



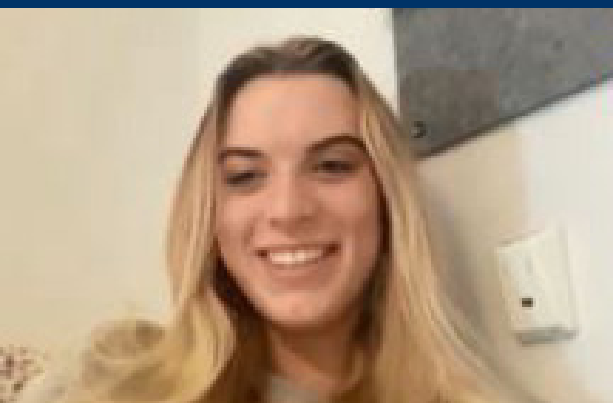
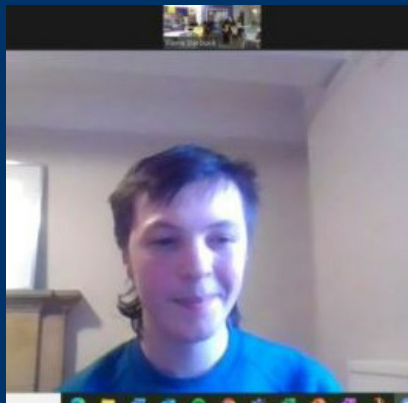
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Dear Old Trident

There is a lot to pack in to this month's edition, starting with several celebrations.

Tickets are now on sale for the Blake House 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner, being hosted at Trent College on Saturday 23 April 2022. The following morning, on Sunday 24 April, a Mixed Hockey 7s Tournament has been arranged, open to all members of the Trent College Community. More information and how to book is set out below. There are several events listed, with something for everyone.

This week, Trent welcomed a new Volunteer Archivist. Rosemary Dobbin is the daughter of former Headmaster Ford Ikin. She joins David Pinney, initially, to sort through the voluminous stock of sporting memorabilia.

We had the greatest pleasure this week of meeting up with Old Trident Charlie Valentine, who has recently taken up a position in the Art Department as a Technician.

It is with sadness that we report the death of a fond member of our community, Forbes Mutch, who passed away recently aged 94. His family invite all who knew him to a public memorial service being held in April. There are full details included below.

We are looking forward to attending the Whole School Open Morning next weekend, where over 70 families will be welcomed for tours of the schools. This is a lovely opportunity to speak with families considering Trent College or The Elms for their children, about all that lies ahead in the Old Trident community.

Please enjoy our February newsletter.

With very best wishes
The Development & Alumni Team
Trent College



CONGRATULATIONS



Charlie Valentine (class of 2017) on her new role at Trent College as part time Art Technician. Charlie is an award-winning photographer. Having previously worked as a graphic designer, fashion and portrait photographer for a Birmingham based fashion company, she recently returned to Nottingham and is delighted to be back at Trent “The Art Department and staff are to thank for my academic and creative success. My love for art was supported consistently by Ms O’Hare and Mrs Prince throughout my time at Trent, and my love for photography began there with Mr Robinson”.

“As soon as I saw the role advertised, I felt a personal attachment and knew I had to apply. To give back to the people who got me to where I am now is a great honour. The care and support I was given as a student is something that will never leave me”. Head of Art Kate O’Hare says, “Charlie was a brilliant

scholar all the way through Trent and was something of a force of nature, so I didn’t hesitate at the chance of getting her back to work as a Technician”. “She’s a brilliant photographer, full of ideas and has loads of energy”.

Charlie has been in post now for two weeks and is settling back into life at Trent well “I missed the school dinners, so it’s great to get those again! But seriously, I am really enjoying helping the students with their ideas. It has also been great to get back into a dark room. I had not been able to use one in my previous job, as everything was digital. Most of all, it means so much to me to be valued in the department. It’s nice, it feels right”.

Charlie also works part time in Real Estate and as a freelance wedding and fashion photographer. Charlie has been commissioned as the official photographer for the forthcoming Blake House Reunion Dinner.



A Trio of Celebrations

for the Class of 2019

Sophie Shaw has recently secured an internship with The Walt Disney Company. Having dropped out of her first choice of university during the first year, Sophie reapplied via UCAS, with the help of Head of Careers Fiona Starbuck and is now in her second year at the University of Liverpool studying Business and Management with a Year in Industry.



Jo Slater from our Alumni Office caught up with Sophie to hear her news. Sophie spoke about the difficulties she faced in changing course, how it feels to land her dream job with the Walt Disney Company, dealing with grief and all that she has to look forward to in expanding her network and eeking out a future career.

[Read the full Blog post here](#)





Mollie Stentiford has recently joined the 'Commonwealth Collective' as she has been offered a role as a volunteer to assist at the Commonwealth Games, which take place between 28 July and 8 August 2022, in Birmingham.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for Mollie, who will graduate from the University of Birmingham later this year with a degree in Sport & Exercise Science.

Mollie completed her application to volunteer at the Games last year. She was invited to interview in November and was excited to receive the news this week that she had been successful.

We look forward to following up with Mollie after the Games, to hear all about her experience and what opportunities await her beyond.

Mia Lallo receives congratulations for her recognition by the University of Liverpool with a Certificate of Academic Achievement. Mia is in her second year studying International Business.

"Being recognised for academic achievement is just amazing! It's a real confidence boost to know that last year's hard work paid off and has been recognised, especially given the unusual learning environment we were in."



