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GODOLPHIN ALUMNAE



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From the Editor

We hope that you all will enjoy the latest edition of the OGA magazine. This is the first year I have been involved with the amazing team that work very hard to put it together. It really is wonderful hearing all the news and stories that come in from you, the Old Girls.

Needless to say, putting the magazine together is made much easier if there is a good supply of this news so please do keep us in mind and get in touch with any items that you may have – whether it be a large event or a small one, a new experience, a business you would like to tell us about or even



indeed the sad news. The OGA want to hear it all. The OGA is a wonderful community and its strength comes from the information that you supply so please keep it coming. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Victoria Elwell (née Pye)
Hamilton, 1985-1992**

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From the President

Dear OG's,

It has been an honour to be your President for the last six years. It has given me not only a unique opportunity to meet a wide range of dedicated people all working for the benefit of the school but also to be with the girls. It is wonderful to see them flourishing in so many ways, whether it be through academia, music, art, design, technology or sport. Learning the skills of problem solving, communicating and team building to enable them to develop and succeed. The Godolphin School really is a very special vibrant place whilst continuing to echo the ethos of our founder Elizabeth Godolphin.

I have been fortunate to work with our remarkable headmistress, Emma Hattersley and have appreciated the help and support of Moyra Rowney, Sarah Sowton and others in the development office. Their progressive outlook has helped the OGA to move forward yet keep the traditions that are so important to us all.

The OGA committee have all been a great support, with our

Secretary and OGA Governor, Annie Burchmore and our Treasurer, Pippa Lody.

We have worked hard on a range of different issues including updating the OGA Constitution and the Guidelines for Administration. The objective to provide friendship, support and contact between former pupils, staff and the School remains.

Now that my two terms of office have come to an end, we are very fortunate that the OGA has elected Jane Forrest as interim President. She has held the post most successfully in the past and we are so grateful to her for volunteering again. I know that like me, she will much enjoy the role of attending events at the school and meeting the girls. Their enthusiasm and warmth of character always shines through. I hope they can continue their friendships and share their experiences in the future, and to this end I hope the OGA will continue to play its part.

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**Jenny Grenville-Heygate, President
1967-1974**



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From the Head

One of the challenges for any organisation, but particularly a school, is balancing the careful blend of tradition with innovation. Godolphin's heritage spanning three centuries is certainly something to savour and celebrate but this should not be at the expense of doing all we can to prepare our current young people for the world they will inherit. The education we provide now must be relevant and forward thinking. Elizabeth Godolphin's belief that women should have access to unrivalled education was ground breaking in its time. Today her legacy remains the very foundation of our school, and continues to enable the futures of bright young women each year. I feel sure she would approve of our strategic aims to promote and develop our students so that they can take their place with confidence in a world that is rapidly changing.

In the last five years the school has introduced several new initiatives which help to foster confidence, ambition and aspiration in our students. My years as Godolphin Head seem to be going

by incredibly fast and I am proud of all that we have achieved so far. The Governors have supported a bold development plan for the school and each year we aim to tick off more of the objectives as outlined in our Vision and Commitments document, taking us all the way to Godolphin's 2026 milestone.

You will read in this OGA magazine the impact of some of these changes on our wider community with the Go Forward programme being just one example. This programme provides opportunities to bring more alumnae together, creating networking opportunities but also to highlight potential career paths for our current students.

There has been a lot in the news recently about the gender pay gap and the deficit of women in senior positions. An area of real strength at Godolphin is the emphasis on finding a career path that is right for each individual – not a 'one size fits all' approach. To demonstrate this, one only has to look at the incredibly diverse nature of the degrees and career paths that our alumnae have chosen to pursue from the scientific



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and technical through to farming and song writing. Our vision is to make sure we can equip our current students to discover and fulfil their ambitions and be exactly who they want to be – no glass ceilings here.

**Emma Hattersley
Head, Godolphin**

Alumnae

The spirit of Godolphin continues and I am privileged to be a part of this fun and loyal community.

As the the main point of contact for the Godolphin Alumnae at the school not a week passes when I haven't reconnected with an OG and it is always a pleasure to be in touch with all of you.

It is my job to ensure that as a school, we support the OGA Constitution which states "The OGA was founded to provide a bond of union between all generations of former pupils and staff and between them and the School, to keep its members in touch with one another for their mutual help and benefit, and to perpetuate the traditions

of an ancient and honourable foundation."

All OGs are warmly welcome back to Godolphin at any time. Whether you are passing and want to pop in, or perhaps you would like to organise a small reunion, please do get in touch and we would be delighted to help you organise any event. We would also love to see you at any of the School events. Keep an eye on the website www.godolphin.org for our calendar of events.

I have enjoyed working with the Editorial team to put together this years OG Magazine, and my particular thanks go to Rebecca Hawtrey who is behind the design and production of the publication. A big thank you also to those of you who have contributed articles this year, please do remember to send



us your own news in the future. We would be delighted to hear from you. We hope you enjoy the Magazine.

**Sarah Sowton (née Winstone)
Hamilton, 1981-1986
Head of Alumnae & Marketing**

A FIRST FOR THE NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION

Minette Batters takes time out from her busy schedule, after her appointment as the first female president of the National Farmers' Union, to answer some of our questions

Q When did you start farming? Did you grow up on a farm?

A I grew up on the farm where we are now, but had no succession tenancy available. By agreeing to fully renovate two cottages on the farm we were able to achieve a longterm farm business tenancy. That started in 1998 with not a fence on the place and twenty suckler cows. Every person I knew advised against doing it.

Q Who is your role model, and why?

A I'm not sure I'd call her a role model but I admired Margaret Thatcher. She was a strong leader and had a phenomenal work ethic. As a teenager I remember watching on the television as she despatched the task force to the Falkland Islands, its an image that has stuck in my mind ever since.

Q What was the biggest change you encountered during your years farming?

A I think that's about to happen. Brexit will have a huge impact on farming presenting the greatest level of change since the 1947 Agriculture Act.

Q Was your recent appointment as the first female president of the NFU the highlight of your career so far? Tell us about it.

A It was fairly extraordinary, finding myself on the front page of The Telegraph newspaper was a shock. But success for women will come when being a woman in a high profile job isn't newsworthy!

Q Do you have any advice for girls looking to work in the farming industry?

A Modern technology and innovation means that farming is no longer just about strength. It's a great career, hard work but incredibly rewarding. How we produce food is changing at a pace and there are exciting opportunities in the supply chain, it's not just about owning or renting land.

Q Did you think your Godolphin education had an influence on where you are today?

A I think all education should have a massive impact on our lives and careers. My regret is that I was fairly naughty, I didn't fulfil my potential at school and was too busy being the life and soul of the party! I'm paying the price now and quite literally too, as my daughter is just the same. When I take her to task - a regular occurrence, she responds by saying that I haven't done too badly! But in all seriousness it's a lifelong regret. You get one chance at a decent education and you need to make the most of it.

Q What are your happiest memories of your time at Godolphin?

A I made some great friends at Godolphin and I remember it as a very happy time.

Q Was there a teacher who particularly inspired you?

A There were many but I have always remembered the Headmistress, Miss Hannay, giving an Assembly talk on the importance of PMA - she went on to say that maintaining a positive mental attitude was essential. I've always remembered it and it was good advice.

Q Have you ever considered another career? If so, what type of work did you think you might want to do?

A I love farming and running my very diversified business, as well as my now full time role as NFU President. I can't imagine doing anything else.

Q How do you see your role in the community?

A Community is important and I don't get the chance to give much back, but that will change over time

Q Where do you see yourself in the future?

A It's hard to know; what I do now is incredibly exciting and incredibly busy. I'm also actively involved with driving my business forward as well as being a Mum to my twins, Holly and George. I've run two sub four hour London marathons and I'd like to do at least one more. Right now I've never worked so hard - I will regularly only get five hours sleep!

**Minette Batters
(née Hill)
School House, 1979-1985**



GODOLPHIN 1726-2026

The biggest challenge for an organisation which has been around for 300 years is to stay current. Moyra Rowney, Director of External Relations explains how Godolphin is achieving this

Almost three years ago the school produced its Vision and Commitments document featuring the 10 year strategic planning which would take us from 2015 through to 2026 – our auspicious 300th anniversary. The Vision & Commitments focus on three strands – Academic and co-curricular, Pastoral and community, Infrastructure. Each of the strands is broken in to three time frames – 2015/2016; 2017/2020; 2021/2026.

The biggest challenge for an organisation which has been around for 300 years is to stay current – to be as innovative and fresh as Elizabeth Godolphin and her idea of educating girls was all those years ago.

The first time frame, and much of the second, has been successfully completed across all three strands and has included exciting projects such as the introduction of the Elizabeth Godolphin Award (EGA) in both the Sixth Form and Prep Year 6; the parallel running of the Senior and Prep timetables, enabling stronger departmental links between the two; a review of the staff appraisal system which has reinforced continuous professional development and introduced peer reviews.

Under the Pastoral and Community strand we saw improvements to our tutor system and key staff being trained in mental health first aid, and it is anticipated this training will be rolled out to include all staff. We increased our links with local, national and

international charities, including a visit to Nepal to help rebuild schools damaged by the earthquake and we fostered stronger links with the Salisbury diocese with increased attendance at services and events at Salisbury Cathedral, St Thomas's and St Mary & St Nicholas, Wilton.

