There were three categories to choose from: Me and My World, Coronavirus Stories and Uplifting Stories.

30 winners from across the UK were chosen to produce their reports with the help of some of the BBC's programme-makers and producers. Judges included editors from across the BBC as well as presenters and reporters, including Huw Edwards, Laura Kuenssberg, and Nikki Fox from BBC News, Radio 1's Greg James and Katie Thistleton, The One Show's Alex Jones, BBC Newsbeat's Roisin Hastie and Ben Mundy, Newsround's Ricky Boleto and BBC Three reporter Ellie Flynn.

Ben won the 'Me and My World' (16-18 years) category with his story "The experience of being an apprentice footballer at a professional club."

Having left Trent in 2020 to pursue a career as an apprentice footballer,

with a scholarship at the Burton Albion Academy, Ben's report highlighted just how vital mental health awareness is, in football.

In his BBC video Ben talks about the challenges of leaving school, and his friends, after 12 years to play football.

"If you don't make it as a pro, it's a big step to take. I wanted to highlight the importance of the mental health side of football."

He continues to talk about the rigorous weekly routine of an academy footballer; balancing a Monday to Saturday programme of training, college and tactical video sessions "getting up early and going home late, it's hard."

Director of Sport at Trent College, Richard Mahony says "*Ben is a very talented sportsman. He played rugby, hockey and cricket for the school, representing at two National Cricket finals.*"

He continued "*He always showed leadership skills and we wish him the very best of luck as he pursues his footballing dream. He's a very positive role model for the Trent College and Old Trident community and we wish him the very best of luck*".



in Careers...



Tanzeel Younas, Class of 2010



Ross Whiting, Class of 2010

A chance conversation between old school friends

When Tanzeel Younas (class of 2010), Executive Director for Younas and Viridi, was in the market to find premises in Nottingham, for his family's property development firm to convert into a 'hub' for entrepreneurs, he turned to LinkedIn to seek out an old school friend.

A member of the Trent College LinkedIn Alumni community, Tanzeel approached his former Trent College friend Ross Whiting (also class of 2010), Associate Director with Innes England, to see if he knew of a suitable office building in Nottingham for the company to buy. *"It was a pleasure reconnecting with Ross after 10 years! As I grew my family business operations I was looking to invest in office space in the heart of Nottingham and so reached out to Ross, as we had remained connected via LinkedIn since leaving Trent College."*

Tanzeel continued, *"It's great to be able to utilise Old Trident connections in the real world and in supporting business growth."*

He later shared on LinkedIn *"It just goes to show the great foundations and morals Trent College instils into all its students from a young age. #MoreThanJustASchool"*



Linked

Trent College now has more than 1,800 members in its LinkedIn Alumni Network!

If you are not yet a member and you have a LinkedIn profile, you can join by updating your 'education' profile, select Trent College as your education institution (choosing the red crest in the drop down menu) and citing your years at school.

The filters in LinkedIn are very useful when seeking out sector specific fellow alumni within the network.

Trent News



Students receive insight into rapid growth business as a result of COVID-19

Trent's Academic Forum members recently had the opportunity to hear OT David Campbell (class of 2008) speak about his diagnostic testing business, Surescreen Diagnostics Ltd.

It was fascinating for the students to hear about the phenomenal growth of the business over the COVID 19 crisis, due to its development of the rapid COVID-19 lateral flow antigen tests. The tests display results visually in under 10 minutes allowing an individual to determine whether they currently have the virus. They were contracted to the UK Government in its campaign to roll out rapid testing in hospitals, schools, nursing homes and businesses.



David talked about his career path and the learning curve the Derbyshire based business had to follow, to expand so rapidly in response to market demands.

The students and staff at Trent were very grateful to David for taking time out of his busy schedule.

In the same week, Charles Hardy (class of 1992) Education Partner at LinkedIn, led a Year 13 PSHE lesson and demonstrated the powerful networking and professional development capabilities of the platform. He also talked about the research opportunities LinkedIn presented regarding career development and the use of the wider network of connections. Charles showed pupils how to create a profile and gave advice on content. Grateful thanks also to Charles for such an insightful and useful presentation.



Yi-Heng shares his Med School experience with Year 12 students

Fiona Starbuck, Head of Careers (class of 1986) had a lovely catch up with OT Yi-Heng Chung (class of 2019) this week, via MS Teams. They talked about his first two years at The University of Southampton, where he is studying Medicine, and how amazing his experience has been so far. Yi-Heng was able to share his 'top tips' with Year 12 students, which they found really useful. Thank you to Yi-Heng and best wishes as he continues in his studies.



The Careers Department is running a series of talks during the second half of Trinity term and there are a few spaces left in the 'hot seat'. All talks/Q&As are being hosted virtually, so you can join from the comfort of home or workplace.

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Trent News



Celebrating 10 Years of the Devonshire Library

In March, Trent College celebrated the 10-year anniversary since the opening of the Devonshire Library, by Professor Germaine Greer. The Devonshire library is one of the oldest parts of the school, originally used as the dining hall before being sensitively adapted into a 21st Century library. Remaining on proud display is the Propeller belonging to Old Trident and WWI flying ace Captain Albert Ball.



The former 'Warner Library' now known as The Warner, which was built 'by the boys for the boys' in 1929 under the watchful guidance and instruction of Daddy Warner (Revd. Captain G J S Warner), maintains its original features and today is a learning space for pupils studying Computer Science.