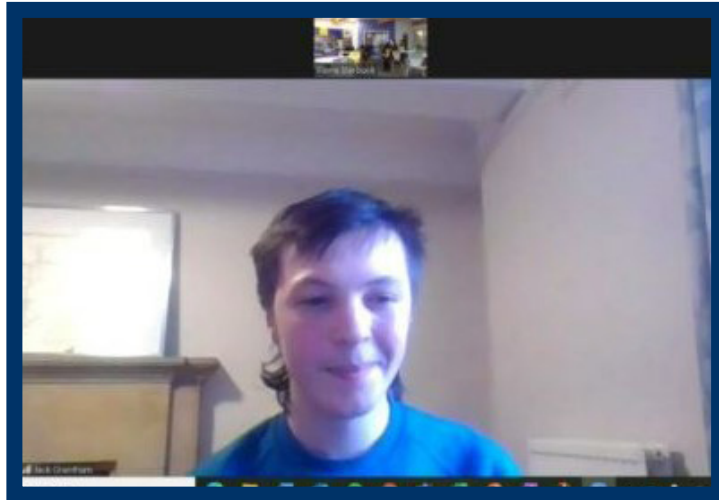
Mia reapplied to the University of Liverpool, having missed out on the required grades. She took a gap year and worked hard to fund plans to travel New Zealand, Australia and Southeast Asia, but which was cut short, due to Covid.

[Read the full Blog post here](#)





CAREERS EDUCATION



It was a pleasure to welcome Jack Grantham (class of 2021) to the Trent College Careers Department this week, via Zoom, for a chat with Academic Forum pupils. Jack talked about his University of Oxford journey, from personal statement writing to his first term at Magdalen College.



The Trent College Careers Fair is being held on Wednesday 27 April 2022, from 4.00 – 8.30 pm. 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.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



In 2021 Blake House turned 40 years old! In its 41 years, over 650 boys have resided in the House under the care and supervision of nine Housemasters, 16 Assistant Housemasters, four Matrons and over 25 Duty Tutors.

Blake's current Housemaster, Dr Neil Holbrook, and Head of House, Jacques, have the pleasure of hosting an evening dinner in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Blake House, inviting all former staff and pupils of the House to reunite. Guest host and compering the event is Old Trident (Blake House, Class of 2003), actor and stand-up comedian, Charlie Partridge.

We are delighted that among the guests will be former Headmaster Jonathan Lee and former Housemasters Ken Pye, Leslie Fox, Peter Shuttleworth, Malcolm Phillips, Tony Rolt and Paul Mayfield.

Tickets are priced at £40 and include a welcome drink, three course dinner & coffee.

Thanks to the generosity of the Old Tridents Society, tickets for former Blake House residents aged 25 and under are discounted to £25.

Please use QR barcode to book





Mixed Hockey 7s Sunday 24 April 2022

Join us for a fun morning of Mixed Hockey competition, followed by a brunch and winner's presentation. Open to all members of the Trent College community.

Book your place here



SAVE THE DATES!



Thursday 30 June (prov.)

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)





SCHOOL ARCHIVES



It is a pleasure to introduce Rosemary Dobbin as Volunteer Archivist. Rosemary will assist Archivist David Pinney in organising the School's new archive room.

They begin with sorting through all the school's historic sporting memorabilia, of which there is a vast amount and which requires its own dedicated room. Rosemary is the daughter of Rutherford Ikin, Trent College Headmaster 1936-1968. She spent her childhood living and playing in the grounds of Trent College.

"I have fond memories of running through the grounds and climbing the trees".

Rosemary met up with David a few years ago, at the Trent College 1960s Reunion event "We got talking about wanting to locate the Chapel Foundation Stone ... from there, I became interested in researching the history of the school".

Over the course of the Pandemic, Rosemary and David stayed in touch and as soon as it was possible to consider working on the new archive facility, with the help of the Alumni Office, Rosemary joined the school as Volunteer Archivist.

David said, "I am delighted Rosemary offered to spend time volunteering, it has been nice to talk about former staff members we both knew, and general memories of both of our school days".

Rosemary spent her first day wading through piles of photographs and sports equipment "It is very interesting being shown around the archive facility, there is so much material. It is good to be able to focus on making a start with the various sporting items".

There will be more archive news to share as the new room starts to take shape.



Archive enquires continue to arrive into the Alumni Office. This month we have had the pleasure of assisting with research on behalf of the grandson of Arthur Beaumaris Clark, a pupil at Trent College 1878-1924 and have been looking back at the history of the Chapel Organ, built and installed by Church & Company (Northumberland) in 1976.



IN MEMORIAM



Old Trident **Forbes Robertson Mutch**, a student at Trent College (Wright House 1940-1944) and prior to that a pupil at Bramcote Preparatory School (1935-1940), passed away on 17 January 2022 aged 94 years. Beloved husband of Pat, loved by all his family and friends, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Many members of the Trent College and Bramcote Prep community will remember Forbes with fond memory. He attended a Centenary Remembrance Service held at Trent College in 2014 and the following year reunited with friends for the Old Bramcotian Reunion event.

To celebrate his life and recognise his contribution to the wider civic life of Nottingham his family will be holding a public Memorial Service at 11:00 on Friday 8 April 2022 at St Jude's Church, Mapperley with light refreshments served afterwards in the adjacent Church Hall.

His family warmly invite anyone who knew Forbes to attend the service.



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