We are particularly proud of the GO Forward programme which was launched in 2015 and which was awarded the inaugural IDPE 2017 Engagement Campaign of the Year Award. It was one of our stated commitments to launch an alumnae mentoring programme for our Sixth Form girls and to develop a professional network using alumnae, parents and local business. To be acknowledged nationally for the work we did on this was particularly rewarding, especially as it is such a strong collaboration between the School and the OGA.

For those who have visited the School recently, you will know that we have reached many of our targets in the Infrastructure strand: the new Girls' Locker Room (GLR) saw the old Lower Changing Rooms being transformed in to a light and vibrant space with additional showers and toilet facilities, as well as space to meet friends, study or relax in a bright and modern atmosphere.

The IT infrastructure has been updated and will continue to be, and this is possibly one of our greatest challenges – keeping pace with the changes in this exciting and fluid environment. We have opened a shop on site, with the assistance of



the Godolphin Parents' Association (GPA) and we have entered in to the quiet phase of a Capital Campaign.

Jerred House (formerly Douglas House) has been transformed in to a Sixth Form Study Centre incorporating a Seminar Room, a Conference Room, an IT suite and several forum/meeting rooms.

Work will start soon on transforming what is currently Walters (Hamilton), Sayers (Methuen) and Cooper (Douglas) in to one large senior boarding house, incorporating Walters and Sayers, and being renamed Cooper House, and one junior boarding house which will be called Walters. By having all the senior boarders in one building, and opening up the central core to provide upgraded staff accommodation and common room facilities for the girls, we will be providing our 13 – 16 year old boarders and Sarums with exciting

new facilities. The new Walters will be home to our Prep and junior boarders and is conveniently placed slightly closer to the Prep and Pets' Corner.

These changes will all be in place for the start of the new academic year, September 2018.

We are currently focussing on the 2017/2020 time frame across all three strands and as we fulfil our commitments, we are finding that other visions mean our 10 year strategy is ever evolving. The current Vision & Commitments document can be found on our website, and we are working on publishing a second, updated version, by the end of the year.

A key part of the 10 year plan is the Capital Campaign which features three phases: Phase One is the Centre for Research and Invention which will sit in the heart of the School, replacing the current Library

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and "temporary" sports hall which has been here for many, many years. This building will be the core of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) programme and will feature a central atrium, surrounded by balconies, to mirror the Main Hall and balcony in the senior school, a multi-purpose auditorium, a library, featuring both books and electronic media, the

Design & Technology suites, IT suites, the Maths Department, "maker spaces" and "flexi-forums", where the girls will be able to expand on their collaborative learning.

Phase Two is an extension and improvements to the Science Buildings and Phase Three is an extension to the PAC (Performing Arts Centre). The projects are, of course, dependent on the funds being raised but it is our firm belief that, with the support of the Godolphin community, we will be able to achieve this and that we will be able to reach our target of completing the projects in time for the 300th celebrations in 2026.

For further information on any of the projects and programmes mentioned in this article, please contact Moyra Rowney, Director of External Relations, on Rowneym@godolphin.wilts.sch.co.uk

NEWS & REUNIONS

Song Academy

On leaving Godolphin 30 years ago I knew I wanted to run my own business but didn't know what it would be. For the next 20 years I explored various roles in business from finance to sales, just taking each opportunity as it came. Then after my third child, Eddie, was born my eldest daughter Matilda, 9 years old at the time, ran up to me after school, eyes beaming with a song she'd written out of the blue! Her song was about being the best you can be and I could see how much it meant to her and how excited she was that I was listening to her.

From this one precious song came the vision of Song Academy to nurture creativity, individuality, courage and self-expression in young people through them writing their own original songs.

Our first songwriting club was in Hammersmith, London run by inspiring professional songwriters. It was an instant hit with kids and parents and so we launched more clubs outside and inside schools across West London and started holiday & school workshops, birthday parties and the annual international Young Songwriter competition. Now I am franchising the business across the UK.

I believe that having a creative outlet for young people has never been so important, in this increasingly fast paced, high-



Inspiring young people to express themselves through songwriting, get heard and connect to like-minded peers

tech and competitive new world where young people put high expectations and demands on themselves. There is little time to sit back, reflect, create for fun and express what's going on for them.

A high percentage of young people miss out on living for now, don't express themselves freely, struggle with the challenges of growing up in today's society and never get their voices heard. They become disengaged, under-achieving, stressed, bored, with

low self-esteem and limited opportunities. Songwriting can be the perfect antidote to the demands of growing up.

Two years ago I moved to the fashionable south coast resort of Hayling Island with my husband Nick, and children Matilda (16), Lilah (15) and Eddie (10), plus two cats and a gorgeous golden retriever puppy! The kids take the ferry to school and I run Song Academy from home trying my best to juggle everything!



Rowena Atkins (née Bruce) Douglas, 1981-1988

Old Godolphin Bursary

The Old Godolphin Bursary is a registered charity whose aims are to provide a bursary to a daughter or granddaughter of a former pupil. It is means tested and provides a financial top-up to a pupil who would otherwise

not be able to attend Godolphin. It is normally awarded for a five year period, reviewed annually, with the option to extend for a further two years for sixth form. The available funds only allow for one girl to receive the bursary at a time.

As a registered charity we are able to claim 25 pence for every pound donated, effectively increasing the amount of the donation providing that the donor is a UK tax payer. We are always in need of additional funds so please consider providing funds as a legacy. **For further information contact oga@godolphin.org**

Governors Report

It seems hard to believe that I have already completed my first year as OGA Governor and, as I write this in the run up to Christmas, that the year has now come full circle again. Sadly the old adage about time speeding up with age seems to be true! Having spent many years working in recruitment, I was forever telling candidates that it can often take a year to fully understand how a company works and your role within an organisation. The role of OGA Governor has proved to be no different, one of the most unexpectedly challenging aspects being getting used to thinking in academic rather than calendar years again! I have been made to feel most welcome by the Chair of the Governing Board, Michael Nicholson, the Governing Board and Emma

Hattersley and would like to thank my predecessor, Jane Forrest, for her advice and support throughout my first year.

Becoming a Governor was not a role I could ever have imagined undertaking whilst sporting my blue pinny and it has been wonderful to play a part in School life. A particular highlight of the year for me was the outstanding School production of Antigone but whether attending Committee meetings, undertaking pastoral visits, sitting in on Food Tech lessons and Leith's demonstrations, the wonderful Scholars Concert or the Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, I have enjoyed it all and it is a privilege to undertake the role on behalf of the OGA. The OGA has evolved greatly over the years to meet the needs of those who once attended

Godolphin. Years ago, this meant providing an address book so that OGs could keep in touch and the organisation of an annual reunion. Nowadays, with girls keeping in touch after they have left through Email, Facebook and LinkedIn, the support that we and the wider Godolphin community offers has changed, but the role of OGA Governor remains an important link between the OGA and the School. Being a Governor provides true insight into the day to day workings of the School and life as a current Godolphin girl and ensures that the OGA can continue to evolve in order to support future generations of OGs.

Annie Burchmore (née Makepeace-Warne) Hamilton, 1982-1989

Penny Burton Visit

Just before Christmas, on my way to stay with one of my close friends from Godolphin after a night with another, I had the opportunity to visit Godolphin for the first time since leaving in 1981. I was visiting from Australia where I have lived for almost 30 years. Before leaving home, I contacted Sarah Sowton to see if it would be possible to show my youngest of 5, Oliver around Godolphin and she kindly asked us to join her for lunch and a tour. We started with lunch in my old dining room although it was hard to recognise. There were girls and staff coming and going at different times to choose from a range of different meals. Very different from our meal times when we all sat down as a house and had no choice! I was a boarder in Douglas from 1974-1981 and loved my time at Godolphin and the friends I made, who are still some of my best friends today despite the tyranny of distance. After lunch we went to what I remember as the Sarum dining room which is now the school cafe. All very civilised! It was lovely to see girls in there with their tutors



and friends clearly engaged and having fun.

I would also like to thank Carole Heritage who on her last day at the school took time, along with Sarah, to talk about the school over lunch and coffee. She also looked up the registry of not only my entry into the school but also my mother's and grandmother's entry to show us. Wondering around the school brought back so many happy



memories. It was interesting to see how much was still there that I recognised but I also enjoyed seeing the changes that have inevitably happened. No more swimming in an unheated pool on a freezing summer's morning!

A huge thank you to Sarah and all the staff who made us so welcome from the time we arrived until the time we left with a Godolphin goodie bag full of memorabilia. I really enjoyed my trip down memory lane. I meet up with some OG's in Sydney once or twice a year which is always lovely despite our range of ages. I wish I lived close enough to enjoy the wonderful community, past and present, that is Godolphin on a more regular basis.

Penny Burton (née Whitehead) Douglas, 1974-1981



REUNION CLASS OF 67

Is it REALLY 50 years since we first became Godolphin girls? To celebrate - and commemorate - our half-century, a group of us met for lunch at the Sloane Club in London on Saturday 11th November. Present were: Jenny Greville-Heygate (Manby-Brown); Alison Jewell (Shute); Rebecca Freeman (Bagguley); Charlotte Duffus (Padfield); Sarah Sands (Pooley); Sally Duffield (Smith); Jo Pearson (Bateman); Rosemary Earl (Selfe); and myself. We were also delighted

that Barbara Shields was able to join us - many of our generation were fortunate enough to have been taught Maths by her at some point during our school career.