Other anniversaries to note this year include:

- 100 years since the WW1 Chapel Memorial was unveiled, and dedicated by Lt.Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse K.C.B, C.V.O. in a special Chapel Service.
- 100 years since Seni Pramoj, a former Prime Minister of Thailand, and his brother T Pramoj, became the first Thai pupils to arrive at Trent.
- 50 years since the Science Building was opened for teaching, officially opened in September 1972 by His Grace The Duke of Devonshire P.C.M.C. Science was previously taught in The Kelvin, Trent's first purpose-built Science facility, opened in 1923.
- 40 years since the opening of Blake Boarding House, with Ken Pye as first Housemaster.



Music



Trent Young Musician of the Year 2021

There was special poignancy to the competition this year, held in the School Chapel on the evening of Friday 21 May, as it was the first musical performance at Trent in front of a live audience for 14 months! Audience members lucky enough to have been able to obtain tickets were seated in socially distanced bubbles, with the Chapel operating at less than 50% capacity to safely accommodate everyone.

Trent was delighted to welcome, as competition adjudicator, Old Trident Helen Brackenbury (class of 2009), a Mezzo Soprano, Royal Academy of Music BMus and MA graduate and, recipient of the Academy's Opera Diploma.



As a soloist, Helen has performed in a number of London's leading venues, including Wigmore Hall, St Martin-in-the-Fields and St Paul's Cathedral. She has taken roles with a number of opera companies, including Opera Holland Park and Longborough Festival Opera.

The standard of performance was exceptional. 69 entrants had their video performances considered by an external adjudicator and 12 finalists from across the entire range of the senior school were selected, each receiving a music retailer voucher.

There were four prizes on offer; Lower School, won by Jacob (Year 7) on Piano; Main School, won by Nathan (Year 11) on Tuba; Sixth Form, won by Alice (Year 13) with Voice and overall 'Trent Young Musician of the Year' being awarded to Nathan for his outstanding performance with the Tuba.

Helen had a tough job in decision making. She said, *"It was so lovely to come back [to Trent] and hear all the young talent. I really had not anticipated it being that difficult! It was a real pleasure."*

She told Director of Music, Chris Foster *"I still always rave to everyone about how Trent was a massively supportive school in encouraging its students to pursue whatever they excelled in."*

Each competition winner received a trophy, with the overall champion having his name engraved on the Claret Jug, proudly displayed in the school's trophy cabinet for all to see.

Chris said, *"All of the performers deserve congratulating. They did exceptionally well; especially considering the time elapsed since their last live performances."*

Thank you so much to Helen for her giving her time to this event and for being such an inspiring role model to all Trent musicians.





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 **TRENT COLLEGE
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Trent Runners Road to Kenya

If you are looking to get out for some fun exercise then why not join the Trent Runners in a Charity Run in aid of the Kenyan Schools Foundation, supporting two primary schools on the outskirts of Nairobi, which Trent College has been very proud to support for the past 20 years. To date, generous donations have funded a wide variety of projects including toilet and kitchen facilities, classrooms, equipment and this year, for the first time, a small suite of computers.

To help celebrate these achievements, you can join Trent Runners on Sunday 20th June. Please book your place by 5pm on Monday 14 June.

There is a 2km run for under 11s and 5km run for everyone else!

**Book here by 14 June, for Trent Runners Road to Kenya:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=18114&>**

The Elms News



You may recall that in our last newsletter we brought you news of plans for a new 'Elms Wild' project, inspired by David Attenborough's 'Extinction' Documentary and the subsequent programme 'Prince William: A Planet for Us All'. Since then, The Elms biodiverse Eco Garden was started in March this year and Eco-Club members have been busy helping to bring The Elms Wild Eco Garden to life, planting tree saplings, weeding the hedges and spring-cleaning the greenhouse, ready to grow a range of seeds, vegetables and plants.

Year 5 pupils made bug hotels and The Elms Beavers group created bird boxes, which are eagerly awaiting their new lodgers.

As part of The Elms Enrichment and Leadership programme Elms Wild will support the development of essential life skills, not just green-fingered but also budgeting, collaboration and organisation skills.

Discover more about The Elms:
<https://www.trentschools.net/the-elms-independent-junior-school>



Save the date



We are delighted to invite the Class of 2020 back to Trent for a celebration BBQ!

It will give us great pleasure to welcome you; catch up with your friends and see your former teachers,

Saturday 11 September 2021, 5.30 pm
More details will follow soon!

An Evening with Clare Balding 'The Power of Sport'

Thursday 30 September 2021
6.30 - 9.00 pm
Prince Obolensky Building

Booking information available soon
Tickets £15 per person
(includes cheese & wine)



In Memoriam

Our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of former Trent College staff members whom we have recently been notified have passed away.

Robin Schlich

Wright Housemaster & Head of Modern Languages (1970 to 1979)
Passed away 12 May 2020

Michael Barlow

Director of Music (1965 to 1978) passed away 13 August 2020

Chris Baynes

Wortley Housemaster & Teacher of Geography (1968 to 1986) Passed away 14 October 2020

Mary Spragg (Loder)

Housemaster's wife, School Tuck Shop & Lower School teacher (1941 to 1976) passed away 25 January 2021

Peter Lee-Smith

Catterns Housemaster, Head of Lower School and Teacher of Biology (1974 to 1986) passed away 13 February 2021.

Elizabeth Pye

Housemaster's wife, Teacher of PE and Tutor Martin House (1971 to 1998) passed away 14 April 2021



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