



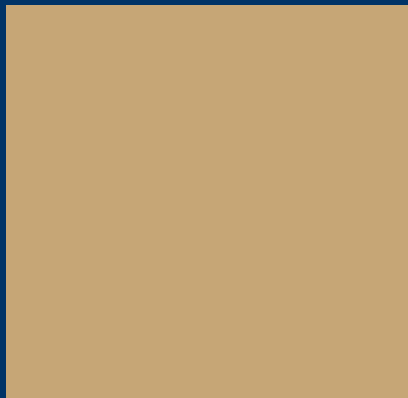
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Dear Old Trident

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022!

We have started the year with a packed schedule of planning for the welcome return of an annual calendar of OT events, enhancing the school archives facility by introducing a new room dedicated entirely to sporting memorabilia, collating your news stories and curating OT profiles to share with our school community, and families who are considering joining the school. What better testimonial than that of a former pupil or parent of the school.

Our first formal event this year will be the Blake House 40th Anniversary reunion dinner. In a change to previously published information, we have pushed the date of this event back to 23 April, as a precaution, which we hope will give everyone greater confidence in socialising safely. All former Blake House residents, please look out for your personal invitation!

Last week Trent College said goodbye to a very special member of staff who retired after 50 years of service to the school. Over the years, Kris Hammonds held various positions from Bursar's Secretary to OT Office Secretary and Domestic Services Manager. We sat down with Kris on her penultimate day at work, for a chat about all that has changed at Trent and her fondest memories. You can read about that later on.

There are also celebrations for members of our community, in sporting, music and New Year Honours.

Please enjoy our January edition.

With very best wishes
The Development & Alumni Team
Trent College



CONGRATULATIONS



We were delighted to receive the news that **Chris Hill** (class of 2016) has recently been awarded his 8th Music Fellowship, having achieved a Liturgical Fellowship with Honours.

Chris received his first Fellowship at 16, his second at 19, subsequently reaching his 8th by the age of 23, which is an extremely rare achievement. His' father Malcolm told us "Chris's experience at Trent helped shape the musician he is today".

We will be talking to Chris in the coming weeks about his achievements, his enjoyment of performing and his aspirations for the future and look forward to bringing you an in-depth interview soon.

Liam Bishop (class of 2019) made his league debut for Nottingham RFC earlier this month, against Hartpury, in the Championship. A Nottingham Trent University Sports Scholar, Liam was also selected last summer to play in the Under 20's Six Nations Rugby Tournament, representing Ireland.





CONGRATULATIONS



Professor **Tony Avery** (former Governor 2006-2016) for his recognition in the Queen's New Year Honours. A GP and Professor of Primary Healthcare, and a Senior Investigator for the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), Tony received the award for his 'Services to General Practice'.

His research focuses on patient safety in primary care, which is a priority area for the NHS, and he has led ground-breaking studies to identify the frequency, nature and cause of prescribing errors and avoidable harm in primary care. He has developed and evaluated a range of interventions that have led to improvements in patient safety and which have been rolled out to 350 general practices in the East Midlands and which has been recommended for national adoption by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, in 2015. Subsequently, his pharmacist led information technology based intervention (PINCER) has been rolled out to over 2,500 general practices across England, benefiting over 20,000 patients with safer prescriptions.

"I'm absolutely delighted to receive this honour, and thank my wife, Chris, and children (Old Tridents, Rob and Izzy Avery-Phipps, class of 2009 & 2015) for their love and support.

I also want to say how much I have appreciated my association with Trent College as a parent, Chair of the Parents Social Association, and as a Governor, and I wish the School every success in the future."

Professor Avery has worked in the medical field for over 35 years and has received several prestigious awards throughout his career. He was appointed as the Director of Research for the School of Medicine at Nottingham in 2013 and was Dean and Head of Nottingham School of Medicine from 2015-2019. Professor Avery also works as a GP at a practice in Chilwell, Nottinghamshire.



An Order of the British Empire was also honoured to Old Trident (Hanbury 1953-57) and former Governor (1987-2001) **Tony Swallow** for services to young people and the community in Cheshire and abroad.