After a very tasty lunch indeed and plenty of catching up, we relocated to Westminster Abbey for tea, followed by the annual service of Commemoration, held in the inspiring setting of the Henry VII Chapel, at the eastern end of the Abbey, with its beautiful pendant fan vault ceiling.

I came away thinking about the importance of female friendship and how greatly I value, and have

always valued, that in my own life, and I know that my happy years at Godolphin were very influential in that respect.

A big thank-you to Jenny Greville-Heygate and Rosemary Earl for organising our get-together, and again to Rosemary for enabling us to have the very comfortable setting of the Sloane Club as our meeting place and for seeing to it that we were so well wined and dined. Until the next time!

**Elizabeth Porter
(née Hubbard)
1960-1967**

REUNION CLASS OF 92

On the 9th September a few of the 1992 leavers met up in Winchester for a happy lunch at Brasserie Blanc, brilliantly organised by Penny Saich (née Trewby). It was a fun lunch catching up with everyone's news and hopefully to be repeated with a few more of us.

Around the table, starting on the left, is Annie Weatherall who, after a career as an Executive Assistant interspersed with travelling and

working overseas, is currently living near Winchester and developing her life coaching practice. Anna Ford (née Fowler) is living near Grayshot in Hampshire with her husband James and two boys Alexander and Angus where they have been renovating their house which has been quite a project! Anna has her own business embroidering Children's Towels and Linen. Penny Saich (née Trewby) is living in Kintbury, Berkshire with her husband Andrew and three boys Toby, Rory and Finlay. When Penny is not running

around after her sporting boys she is a Nurse Practitioner in a local Doctors Surgery. Suzannah Jackson is living and working in Stockbridge and has recently added to her already very successful business The Owl and the Pussy Cat, a new venture, The Peppermint Pig Childrens Boutique. Victoria Elwell (née Pye) is living in Longparish with her husband Colin and three children Tabitha, Edward and Jemima. Victoria is working part time for the Auctioneers Woolley and Wallis in Salisbury. Lucie Clayton (née Newall) is living outside

REUNION CLASS OF 77

40th Reunion 1970-1977 Lunch at Manor Farm, Bowerchalke Saturday 21st October 2017.

Huge thanks to Caroline Floyd (Beckly) and her band of helpers, in particular Lizzie Clancy and Lizzy Hare for inviting us to a 40 year reunion lunch in October and organising us into some semblance of order. After a flurry of emails we were a fantastic gathering of 26, not a one daunted

by the tail end of hurricane Ophelia. Caroline produced a truly delicious lunch which satisfied every possible culinary vagary of the 21st century. Caroline's family had done a great job of furniture moving so that we were all able to sit down to lunch in the same room, this was quite an achievement! The noise level was predictably horrendous, but this is surely testament to the good time being had by all. How can it be 40 years since we left school? We enjoyed catching up with old friends and also connecting with class mates that we didn't know so well. I know it encouraged me

to make contact with old friends that I hadn't seen for years, and I fully intend to stay in touch! We swapped tales of careers and occupations and sent warm wishes to all of those too far away to be able to make it. Thank you Caroline for organising us all so beautifully and seemingly so effortlessly, I know I am looking forward to the next do, wherever and whenever that may be!

**Vanessa Menzies-Wilson
(née Bolton)
1970-1977**



Ipswich with her husband Simon and their three children Alice, Rory and Kate. Lucie is working for a local charity helping provide activities and creative projects for the elderly. Finally Gabby Walker (née Hosier) is living in Wexcombe with her husband Simon and two daughters Molly and Eve. Gabby and Simon have their own Estate Agency, Manningford Croft and Gabby runs the Lettings side of the business.

**Victoria Elwell
(née Pye)
1985-1992**

OG Sarum Lunch 2018



A very jolly reunion lunch party took place in the Aroma Cafe at Godolphin School on Wednesday March 7th. Five of us were in the same year, and only meet when invited to school, since we live far apart. So it was a great pleasure to enjoy the company of such old friends, with the staff most attentive and kind and providing a delicious lunch - and wine! They allowed us to sit on undisturbed, chatting round the table until mid-afternoon.

Many thanks to Sarah Sowton and the school for giving us such a happy time. We are delighted to say that we have agreed to meet again on the first Wednesday in March 2019. So do come and join us if you can - whether you were a Sarum or not - and bring along a school friend. It would be lovely to see some more familiar faces.

**Clare Packard
(née Ardagh)**



Tessa Rose, funky follies & boho beach huts



I've heard it said that most people now have 5 or 6 different careers in their life time and I can vouch that this statement is probably true. I spent the first few years of my working life with a yacht charter company (where plenty of sailing in sunny climes was the perk!), then moved into event hospitality, with the odd glimpse of a Wimbledon match or a West End stage show! After this I ended up arranging international product launches for British Airways, which comprised long hours, international travel and lots of laughs. I'm not sure the careers department would agree with the criteria I employed when looking for jobs ... for me it needed to be a fun job in a prestigious industry. I was never going to be a millionaire but I

always enjoyed my work.

In 2005 my husband and I decided to move with our two small boys from Oxfordshire to the Cornish coast where we bought a derelict farm, renovated the out-buildings and started up a luxury holiday rental business.

We loved life in Cornwall. The school bus stopped at the beach on the way home, so the children could go surfing and the boys grew up with the back door permanently unlocked - an idyllic childhood. We rented our three holiday houses out through (what was then) a fledgling company called Unique Home Stays and the business went from strength to strength. Our passion now lay in property and new ventures beckoned, so we moved to Dorset

and project managed the building of our own oak framed eco house, then renovated a period property in Sherborne.

The boys are now studying at college and University, and so another phase in our life begins. As so often happens, the contacts you make years ago sometimes serendipitously reappear in later life and as such I now work for Unique Home Stays, based in Dorset, with a great role looking for interesting properties to add to their now wonderfully established and varied portfolio.

So, if you have a funky folly at the bottom of your garden, or a boho beach hut that could be earning you a healthy extra income, I'd love to hear from you. Likewise, if you're looking for inspiration before booking your next unique escape or special getaway, take a look at our website www.uniquehomestays.com. I think I'll stay in the property industry for a while longer!

**Tessa Rose
(née Streatfeild-James)
1975-1979**



Former staff lunch

I was wondering what a collection of teachers of a certain age should be called. A 'survival'?! No matter, for a 'gaggle' seems to be accurate for the large, animated group of staff who met up for lunch in Broome on Saturday 16 September 2017. Former Staff Lunch sounds rather staid but it was of course just the opposite. Broome was filled with

laughter, cheery hellos, recent news, some iPhone snaps of grandchildren and memories of the fun and the sad times had together over the 80's and 90's. We remembered the happy banter in the Upstairs Staff Room where many innovative plans were made between different departments. The urn was always full of Anna's strong coffee and

warm and sticky "birthday doughnuts" seemed to arrive very regularly throughout the year. Of course this was all before computers, laptops and tablets took over. Another age! Sarah, Moyra and Annelie organised a wonderfully relaxed and delicious lunch around a huge table in the Big Room. The sun shone, the French windows were opened onto the garden and the four Head Mistresses took their seats amongst their colleagues. The chatter and hospitality continued throughout the early afternoon until many of us drifted off to the wonderful "Celebration of Music" in the School Hall. A huge thank you to everyone who made the effort to come - the Buntings all the way from Guildford - to Sarah's team, to Emma our generous host and to Sandra and the domestic staff.

Another special Godolphin time.

**Ail Powis
Geography
1985-2005**

Where are they now? A snapchat with.....

Ferne Baxter (née Castle) 1964-2001

What is your best memory of your time at Godolphin?

My best memory of Godolphin is the friendliness of everyone, and in particular, the life-long friendships which were forged by the students.

What brought you into teaching and are you still teaching?

I was brought into teaching by my love of sport. Both my parents were very involved in swimming, and my mother was an International high board diver, competing in the Empire Games, now the Commonwealth Games. I was brought up beside a swimming pool! Tennis, squash and lacrosse were my favourite sports. I still play



tennis, but the only "game" that I help others enjoy is mahjong.

What advice do you have for girls now wishing to go into teaching?

My advice to anyone going into teaching, would be that you have to have a passion for the subject that you teach, and a desire for your students, whatever their ability, to enjoy your subject and to reach the highest standard of which they are capable.

Are you still in touch with any of your pupils?

I am still in touch with one student whom I taught when I first went to Godolphin. I have visited and caught up with two students who live in Australia, plus others who live in this Country. I have also been privileged to attend several weddings of OGs.

What is your favourite book?

My favourite book is "Jane Eyre", the only book I ever read at school before the class reached the end. I still have that book.

If you could choose two famous**people (living or dead) to have dinner with, who would they be?**

The two famous people I would like to have dinner with are Charlotte Bronte and Nelson Mandela. They have lived completely different lives and must

have fascinating stories to tell.

And finally, bar of chocolate or piece of fruit?!

I had no hesitation answering your last question. I love chocolate!

