



ROUNDWOOD PARK ALUMNI Newsletter 18: March 2017

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Many alumni contact this office for advice on various professional areas and with your permission we are keen to enable alumni to link up to help each other.



Please forward this newsletter to ex-Roundwood friends and encourage them to make contact to be added to the mailing list.

Keeping in touch – tracing new alumni / contact details?

PLEASE inform us if your contact details (email) change also if you would prefer us to use a personal rather than a work email. Please email us or use the link to update details and also to indicate any preferences. <http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni-registration-form/>

'Spat on and ignored': what I've learned from a month sleeping rough in London



Medical student James Beavis (class of 2007) spent his Christmas on the streets of the UK capital, to raise money for – and try to better understand – this marginalized community. His conclusion? 'Society has dehumanised homeless people' In Memorial. Read the full story - click on the link

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2017/jan/06/what-learned-sleeping-rough-london>

You can donate on the following link.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=jamesbeavis>

Postcard from up north

Perhaps one of the most popular art teachers, Mrs Lesley Walker, has now resettled in Lancashire where she is able to refocus on her not inconsiderable artistic talents.



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Lesley has sent some work from her sketchbook and she writes

"The sun has been shining in Lancashire since I arrived, which apparently is quite unusual as it is more famous for its daily rainfall. Already a member of a local sketching group, I was out painting for the afternoon with fellow artists in the tiny village of Ribchester last week, using lots of autumnal golds, burgundy, and hints of lilac, orange and yellow. The landscape was fabulous, with a fast flowing river. The 'show and tell' crit at the end of the afternoon was quite daunting though, and made me understand the initial reluctance of some of my past students. However, seeing the other sketches and paintings was exciting and more than made up for my nervousness as I gained lots of advice and tips. Next month we are meeting up in Longridge and I am going to be bold and use a bigger sketchbook!"



If you have any recollection or photos you would like to share or inform of staff not mentioned on the staff page please let us know.

Mrs Rebecca Glover (ex Head of Sixth Form 20-) leads her school to membership of the prestigious Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) <http://www.hmc.org.uk/>



Head teacher of Hull Collegiate School, Mrs Rebecca Glover, applied for the award following her appointment in 2014. The school submitted information on academic performance, co-curricular opportunities, pastoral care and outstanding facilities. The application also highlighted the benefits of smaller class sizes and an education tailored to individual needs, together with preparation for Higher Education and employment. In April 2016 two inspectors spent 3 days at the school observing lessons, sporting fixtures, clubs and activities. They spent time conducting interviews with pupils and staff to develop an insight into Hull Collegiate school life.

Following confirmation that the award had been granted Head teacher Mrs Glover said " I am absolutely delighted that Hull Collegiate has been recognised as a top performing school and as such has been able to join the elite group of schools in HMC.

RPS in the news

At last! Planning permission has now been granted for a full size 3G artificial pitch following out attempts as far back as 2003 to update our outfield playing facilities.

We will now finalise our application to the FA and approach other fundholding bodies to ask for financial support for the construction of the pitch as well as launching a joint fundraising programme with Harpenden Colts.

Following the successful planning decision, Roundwood Park School and Harpenden Colts will seek funding from a number of sources including The National Lottery and Sports England and will then complete our application to the Football Association by April. We hope our bid will be successful and would anticipate hearing the outcome by July. At that point our governing body will discuss and decide on how the school will cover the remainder of our own contribution to the construction costs.

The new pitch will, alas, be unsuitable for hockey.

http://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/education/harpenden_school_shoots_to_victory_with_3g_pitch_scheme_1_4856456

Sarah McKenna in action for England in WomensSixNations.

Sarah has been recalled to the England squad and is playing in the current Women's Six Nations tournament. Club- Saracens, position –fly half..

To read more click on the links below.

<http://www.englandrugby.com/england/england-women/squads/sarah-mckenna/>

<http://www.englandrugby.com/news/features/red-roses-secure-bonus-point-win-over-italy/>



Alumna of the Month: February 2017

Ceri Meyrick (1983)



After her A levels, Ceri gained an MA in English language and Literature from the University of Cambridge.