Tony has a long history of supporting his community through philanthropy and together with his wife Helga set up The Swallow Trust in 2006, with the aim of helping young people in East Cheshire and Macclesfield with education and employment opportunities, and to support their mental health. Tony's spirit of philanthropy has also made a significant impact on the Trent community, by his generous support of pupil bursaries and improved facilities.

"It's been a privilege to have the opportunity to give back to the community in this way and I'm immensely proud of the incredible things the charities we've worked with over the years have achieved and the real difference they have made to young people's lives."



“EVERY THEATRE KIDS DREAM, RIGHT”!

This was the reaction of **Gemma Hardiker** (class of 2010) when she saw her name up in lights on Broadway recently.

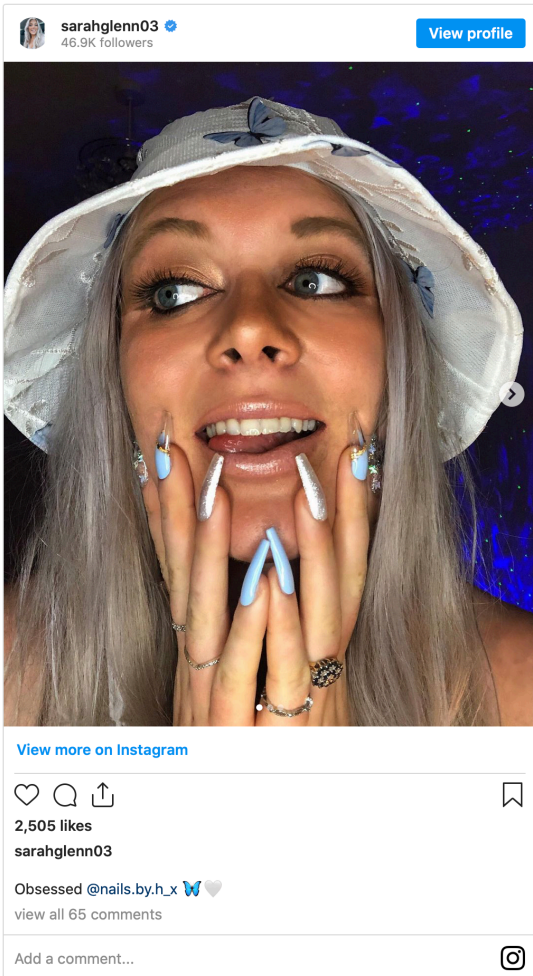
“What a lovely way to acknowledge the work of a really tough few years. Who would have thought my name would make it on a Broadway Marquee.”

A University of Reading Graduate in Television, Film and Theatre studies, Gemma has worked in the West End as Production Assistant, Coordinator and Administrator for the Disney Theatre Group, since 2015. Working alongside the talented cast of *The Lion King*, it is a job Gemma absolutely loves and we can't wait to catch up with her soon to hear all about how wonderful it is to have theatre back, post lockdown.





AND IN THE NEWS ...



International cricketer **Sarah Glenn** (Class of 2017) recently featured in BBC headlines as she prepared to head out to Australia for the Women’s Ashes series, alongside former Head of Girls Cricket Tash Farrant. Sarah is a keen advocate for being yourself and sharing her positive influence on social media, which at times has received challenging responses. Known amongst her teammates as ‘The Glamour’, Sarah’s article is an inspiring read.

England’s Sarah Glenn on nails, social media and being a positive influence





CAREERS EDUCATION



This week, Year 12 were visited by Old Trident and former Head of School **Ellis Cullen** (class of 2019) to talk about her experience of a career route via Degree Apprenticeship.

Ellis is in her third year [of 5] as a Trainee Surveyor, having chosen the Real Estate pathway through Nottingham Trent University, working for a Chartered Surveyors firm in Nottingham.

Ellis talked about the many career options now available through apprenticeships.

She told the students about her role day to day and what this entails, balancing the professional workload and networking with time spent in university lectures and additional time studying.

“It is hard work. You have to want it. Finding the balance between work, study and down time is really important.”