Isobelle Bunting

1977-1998

**What is your best memory of your time at Godolphin?**

I have many good memories from my twenty-one years' association with the school. The first was to be thanked by the students at the end of my first lesson. Such a shock having spent a few years teaching in one of the biggest comprehensive

schools in London where thanking the teacher was unheard of. The challenge was to keep them in the classroom during the lesson! My best memory is being Hamilton House Mistress. Teaching was rewarding but being able to live with the girls sharing their ups and downs and getting to know the

parents well was an honour and a privilege.

What brought you into teaching and are you still teaching?

I always wanted to be a teacher as many of my family were involved in the profession. I love working with children and having the satisfaction of sharing and inspiring others to enjoy your subject.

Since my retirement I set up a Craft Education Charity with a group of fellow enthusiasts. After three years I became its National Chairman. I gave talks and took classes in England, Wales and the Channel Islands and was invited to travel to Japan to teach in a number of cities. After twenty years of giving these talks and teaching adults I have finally retired this year.

What advice do you have for girls now wishing to go into teaching?

The most important piece of advice I would impart to girls wishing to enter the profession is to like and enjoy working with children and young people and have the desire to impart and share the subject that you are passionate about. Be prepared for long hours and hard work but there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the students achieve well and being successful in their chosen field.

Are you still in touch with any of your pupils?

Having moved away from Salisbury to be near my grandchildren I am no longer in touch with any pupils but do keep in touch with a few parents.

What is your favourite book?

I enjoy reading, especially books on social history, and I have many favourites, too many to list.

If you could choose two famous people (living or dead) to have dinner with, who would they be?

I have always been interested in both local and national politics. Before moving to Salisbury, I was a town councillor for a short period. The two people I would choose to have dinner with are Nick Clegg and Betty Boothroyd. I admire

What is your best memory of your time at Godolphin?

All of it. My time at Godolphin was a very, very happy time in my life. The girls were great and I made some lifelong friends on the staff too.

What brought you into teaching and are you still teaching?

Completely by accident while waiting to take up a job in PR. I discovered very quickly (on teaching practice in a really tough inner-city school in Manchester that I just loved it and I have never looked back. I am still teaching, now head of Pastoral Care at Twyford Prep. I love my job and wouldn't swop it for the world.

What advice do you have for girls now wishing to go into teaching?

Whatever young women hear about the negatives from the press, and we hear a lot of these, I still believe teaching is a great profession. It's hard work but the rewards are great and you really can make a difference to young lives. don't choose it as an easy option, that it is not. You need to be dedicated and to really care, but in the current climate there are jobs to be found and the career progression is good. I have found it an incredibly rewarding and interesting world to be in.

Are you still in touch with any of your pupils?

I am still in touch with quite a few of my pupils. Many have settled to live near us and I have even taught the children of several OG's.

What is your favourite book?

My favourite book remains The Selfish Gene by Richard Dawkins, it opened my eyes to science and ignited a fascination

their honesty, commitment and determination to make the world a better place for everyone.

And finally, bar of chocolate or piece of fruit?!

Past members of Hamilton

House will know the answer to the question! If a dorm was ever caught having a midnight feast then the price to pay was to hand over some chocolate to me and then they would be left in peace!!

Sally Johnston (née Haslam)

1984-1997



for me that still persists in all things scientific.

If you could choose two famous people (living or dead) to have dinner with, who would they be?

My two dinner guests would be Professor (Sir) Robert Winston, a real personal hero and

probably Stephen Fry. I think the conversation would be lively and the evening therefore a lot of fun.

And finally, bar of chocolate or piece of fruit?!

I would go for fruit and nut chocolate..... Covers all the bases really!

GO FORWARD

At the beginning of May, a group of GCSE and A-Level art and design students who wanted to pursue a career in the arts, went to London to meet and reconnect with Godolphin OGs.

It was an incredibly beneficial and invaluable experience to meet such interesting and diverse people who all shared an adoration for the arts. The broad range of careers the OGs were explaining to us was both exciting, intriguing and made it relatable, as they too were once at Godolphin. What came across so wonderfully was how passionate they were about their work. This was rewarding and comforting to know that there is something for everyone; whether it's following a career in fine art, advertising or costume design.

It also gave us the opportunity to meet new people and find out more about the huge scope of art related avenues that were waiting for us when

we left Godolphin.

They were happy to accommodate us for work experience in order to get a taste of what it's really like working for an art gallery, auction house or designer. For me, it was really lovely to catch up with some of the students that had left the previous year; finding out about their work experience with some of the top designers in the country or their time at art universities. It was amazing to see such a large group, around 80 OGs, who were all so enthusiastic about the arts and wanting to help and advise us as much as possible. The interactive talk by designer Carrie-Ann Stein provided so many of us with exciting prospects and support for planning the next steps after Godolphin.

Lucy Pearce
Current Sixth Form student



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GODOLPHIN WINS PRESTIGIOUS INDUSTRY AWARD FOR NETWORKING CAMPAIGN

In June 2017, Godolphin School received recognition from the Institute of Development Professionals in Education (IDPE) for the GO Forward Programme, which launched in 2015.

The GO Forward programme provides valuable help and support for students as they leave Godolphin and embark on the next stage of their lives. By capitalising on a network of former students, past and current parents, teachers and governors, the programme supports current students in four important areas. The 'GO Uni' network provides practical help with university selection and student living. 'GO Gap' offers advice on planning, placements abroad and voluntary work from experienced travellers. 'GO Work' helps with job applications as well as work experience and placements and 'GO Connect' promotes the school's online network of supporters willing to share their knowledge and expertise.

The judges of the awards were particularly impressed by the way the programme brought a large network together with a common purpose to make a tangible difference to the educational experience of girls. Described as 'a great brand initiative' they also said this was a good campaign that not only benefitted current pupils but involved alumnae too'.

Speaking afterwards, Sarah Sowton, Head of Marketing & Alumnae at Godolphin said, "We are thrilled to have won Engagement Campaign of the Year at the IDPE Awards Ceremony this week. The programme would never have succeeded if it wasn't for our fantastic Alumnae network and other individuals within our school community who continue to be so generous with their advice and support. We are really grateful to everyone who has helped to put the programme together and we look forward to developing it further in the future."

BRIGHT FUTURES IN HUMANITIES AT GODOLPHIN



Head of Careers at Godolphin, Bethan Ferguson organised another brilliant careers event for current Sixth Form students in November 2017. This year the theme was Humanities.

Mrs Ferguson gave a thought provoking introduction before introducing members of the Alumnae who had studied humanities after leaving Godolphin and inviting them to speak about their careers. The variety of careers could not have been wider with speakers representing law, insurance, recruitment, event management, and advertising, the world of art and auctions and

opportunities available to those accepted on the Civil Service Fast Stream programme. The corporate world and the city were well represented.

It was refreshing, and realistic, for the Fourth Years to Upper Sixth students attending the evening to hear from speakers who had been sitting just where they were a few years ago. Each speaker stressed the importance of doing some kind of work shadowing and while on the work-shadowing programme to get as involved as possible, and to at least try to complete every task asked.

After the presentations in the



PAC, the speakers, the students and their parents moved to the Main Hall where the speakers were available for one to one conversations with the students.

"Regardless of what career your daughter wants to follow, you really want her to be like one of these young ladies – confident, successful and happy to share their stories" said one father at the end of the evening. Bethan Ferguson said "Our students take away so much from these events and we are so grateful to our wonderful team of OGs who have given up their time to speak at the event. It's always good to see you back at Godolphin."



OG ESTELL CLARKE INSPIRES GODOLPHIN SIXTH FORM STUDENTS



- Kate Ballantine Dykes** – Associate in the Dispute Resolution, team at Barker McKenzie Law Practice
- Aileen Croft** – Marsh Insurance
- Louise Simpson** – Sales Coordinator, Modern British and Irish Art, Christie's Auction House
- Eve Hollingshead** – Recruitment Coordinator, Google's Deepmind
- Daisy Bradley** – Hospitality, Weddings and Events, English Heritage
- Milly Kent** – Marketing and Advertising, Account Director, Vizeum
- Sophie Kippen** – Stream Trainee, Civil Service

One of the most important things I learnt at Godolphin was "PMA", a "positive mental attitude". This message was delivered repeatedly, at assemblies. At first, I dismissed it as ineffectual, unable to see beyond the three words. But time passed and the message persisted. I looked at it afresh and tried living with a positive mental attitude. Things appeared differently. I didn't know it then, but I was practicing being resilient and this practice became a habit, which remains today.

Over a decade ago I was badly injured as a passenger in a car crash. Rebuilding life after that tested my resilience to the limit. That period of time for my family and me has become historic but the legacy of having a positive mental attitude lives on. It is passed down to my children and, in time, I expect to their children. Without resilience the story would be different and sadder.

Resilience interests me because being able to bounce back is powerful. It is also liberating. I wondered where resilience came from and started researching the subject. As early as AD 80, the philosopher Epictetus said, "It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."

He was no doubt drawing on his own experience; Epictetus was born a slave but became a leading philosopher whose work continues to influence today.

A revelation was that resilience could be taught. Discovering more about teaching and learning resilience, I realized the importance of a positive mental attitude persuasively enunciated throughout those years at Godolphin. This goaded me into action: resilience is an instrument of change and a strong weapon in times of need.

When people confront challenges, they need something in the human survival bank to draw on. Ironically, hardship itself breeds resilience – as Khalil Gibran said, "Out of massive suffering emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars." While you are in that black place, learning to get through it all, the experience and teaching of others helps.