Ceri started as a Radio Production Trainee at BBC Wales, and has worked as a Script Editor and Producer in the UK and Ireland for the BBC, Carlton, World Productions, Granada Kids, Chatsworth, RTE, Parallel and Accomplice.

Ceri Meyrick is a Development Producer at BBC Drama. She runs the BBC Drama Writers Academy with John Yorke. The three month course trains eight writers a year to write for CASUALTY,

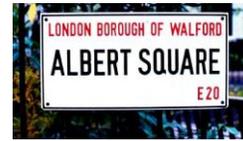
EASTENDERS, HOLBY CITY and DOCTORS.

Favourite productions she has worked on include: BALLYKISSANGEL, THE CLINIC, DIRTY TRICKS, BERTIE & ELIZABETH, POCOYO, WALES PLAYHOUSE and STREETLIFE.

During Ceri's time at the BBC she was the story produce for Holby City at elstree studios, the series producer for BBC's flagship, 4 times weekly soap set in the East End of London, Eastenders.

She also produced the period crime drama, Father Brown and most recently as the produce of BBC1's pathology/forensic crime thriller 'Silent Witness'.

Ceri is currently the Development Executive for Daytime drama at the BBC.



Alumni of the month appears in the RPS Roundup newsletter which is available on the school's website every month.

Alumni Grapevine



Scott Green [2013] Now an Assurance Associate at Ernst & Young following graduating from Durham University with a BSc.



Flavio Gomes [2012]. Flavio joined in the 6th form and went on to City University where he gained a 1st class honours BSc in Computer Science. He is now a Computer Software Consultant at Comet Global Consulting in London.



Nick Pullinger [2011]. Nick gained a BSc in Accounting from Durham University and went on to qualify as a Chartered Accountant. He then joined KPMG in London and has risen through the ranks, where he is currently a Senior Associate.



Rowan Maltby [2010] After a BA honours in Business Studies with Operations Management and Project Management from Bournemouth University, Rowan is now a Project Management Consultant at pcubed in Bournemouth.al



Jon Richardson [2009]. A former Head Boy, Jon gained a BSc honours degree in History with International Relations from Nottingham Trent University. Whilst there he was also the junior squad rowing coach. Jon moved into publicity, journalism, events management and HR policy matters... He is currently a marketing assistant at TAG systems in Lincolnshire.



Isabelle Main [2008]. Isabelle gained a first class honours BSc from the University of Manchester in International Business, Finance and Economics. She then qualified as a chartered accountant and is currently a Hedge Fund accountant at GSA Capital.



Keziah Smith [2007]. Kezi gained a bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Sheffield University and then qualified as a Tax Accountant and gained further qualifications from the Institute of Marketing. From marketing executive to Senior Associate, she is now Account Manager at Oliver UK in London.



Imran Shahryar-Davies [2006]. Imran, former Head Boy, gained an MA(hons) in Economics from Edinburgh University. He then gained an MSC in Political Economy of Development from SOAS. Using his academic skills he undertook numerous assignments throughout the developing world including 2 years as an Economist at the Ministry of Finance & Economic Development in Sierra Leone. After working in Vanuatu, Imran is back in the UK working as a senior Policy Adviser at the Cabinet Office.



Rachelle Shafei [2005]. Rachelle is currently a Neurology Registrar at the Royal London Hospital, Barts Health NHS Foundation Trust. Rachelle

studied at University College, London, gaining a bachelor's degree in Physiology and then an M.B.B.S (bachelor of medicine, bachelor of Surgery).



Sarah Jane Marchon [2004]. Sarah attended St. Mary's University, Twickenham and gained a BA in Drama and Dramatics/Theatre Arts. Sarah is currently a Marketing and Events Administrator at Protection Group International in London.



Eddy Lamb [2003]. Eddy gained a degree in Countryside Management from Harper Adams University. He then moved to New Zealand where he worked in marketing and management and a spell working in Auckland zoo. Back in the UK, Eddy is involved in marketing and interior design. Currently he is a partner at Crest Interiors.



Deborah Lythgoe [2000]. After gaining a 1st class honours degree in Business & Finance from the University of Bristol, Debbie worked in Finance for BskyB and News International before joining BT OpenReach. Having risen through the ranks within OpenReach, she is currently Finance Director (Revenue / Customer, Commercial & Propositions) in London.