In a change to the annual What's My Line? careers event, this year Trent College is holding an exhibition style Careers Fair, on Wednesday 27 April 4.00 - 8.30 pm. More details to follow, in the meantime please do get in touch to register your interest to attend.

We are particularly looking for representation in the following areas: Aerospace, Architect, Civil/Structural Engineering, Interior Design, Investment Banking, Law and Marketing.

Please contact the Alumni Office or Careers Hub for more information.



THE GOLDEN YEARS AT TRENT!

Kris Hammonds has seen many changes during her 50 years at Trent College; four Heads, the transition to co-education, a rise in the number of day pupils and subsequently the expansion of the campus to include the introduction of The Elms Nursery & Junior School and a host of modern new facilities.

We had the privilege of sitting down with Kris, the second longest serving member of staff (after Revd 'Daddy' Warner 1901-1964) in the school's history, to talk about her memories of working at Trent over a coffee in the recently refurbished Common Room lounge 'The Berry Suite'.

Kris has held several roles over the years, from Admin Clerk and Bursar's Secretary to Services Manager. For many years, Kris was also OT Society Secretary "Each job has it's own happy place with me, but the OTs was the most interesting one, so many different people I got to know over the years and certainly the most rewarding."



(L-R: Kris, Margaret, Jane McGifford, Jean Wright, Zana Crooks)



"It has been hard to make the decision to retire, after being in one place for such a long time. It has been difficult to decide 'now is the time'. But the Pandemic has helped in a way. It offered me time to think about how it would feel to slow down. I was very keen to make sure that I completed my 50 years. It felt really important to me, to reach that milestone."

We wish Kris all the very best as she looks forward to her retirement. We have no doubt that Kris will remain a close friend of Trent College and all who are in our community.

To read the full conversation with Kris go to:
<https://www.trentschools.net/alumni/the-golden-years-at-trent>



SAVE THE DATES!



Saturday 23 April

Blake House 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

Sunday 24 April

Mixed Hockey 6s Tournament

Friday 24 June (date TBC)

Trent vs Old Tridents Cricket Match
(followed by Q&A & Dinner)

Friday 9 September

Evening BBQ (for past 5 years' leavers)

Saturday 8 October

School 'Decades' Reunion
(leavers 2012, 2002, 1992, 1982, 1972, 1962, 1952)

Blake House 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

Saturday 23 April 2022

The current residents of Blake House are looking forward to hosting a very special evening in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the House. Special guests will include former Housemasters and Assistants.

Please look out for your personal invitation, arriving soon.





Experience the talent and knowledge of our Visiting Music Teachers first-hand at our upcoming Chapel Sessions

The series of concerts had a fabulous start last week when Trent's visiting music teacher, Gregor Vidovic (piano), delivered an exciting and motivating event by presenting classical music literature in words and music with information about composers and their social, cultural and historic settings.

Chapel Sessions



Gregor Vidovic

Gregor is passionate about sharing his knowledge and has delivered lecture-recitals on four separate continents! As well as master classes at numerous music institutions world-wide.



Jo Mayne

Jo combines freelance orchestral playing and chamber music with various groups throughout the U.K. such as; BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.



Trent Trio

The East Midlands is home to clarinetist Peter Glenville, cellist John Parsons and Anglo-German pianist Beate Toyka. All three are prize winners and active both as performers and innovative teachers.

Future concerts include:

8 February - Sonare Ensemble including Trent's Visiting Music Teacher Jo Mayne (bassoon): A showcase of Woodwind Chamber Music presented through a fantastic selection of trio works.

23 February - Trent's Visiting Music Teachers Peter Glenville (clarinet) and Beate Toyka (piano) join forces with The Elms Visiting Music Teacher John Parsons (Cello) to provide a superb Trio Concert playing Beethoven and Brahms with a dash of Messiaen.

Pupils, parents, friends and the wider community are all warmly welcome to these Chapel Sessions. Tickets are free with a retiring collection taking place for The Canaan Trust.

To attend, please contact us.

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5th March

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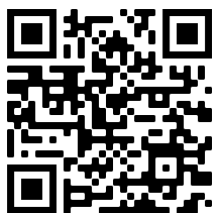
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