I now present about resilience to give people the tools to tackle life and achieve their ambitions, whatever gets thrown in their way.

Estelle gives interactive talks to the corporate world and students about resilience. @legalimportant www.bouncingback.online





Celebrating MUSIC

In September last year around 40 former members of staff met for lunch at Godolphin. A very happy occasion for all, followed by a delightful afternoon, a musical celebration, followed by a delicious tea.

The School Hall was transformed into a music salon, with small tables and chairs at which sat many OGs, parents, former staff and some current pupils. Eight of our former students delighted us with their own talented performances. Many of them are now professionals in the music world. It was so lovely to welcome them back to school and to have the



opportunity to hear them again. There was an eclectic mix of performances ranging from the Classical to Pop and Vocal to Instrumental. Some of the songs were personal. Emma Ballantine sang *Flesh and Blood*, a song relating to her sister. Some performed their own compositions, including Bella Beney, *The River Know*. Bella was a finalist at the School singer/songwriter competition and is continuing with her song writing as she leaves Godolphin this year.

We also heard a wonderful selection of solos from Shelley Wilson, Helen Youings, Emma Ballantine, Bella

Beney and Annie Masters (née Tatnall). Charlotte Baskerville played the clarinet, Theresa Allsop the flute and Sarah Roller the saxophone.

Thank you so much to all our of OG performers for entertaining us. You were all amazing. Not only did we enjoy the music, but also the delicious traditional afternoon tea which was put on by the school.

**Jane Forrest
(née Leech)
1962-1967**

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performances. Many of them are now professionals in the music world



SPEECH DAY 2017 PREP

by Katie Mettam

Headmistress, teachers, governors, parents, and most importantly, girls. It is rather exciting to be on this stage, something I never quite managed while I was a student here, and an utter privilege to be asked to talk to you today. During my time at Godolphin I remember old girls addressing us every year with speeches that inspired and advised us as we went through our school careers and eventually beyond. I cannot promise to do the same, but I will try to find some advice.

When I first came to Godolphin in 2001 I knew little of the school except that the girls wore pinnies, something I claimed I would never do. But my parents told me it was a good school and that I would be happy here. And I was. So here is my first piece of advice: parents are nearly always right. And as reluctant as I am to admit it, that doesn't really change as you get older.

I did indeed have seven very happy years at Godolphin, I made friends with some wonderful girls with whom I am still friends, and after growing up with two brothers and only two girls in my year at primary school being at an all-girls school was utter bliss.

I was a proud member of Hamilton, I actually adored my pinny, which still hangs in my wardrobe. I learnt, I found things that I was good at, and things that I was not good at. While I did well in science and maths, I was abysmal at French and Spanish. I could get 97% on a physics test, but when it came to essays, I concluded that I could spell, I could punctuate, and



I could argue, but often not at the same time. One of my friends was a walking brain box, and got to do extra work for what she insisted was "fun". But put her on the sports pitch and, well, the PE staff to this day probably still have nightmares. Another friend was always found desperately begging us for help about 5 minutes before any test, but on the stage with a guitar she was comfortable, incredible, happy.

So Godolphin taught me something that I now share as my

second piece of advice. Everyone is bad at something, but we all have things that we are good at. So don't measure yourself against others, and don't worry if you are not good at the things your friends are, there will always be something that you shine for.

Godolphin gave me the chance to try so many things besides the academic. Through after school activities I did modern dance, lacemaking, fencing, joined the netball team, and appeared in a



allow us the chance to do just that. Our screen play is still kept neatly in Harry's desk, in the hope that one day it will be snatched up by Hollywood. So this is my third piece of advice: take every opportunity that comes to you. Grab it with both hands, for there is no such thing as "can't do", because you don't know until you try.

Academically I enjoyed almost all of my subjects, History fascinated me, Business studies was interesting, Art was fun and relaxing, maths made sense. But I loved science. I developed a passion for the what, why and how, working with things I could test, dissect or examine, right down to things I couldn't see or touch. At A-level two thirds of my time was spent in the science block increasing my knowledge of how the living world worked in Biology, and how the universe worked in Physics. So when it became time for me to leave Godolphin, a day that seemed so far off when I started, I chose to stick with what I love and went to study Biological Sciences at University.

I spent three years in Plymouth,

managed to perfect the art of essay writing.

But all good things end, and eventually it was time for me to join the world of work. Like many of my university friends, I did not walk out of university into a job as a biologist, but I did manage to find work. I spent time as an Engineering researcher at the University of Southampton working on projects for the Ministry of Defence, then as a field ecologist in Cambridgeshire rescuing newts, frogs and snakes from a farm before it became a housing estate, and finally I worked at a corporate finance company, working on spreadsheets and researching businesses. But none of these jobs were quite right for me, while each was interesting in its own way I couldn't be passionate about them. And for me, that was a problem. So I decided it was time for a change, and that's when I first thought of being a midwife.

I was watching *One Born Every Minute* with my mum, and saying how fun and interesting it looked, why hadn't I done that or something similar? When finally my mum

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where I swapped the dress and sandals of my final Godolphin speech day for a pair of wellies, collecting samples knee deep in mud or waist deep in grass, on shore fronts, in woodlands and once on the side of a volcano. We discussed the evolution of man, the genes that make us who we are, the importance of protecting our animals and environment, and how the human body works. I learnt that "Molecular biology" is just a fancy way to say "chemistry", that white is a terrible colour for lab coats, and after learning what is pumped into the sea, why you should never eat locally caught mussels in Plymouth. I loved every minute of it, learning and doing things I never thought I would do, but in true Godolphin style, I threw myself into. I even

paused the programme and said "well, why don't you?"

And why not indeed? Midwifery and medicine had always interested me, I had never been squeamish, I liked people, and to me anything medical was just applied biology: this is how it works, this is what happens when it doesn't and here is how we fix it. I spent a week with midwives in Southampton, seeing babies being born, seeing midwives and doctors providing wonderful care, and my mind was made up: I would go back to university and become a midwife. So piece of advice number four: be brave and follow what you know will make you happy. Being a midwife wasn't going to make me rich, it wasn't going to be glamorous, but it was going to make me happy. And by happy I

mean a deep feeling of purpose, and of contentment.

I moved to Bristol and spent three years in training. It was not an easy decision, I was 23, most of my friends were starting to get established and live their lives, and the idea of doing another three years of study, possibly with people five years younger than me, while my friends built careers and went on holidays was not completely appealing. But I knew I couldn't keep floating from one short contract to

it's working and when it's not, but I also use my people skills, problem solving, analysing, chemistry, crisis management and working in a fantastic team. This is as far from my straight forward desk jobs as I could have imagined, and there were so many new skills to learn. Taking blood, prescribing drugs, even changing a nappy! And the very first time I was handed a tiny baby to weigh it took me 20 minutes to undress her and get her on the scales!



another, so I took the plunge and went for it.

It was completely different to my first degree, instead of spending all my time in lectures or labs I worked 38 hours a week in the hospital on placement, studying and writing essays between shifts. Far from being the oldest on the course I was one of the youngest. As it happens midwifery attracts people of all ages, so some of the girls I trained with were 18 and fresh from sixth form, others were in their 30's, 40's or 50's, with children of their own. And once again, just like my years at Godolphin, there were no boys, strangely enough very few men are attracted to work as midwives.

From my very first day on placement I knew I had made the right decision. I get to use science and my understanding of the human body every day, identifying when

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Being a midwife is not just delivering babies, I quickly learnt that was the easy bit. I look after women from the moment they find out they're expecting, right to when they become a mother and the early days beyond. Sometimes I'm not needed, everything is straight forward and easy, and I get to be a quiet observer to a couple becoming

a family. But sometimes I, and the rest of the team, have to step in when things go wrong, whether it's an illness or problem that develops over days or weeks, or a sudden emergency that develops in minutes or seconds, and all my skills are put to the test to make sure that mums and babies are safe and looked after. It can be scary at times, but it is also rewarding. Advice number 5: Just because it is scary doesn't mean it isn't worth doing. Often in life, it is the opposite.

When I was younger it seemed that some people are just lucky, they know what they want to do or what they want to be from a young age, they leave school with everything planned out and they stick to it. But I realised that even those who seem to have life worked out, are just as unsure as the rest of us. The truth of it is most of us don't know at 7, 17, or 27 what we want to do for the rest of our lives. We need time to figure things out, take a scenic route to where we need to be, but that's okay. Finding the thing that gives you purpose and contentment may be a long climb, but the view from the top is worth it.

For me – a once filmmaking, lacemaking, netball playing student here, but forever a Godolphin Girl – this job is perfect, every day is different, I learn new things weekly, and just when I think I know exactly how things will go, they surprise me. Sometimes work is normal and easy, but most of the time it's a challenge. I get to be passionate about my job every day, whether it is in welcoming a new baby to the world, or fighting to get the best for my women. I have laughed, cried, shouted and celebrated with them, and I wouldn't change it because I'm doing what I love.

So my final piece of advice to you is this: As you go through school, from red pinnies to blue, and out into the world, find what you love, what really makes you passionate in life, and whether you do it every day as your job, or as your hobby to unwind and give you peace, find a way to do it and you will always have purpose and happiness.

**Katie Mettam
Hamilton, 2001-2008**



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMEMORATION

Sermon by Reverend Dr Stella Wood, Westminster Abbey

So we come this year on Armistice Day itself. Every year, Commem. falls around Remembrance weekend. I've left the Abbey several times over the last few years past the Field of Remembrance outside. Past a lone piper keeping vigil by the tide of little wooden crosses. His figure lonely and his notes haunting in the dusk as the rain begins to come down. I have paused and been moved deep down to my core. The reality of the loneliness of Flanders' Field or indeed any battlefield, or indeed the end of many other lives, comes home.

So we come on Armistice Day. We come every year for this pilgrimage, this act of thanksgiving, this rite of passage or however you envisage it. But tonight it's in those War years that I want to start.

Back in the spring, while doing some research in the Cathedral

Archives, I found the Bishop of Salisbury's letter for the Salisbury Diocesan Gazette for Easter 1943. April 1943. Coming up to five years of the Second World War. About the same length of time that many of you have been at Godolphin. Long, long years and they are still at war. The Bishop has a tough task: to preach the Easter hope against the backdrop of the carnage of war. Carnage felt particularly strongly in the Salisbury area because of the number of military camps in the area. So he doesn't make glib comments or try to find a pre-packaged, neat explanation for it all, but instead starts from a children's story. He tells them of a book where a group of children manage to "press themselves through the narrow gap between today and tomorrow". They find themselves in a meadow where old friends who

they thought they'd lost forever were re-found. I've tried in vain to track down the book – do tell me if it rings any bells.

But I was drawn by this phrase, this idea of the "narrow gap between today and tomorrow" when you are in between worlds. I wondered if it's what Commem. is for. For those of you in the Upper Sixth, you are almost standing in the gap between today and tomorrow already. When does today become tomorrow? When did you stop being children and become young women? Some of you are 18. Some are driving. Some have UCAS offers, some have plans. You are teetering on the brink of a huge change as this time next year you won't be schoolgirls any more. Some of you is ready to go. Some of you doesn't feel you're grown up at all.

We watch you and feel the same.

Can my GCSE computing chums, those who sat through the baffling world of Python programming and played your tracks of triumph and despair as we tried, can you really be grown up? We watch you read and sing so beautifully and there can be no doubt.

But Godolphin without you? Well, that will be quite a loss. We're very fond of you. You'll leave a gap.

And so we bring you here. This building is surely one of the places in the world which must make you think about who you are and what you are for. A place where you can squeeze through the gap.

I always find it a "thin" place, where the difference of ages melts and the prayers from ages past blend with the prayers from today's pilgrims from across the globe. A good place to come as your lives are at turning points. A good place to return to when the big decisions of life are to be made.

Here we can squeeze through the gap and come within twenty feet of the people who shaped our history. Henry VII and his wife Elizabeth over here. Their grandchildren, Mary, Elizabeth, Edward, each monarchs in their time, literally within touching distance. Only Henry VIII is missing.

But then he never could do things the same as everyone else. We squeeze through the gap in time and can tangibly feel their world.

What we do tonight is to slip through the gap to come face to face with Elizabeth Godolphin who is buried in the cloisters. You know her from her portrait at School under the gallery. She exudes an air of calm and serenity, maybe with just the hint of a smile on her lips, as though she's gently entertained as we bustle self-importantly through the Hall below her.

But what do you know about her? Have you ever thought what made her want to found a school for orphan gentlewomen back in 1726? Before you leave Godolphin, you should. For she was a remarkable woman.

Elizabeth Godolphin knew all about gaps. By the time she was seven, she was an orphan gentlewoman herself. She'd had idyllic early years, in a charming

country home in Wiltshire, a noisy happy home where she was the middle of five children and in the thick of it. But between the ages of 4 and 7 tragedy followed on tragedy. Her mother died and then her younger sister. Her father and then her baby brother. And her life was in pieces. Her guardian was abroad; her step-mother returned to London and re-married, leaving



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Elizabeth passed between older relatives. Her two older brothers struggled too and they in turn, died young. One in a duel and the other took his own life after battling for years with depression.

She did however find the love of her life, Charles. They married at St. Martin in the Fields, just up by the National Gallery. You may have walked past it earlier. They had two children, William and Anne, named after her brother and sister and it looked finally like the storm had passed. But both her children died before they were two. They are buried in the cloisters too. Elizabeth Godolphin knew about gaps. How life might have been.

But because she knew how life might have been, she was

determined to envisage how other lives might yet be. She was determined to provide what she hadn't had for other young girls. She looked beyond her grief: not at the gap but through it. She died without Godolphin opening, despite giving the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury a very hard time when they refused to support a project for women's education. But she left her nephew in no doubt that he was going to keep going until the school was founded. What a remarkable legacy and baton she passes down to us.

The message slips through the dusky air of this place to us. Don't, however old you are, lose that ability to imagine how life might have been, or to imagine how life might be. If the status quo is ghastly for some people, what can you do to change it? Look around you and imagine. Slip through the gap. How might life have been for the Unknown Warrior or the young men at Passchendaele?

How might life have been for the children in Yemen or Sudan this year, or the refugee or the family at the foodbanks? Slip through the gap sometimes into their worlds. You are so very lucky, Upper Sixth. But hear Elizabeth Godolphin's voice, God's voice, the voices from our readings: You have been given these gifts for a purpose and you must find it. Who knows where life is going to take you after Godolphin. Maybe, as Alice's reading suggested, it will take you to an office block for a bit and there will be pressure as you are expected to work silly hours to meet other peoples' targets. Maybe it will take you to a nursing home, to visit, to care for someone, maybe even to live. But you can still look through the gap and feel the air and sense the world beyond the here and the now.

Some of you will have been beetling around on the Tube this afternoon. Hearing a different and quintessential voice. "Mind the gap. Stand clear of the doors, please". I think I want to say Don't mind the gap; Find it. Squeeze through it. We will do the greatest honour we can to Elizabeth Godolphin, far more than a wreath - if we live what she stood for and keep her faith in God and humanity alive.

CHARITY FOCUS

Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association

Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association was born in 2012. Along with two friends we started off as a support group in 2009 but it became apparent that there wasn't adequate provision or support in the area for our children, and that we needed to become a fully fledged charity in order to fundraise and provide this. If we didn't do it, no one else would!

Now in our sixth year and with our own centre, the charity is as committed as ever to improving lives. We are currently supporting 100 children and their families across Portsmouth and South Hampshire, by providing friendship, advice and a range of specialist and progressive educational services, which they wouldn't otherwise receive. Through our activities and social opportunities, we help enable children to develop the vital skills they need to succeed, and become valued and productive members of society. With the right support and belief, much can be achieved with Down syndrome. Sharing this message is at the heart of what we do.

SUPPORT FROM BIRTH

We provide support from birth with a warm welcome and guidance for new parents who may be feeling vulnerable. Babies and children are invited to attend Baby Development Groups and Early Intervention Sessions where they learn the skills they need to meet their developmental milestones, and succeed at school. Older children also benefit from specialist **COMMUNICATION THERAPY** Promoting Successful Inclusion Portsmouth DSA provides a Schools Outreach Service to 60 schools and a dozen nurseries in the area, supporting the successful inclusion

of children with Down syndrome in mainstream education and latterly in some special schools too. This service also includes a Training Service on all aspects of Down syndrome for parents, teaching staff and other related professionals so that they can all learn and share together.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Families with a child with a disability can feel isolated, so Portsmouth DSA provides a range of activities to ensure that families have the opportunity to share experiences and



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have fun with friends. These activities include regular coffee mornings, drama sessions for all the family, seasonal parties and activities, and social gatherings for parents.

SELF FUNDING

Portsmouth DSA is completely self-funding and relies on generous donations and support from the local community and beyond, and the fundraising efforts of our members.



We are very fortunate to be so well supported.

POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

In 2015 the charity was awarded the Points of Light Award by PM David Cameron for outstanding charity work, which was a huge honour for us. Setting up the charity and keeping it going continues to be a massive task, but it is very rewarding work and gratifying to be thanked.

When I was at school, I never expected to be involved in an organisation like this Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association, doing the work that we do, but then I never expected by daughter to be disabled

either. The pain and worry of that will never go away but there is a choice and we choose to appreciate the very special and lovely things that our children bring and to give them the best possible life that we can. That's the best that anyone can do!

Lucy Field
(née Scholar)
Hamilton, 1982-1989



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Angela Gilbert (née Francis)

Angela was the wife of my Godfather, Bruce Gilbert, ex Soton & Winchester booksellers. (My father was reciprocally godfather to their Son - and I refer to him as my "Godbrother"). Both fathers attended Oakmount School in Southampton between the wars. I did not know, but Angela was just

under 10 years younger than my mother. But both families were very close & lived very near each other in Bassett in Southampton.

Angela had an extremely good grasp of all matters, a quick wit and related wonderful "ordinary" tales embellished with superbly delivered comic punchlines! What else should

you expect of a Godolphin girl! (And what I expected when I first looked around the school for my daughters).

She suffered for her last 10 years sadly with dementia. And, (fortunately she never knew), that her daughter pre-deseased her last year. She had a very strong Christian belief. Her memorial service reflected this, and inspired all the community & voluntary work she undertook during her married life.

Fiona Vigar

Alison Holden Modern language Staff

Alison Holden, news of whose death, last November, I have only just received, was already installed as a senior member of staff when I became headmistress in January 1968.

From the start, I valued her unswerving loyalty to the highest standards of the teaching profession and to Godolphin (as she as always a loyal supporter of her Oxford College, St Hilda's.)

Many of her colleagues have spoken of her valued, considered contributions to staff room discussions, formal and informal; she had strong views, which she expressed fortnightly. I always knew where I was with Alison and I appreciated that greatly, as I did her sense of humour.

That she was an outstanding and inspiring teacher is affirmed by many past pupils, many of whom also enjoyed her care for them as Sarum South housemistress.

As she was essentially a modest and private person, I think Miss Holden would have been taken about by how much we all appreciated her. I am so glad I knew her, both as a colleague and on a more personal level.

**Veronica M Fraser
Headmistress 1968-1980**

Alison Holden, remembered with affection and gratitude

Since hearing the news of Alison Holden's death in November 2017, a number of us who were fortunate enough to have been taught by her have been reminiscing about our time in her German or French lessons. As Kate Siviter (née Bradley) wrote: The legacy she gave me was a thorough grounding in German grammar and vocabulary which was so thorough, that when I needed to speak and read German for the first time last year, after a 40 year gap, I could do so with surprisingly little effort. As a result I can communicate with the family and friends of my new German son-in-law, and try to get a better understanding of German life and that makes all the difference.

I never dreamed that I would have cause to thank her at a time when I am now retired, and school days are so long gone, but there we are! And with the likelihood that future grandchildren will be living in Munich and chattering away half the time in German I shall have even more cause to be grateful!

All of us are deeply indebted to her for her sound, clear teaching, and echo Fiona Blyth's comments: My overriding memory is that she was the most amazingly methodical, clear and thorough German teacher, in that we

couldn't fail to learn the grammar and vocabulary well. She made the literature very interesting, and in particular I loved studying Goethe poems with her, as she was so enthusiastic about them and it felt as though she knew them inside out - as she probably did!

I too remember enjoying the literature lessons - well, all the lessons really! - although after we had read a slightly complicated, sad, beautiful, romantic poem together on one occasion, she clarified it with the words "so in other words, A loved B, but B loved C, who didn't love in return"!

Her A level classes were rather more informal than the O level groups. As the only member of her S level class in 1970-71, I learnt an enormous amount of course.

All her teaching at every level helped me to come to love the German language, as well as equipping me to speak it pretty fluently when doing various au pair jobs in Germany - I still keep up with one of the children I looked after!

Sally Frost (née Corfield-Flint) remembers how Miss Holden tried to help us with dictations, enunciating every syllable and word ending with absolute clarity. Then there was the fun that Sally, Stella Grant (née Flower), Tiezie Goodall (née Bowen) and I had in the last lesson of each term, usually playing "Happy Families" - in German of course! We had always to remember to say "Bitte" when asking for a card, or it was not relinquished! We saw a slightly

different side of her then - more relaxed and enjoying the joking around, although she always had a sense of humour, even when doing serious teaching.

Of course Miss Holden was also House Mistress of Sarum South, remembered by many in that capacity, including by Shelagh Lamb (née Brown) who was House Mistress of SS with her for a spell, having also been taught French by her when a pupil at Godolphin. She felt Alison seemed quite shy and retiring when she used occasionally to join the Lambs for tea or supper and others have considered her quite a private person.

Belinda Wilkins (née Greville-Heygate) describes her as a steady person, seeming like a character more from the 50's than the 60's, when we knew her. She was very

interesting to talk to and I enjoyed many varied conversations with her over daygirl lunches, when it was my turn to sit next to her.

I kept up with Miss Holden the old fashioned way - by letter - over the years since leaving school, at least every Christmas. I was fascinated reading about the various interesting trips abroad and cruises she did, when she left Godolphin and moved back to Cumbria to look after her mother.

Geography seemed to be another favourite subject of hers. She loved walking and used to lead regular rambles in that area, also doing a good deal of Scottish Dancing. I shared her love of that and we used sometimes to compare notes on new or favourite dances.

On another occasion, when my husband and I were going on

holiday to Scotland with our nearly one year old daughter, she kindly put us up for the night so we could break the journey from Kent.

We really appreciated her warm welcome and kind hospitality - I think she must even have provided a cot for Ruth! Another time Tiezie and Stella also had cause to be grateful for her hospitality during a wet camping week at the Keswick Convention. They had warm baths in her house and she dried off their damp clothes in her airing cupboard!

In summary, Alison Holden was "a jolly good teacher" (as one person has described her), to whom we owe a lot for helping us study and enjoy German. Our lives are the richer for knowing her.

**Nicola/Nicky Cooke
(née Blyth)**

Michael E Adams Physics Staff

Michael E Adams aged 73, passed away after a stroke on 9th January 2018. He was born on 19th January 1944 in Southwater Sussex. Mike attended the local junior school before getting a place to Collyers Grammar School, Horsham. He gained a State scholarship to Newcastle University where he read Physics and Maths but finally continued in Physics alone. He graduated with a 2.1 in Physics in 1965.

He first started teaching Physics in East Grinstead Grammar School then moved to the Godolphin School in Salisbury in 1968. He loved his subject and thoroughly enjoyed having to explain everything in the finest detail. He was a Lifesaver and taught Lifesaving to many of the girls. He taught at The Godolphin for 37 years.

We married in October 1965 and have two sons Phil and Dave.

Mike's next love was his garden and conifers. If he could find a new one that didn't grow too large then



he had to have it. I think that we had about 1000 different ones in Salisbury. We moved to Exmouth after his retirement in 2005. We only had a small garden but we still bought 120 conifers with us. After moving here he took up flying model aeroplanes. He would make, fly, crash then rebuild a plane. It was a continuous job as he wasn't that

good but he so tried.

We loved our caravan and went away in it quite a few times each year.

Christine Adams

Mike leaves Christine, his two sons Phil and Dave and four grandchildren.

Serious science began with Michael Adams. His kind face, deep voice and characteristic beard, are easy to remember.

He would patiently set up and explain exhibits like the metal globe Van der Graaf generator, to attract the attention of aspirant young scientists, with the sparking and crackling of charged particles. These are used in nuclear physics, creating x-rays, processing materials and sterilising food.

Mr Adams gave thoughtful answers, to our questions, which often began: "well basically ..."

If physics wasn't enough, he also taught many of us Life Saving skills with equal competence and moments of humour.

**Liz Merry
School House, 1972-1978**

Angela Collin (née Young) Fawcett 1942-1945

An only child, Angela was born in Bedford in 1928. When her parents were posted to India she was raised in early childhood by her grandmother and the advent of war prevented her joining her parents. On their return her father was posted to Ripon with the Royal Warwickshire Regt. as they prepared for D-Day. It was in this time that Angela was at Godolphin and had very happy memories of her years there.

After the war Angela married Geoffrey Collin a young Royal Artillery officer recently returned from active service in Burma, and they were wed at Breaton in February 1949. They were married for 60 happy years until Geoffrey died in 2009.

They made many friends in the Army and Angela supported Geoffrey throughout his career. She tirelessly entertained visiting staff as was expected and ran a highly efficient household. In the days of the Cold War, the wife of a commanding officer would be heavily involved with the welfare of soldiers and their families and she worked closely with SSAFA and other military charities. Angela was busy in her own way too and in Germany was appointed Chief of the Girl Guides Association for the British Army of the Rhine and as she liked to point out was responsible for more 'troops' than Geoffrey.

Angela's parents bought The Old Vicarage, Roecliffe, North Yorkshire in the early 1950s and it became the family base. In 1976 on retirement Geoffrey and Angela were finally able to settle down for good and moved to Roecliffe.

She was always heavily involved in the local community. She was one of the founder members of Boroughbridge Community Care, was one the longest serving members of the local WI, worked for several local charities and was



a Welcomer at Ripon Cathedral for many years. She was a much valued and long serving Governor of Roecliffe Primary School. When she asked if she was still really needed (in her view not being very academic), the Headmaster insisted she stay on as they simply couldn't do without her straight-to-the-point comments and common sense.

Angela loved Yorkshire and its countryside not least through the Great Yorkshire Show with Geoffrey as the Show Director. They were a tireless team, making sure to meet and chat with as many exhibitors and competitors as possible. She was also proud to have won prizes for her own Silky batams and these birds were always given a 'wash and

blow dry' before an early start to the showground. Angela continued to visit the show every year, adoring the Cattle Parade. A few years ago the Queen was also attending, and Angela's determination to get to the Cattle Parade on time she set off down the avenue that had been cleared of the crowds and lined by the police for Her Majesty's cavalcade. Of a similar age and in a smart coat and hat, she bore more than a passing resemblance to Her Majesty, and the crowd were tempted to cheer and wave, but were wondering why the Queen was driving herself on a mobility scooter.

Angela was passionately patriotic and loved the Royal family and all things military. She always

thoroughly enjoyed having tea in bed on her birthday listening to The Today Programme play the National Anthem for her, as she shared her special day with the Duke of Edinburgh. Through Geoffrey's army flying days, Angela became a much loved godmother of 9 Regt Army Air Corps and last year spring attended the regiment's disengagement from Dishforth on a cold but sunny day. Rather appropriately this was the last military function of so many that she attended and enjoyed over the years.

Angela adored animals. She usually had a mix of dogs, cats, hens, horses and indeed a few pet sheep. Her favourite being Harry who was very much part of the family. He would jump into the back of their small Vauxhall with the dogs to collect us from school and with Harry in harness, pulling a small dog-cart with her children on board, off they'd go down the high street. This even caught the attention of Johnny Morris and they were filmed for BBC's Animal Magic. She rode from childhood, broke in her own horses, taught all of her children and many others to ride, and adored horse racing.

Above all Angela just loved connecting with people. Family, farmers, serviceman, medical staff, people in need, tourists (who were always quizzed particularly hard and then made to feel very welcome), all the village and indeed just anyone passing by really would be engaged with some question or comment and they quickly knew to

be on their mettle. She loved her family, the eleven grand and nine great grandchildren, and all the sons and daughters-in-laws, even the boyfriends and girlfriends if and when they passed inspection.

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she was on. She was living on her own, albeit with lots of visitors, until just a few months ago. It was rumoured her memory was going but she always managed to pass the Doctor's memory test with flying colours including spelling words backwards, that being badly dyslexic she'd normally not know forwards. When she recently went for her annual pacemaker test, the staff saw an alarming spike in the voltage on one particular date and she immediately recalled that was when she'd put a knife in the toaster and blown the house fuses.

She had lovely understated wit. One year the vicar enthusiastically began his Christmas Day sermon with a question 'Can anyone tell me why do we send our friends Christmas cards?' to which my mother immediately responded 'To let them know I'm still alive'. The

odd heckle from the pews aside, Angela's faith was deep, strong and important to her, and she regularly hosted a Monday morning village Holy Communion in her home, appropriately called 'The Vestry'.

Angela faded away quite quickly in the end. However she had had her fair share of medical challenges. She had intense and debilitating hayfever and asthma as child with no relief then of course. As a young girl she had her jaw very badly broken by a kick from a horse and had to be wired up. It was the war-honed skill of the surgeon that was attributed to her remarkable recovery.

She had four hip replacements, two shoulder replacements and two Aortic valve replacements - the non-invasive version of open heart surgery. She had an amazingly high pain threshold and quick frankly defied many medical experts to live so long. Her nurses asked her on her last day "are you ok?" "Yes! very OK!" she replied.

We all have so many positive memories from someone who was such a character. Someone who showed such stoicism and gratitude for help, who seldom ever complained, with a such strong sense of duty that many of that generation had and a mischievous sense of humour everyone loved. Angela left a large loving family and a lifetime of being a wonderful part of so many peoples' lives.

Quite a legacy and one that Godolphin no doubt hugely contributed too.

Reverend Mary Macvicar Staff & Governor 1945-1962

Mary was born in 1923; her father was a vicar and she had two sisters. She went to Edinburgh university, and obtained her MA in 1944 and did the Dip Ed at Oxford in 1945, so Godolphin was her 1st teaching post. She was always the form mistress of the Lower IV

where she looked after the new pupils aged 11 just entering the Senior school. She also taught Maths & Divinity and I remember her standards and attention to detail exacting but always very kind. She was absorbed with her Christian faith and used to take intercessions in the chapel at lunch times. She left Godolphin to become the headmistress of a well known prep school, Rooksbury Park, and whilst there became a governor at Godolphin.

When she retired she decided she would serve the church full time, but

it was before women could become priests, so she went to Cuddleston to train and became a Deaconess in 1966. In 1994 ladies were admitted to the priesthood and she was one of the first to be ordained and she was appointed as a chaplain to Portsmouth Cathedral. I had the privilege of having her as a friend for many years and went to her 90th birthday party where she was in good spirits, but sadly her eye sight and hearing and mobility were failing and she died on April 8th 2017 aged 93.

Zinnia Watson

Alison Paul

Alison was born in Nottingham where her father was a doctor. She was at The Godolphin School which she loved. She worked at the Foreign Office both before and after the War. She also served during the War at Blenheim Palace with MI5, she refused to speak about this. After 1946 she was posted to Washington, Delhi, Sofia, Tel Aviv

and Paris. She travelled all over France and spoke fluent French.

In 1959 she accompanied the Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan to Moscow for the disarmament and cultural talks with Mr Krushchev and Mr Bulgarin. Retirement brought her to Bath where she made many friends.

She became a Bath City Guide and worked for the National Trust. Alison was also a keen theatre and concert goer as well as publishing two articles in the Lady.

Mary Alison Paul

Audrey Ashley- Belbin (née Tonge) School House 1927-1932

Our mother, Audrey Wodehouse Ashley-Belbin, née Tonge, has passed away and I know she would like me to thank you, on her behalf, for the OGA newsletter and many happy memories. She was born on 9 November 1913 and died peacefully at home on 23 February 2017.

She made lifelong friends at Godolphin in particular Rose Mary Braithwaite, who was born on 8 May 1914 and left us on 12 May 2012. They went on short holidays together every year from 2004 until a few years before Rose Mary died.

Roselyn Varley Staff 1972-1982

Ros Varley succeeded Aphra Lloyd as Head of the English Department.

She had a deep interest in literature and inspired many of her pupils with enthusiasm and determination. She developed a strong bond with the school, which she maintained after she left by taking an active part in the OGA and collecting the yearly news correspondence for the Gazette from the overseas group. One particular mark she had made earlier was the general enhancement of the school magazine, which appeared in a larger format, included more art

work and became generally more ambitious under her guidance.

She often showed great thoughtfulness and kindness. I was to benefit in a particular way. When we shared the teaching of the same A level group, she always made sure I got the texts I liked. Miss Lloyd had done the same, so I was lucky indeed. I occasionally reflect on how glad I am that I have never been called upon to teach Frankenstein!

Ros had a sense of fun, and colleagues and pupils will remember the sound of her laugh. After her retirement she continued teaching in her home in Farnham, where she had created a little classroom. It is good to know that teaching gave her such fulfilment, and that it was still available for her, in a modified way, in her later years.

Ruth Marden

DEATH	NAME	MAIDEN NAME	HOUSE	SCHOOL DATES
01/05/2012	Rose Mary Braithwaite		School	1927 - 1932
01/10/2016	Angela Collin	Young	Fawcett	1942 - 1945
01/01/2016	Alison Paul			
	Roselyn Varley		Former Staff	1972 -
01/02/2107	Audrey Ashley-Belbin	Tonge	School	1927 - 1932
01/04/2017	Reverend Mary Macvicar		Former Staff	1945 - 1951
01/05/2017	Helen Ouin	Matthew		
01/08/2017	Sally Lawson		School	1946 - 1951
01/12/2017	Canon David Slater			
01/11/2017	Alison Holden			
01/01/2018	Angela Gilbert	Francis	Former Staff	1952 - 1979
01/01/2018	Mike Adams		Former staff	

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PAST TIMES



George V Coronation parade



Groveley trip



Methuen

BOYS AT GODOLPHIN!

I have my father's Godolphin reports carefully kept by my grandmother in a school envelope with a one penny stamp on it.

Walter Talbot Goddard was in Rose Villa from the Autumn term 1913 when he was expected to do better "in everything when he is less excited by the novelty of being in school!" He left at Christmas 1916 when Miss M A Douglas sent her best wishes and the hope that she would hear of Walter doing very well.

His head mistress was Miss Mary Falwasser who 30 years later was to become my head at Holmwood School, a feeder for Godolphin. We sat at the same desk in Rose Villa, well the same position anyway!

His grandfather, another Walter, kept 100 horses in Milford Street and ran an early taxi service using

Walter Talbot Goddard right, with his brother, Jim on Bournemouth beach in 1921



Jenny McArdle (née Goddard) Pippa Lody (née McArdle)

broughams, flies, phaetons and landaus, wagonettes and dog carts. It cost a Mr Gibbs of St Ann Street 3 shillings to go to Godolphin and return, in brackets children! His business at the advent of cars became Goddards Garage which is still trading, though nothing to do with us now.

Miss Ash



Margaret Broome

Miss Lucy Douglas





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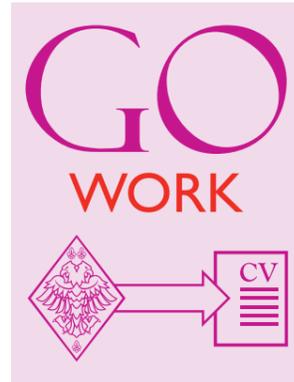
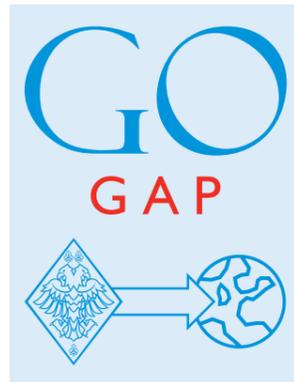


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Saturday 23 June 2018
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 School tours 5.00 p.m.
 Drinks (Main Hall) 6.30 p.m.
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**GO Forward,
Science Event 2018**
London

Saturday 23 June - 2pm - 10pm

**OG Reunion (1981-1988, 1982-1989,
1983-1990)**
Godolphin School

Friday 6 July - 11am

Godolphin Prep Prize Giving

Godolphin Prep

Saturday 7 July - 11.15am

Godolphin Speech Day
Godolphin School

Saturday 22 September - 10am

OGA Committee Meeting
Godolphin School

Saturday 17 November - 4.30pm

Commem (Service of Thanksgiving)
Westminster Abbey