Patrick Whalen [1999]. Paddy gained a BA in Modern Chinese Studies at Durham University. He moved to Beijing, China to take up a position as Chief Representative at a design company. He then worked for a record label in Beijing as Freelance Consultant & Signed Artist. As co-founder & lead producer of Hyperbolic Productions he was involved in TV and web advertising. Paddy remains in Beijing as an Independent Audio Producer & Project Manager.



Mark Turner [1996]. Mark went to the University of Leeds and gained a BSc in Mathematics and Management Studies and then a Master's degree in International Marketing Management. Mark worked as a database marketing analyst before moving to Sony as a Senior Research & Planning Analyst. Mark is currently working for Nestle in Import planning.



Chris Van Lottum [1991]. Chris gained an MEng. from Newcastle University. Chris worked as an engineer in a number of major companies and is currently a Senior Engineer and Road Safety Auditor at Arup.



Jason Lee [1989]. Jason gained a BSc in Geography from UCL. Jason worked as a financial and IT analyst. He spent many years in senior IT and finance positions at GSK. He opted to change directions and left GSK and is now the owner of Allt yr Ynys, which is a sustainable business providing visitors with an escape from their day to day living, in very comfortable cottages and surrounded by beautiful gardens, meadows and rivers in Herefordshire and the Welsh Borders.



Sandra Rowland [1988]. Sandra gained a BA honours in Tourism Studies from Bournemouth University. Sandra has developed her career in tourism as a travel and business travel consultant. Currently she is Marketing Coordinator for Key Travel in London.



Paul Syson [1984]. Paul gained a BSc honours in Computing & Geology from the University of Staffordshire. Paul worked as an implementation manager and as a release manager for insurance companies and currently BskyB where he is currently the Business Delivery Manager - Workplace Technology and based in London.

Offers of help from Alumni

We welcome offers to come in and help our current students with any form of advice. Career guidance and advice of specialist subject matters are welcomed. The school has a number of careers sessions and ad hoc meetings can easily be arranged to suit.

Wednesday visits

If, as many have suggested, that you would like to look around the school again PLEASE email b.smith@roundwoodpark.co.uk to arrange a time that suits you for a visit.

The RPS Roll of Honour – HELP – 35+ missing bodies!

The Head Boy/Head Girl list is still short of a significant number from the 60s to mid 80s.

87/88; 84/85, 81/82; 80/81; 79/80; 78/79; 77/78(HG); 76/77; 75/76; 74/75; 73/74; 72/73; 70/71; 67/68; 66/67; 65/66; 63/64(HG); 62/63; 60/61(HG).

PLEASE take a look at the list http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/head_boy_girl/ and check we have the correct names and dates and inform us of those missing!

If you can fill in the gaps please let us know.

The value of education - Alumni funding

School is the Launchpad that 'kick starts' your educational and social development. The many teachers and support staff that help us on our way are too many to recall but many and some in particular will have made that little bit extra in terms of inspiration and advice.

I recall my first encounter with the Deputy Head at my primary school who said " don't get up to any tricks Smith because I taught your father"! Many years later I was encouraged to study chemistry by my science teacher, Dr Chillingsworth (also a keen hockey player for Cambridge City). It was the extra time he gave me and fascinating experiments that he showed me that undoubtedly directed me to study chemistry to a higher level and to pursue that subject for the rest of my life. Perhaps this, in part, has enabled me to pass on my enthusiasm for chemistry to countless numbers of students at RPS.

My entire education was free and I am pleased to keep in contact (through alumni associations) and to donate a small amount each month.

Science clears the fields for technology to build on.



We invite you to help sponsor our **Science dept.** by making a small donation to help purchase some additional scientific and technical equipment for essential experimental demonstration and class practical use for their examination classes.

If you feel you or your company could assist in sponsoring a piece of specialist equipment please click on the link below.

<http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni/alumni-funding-2>

Thank you.

If you would like us to promote or publicise any Alumni productions please send us details.



If you would like to be added to, or updated on the listings please let us know.

News & Views, comments and photos, welcomed from all Alumni. Please email alumnioffice@roundwoodpark.co.uk

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- ❖ Tom Ford and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl called Juliana.
- ❖ Mrs Julie Fox (HR manager) is calling it a day and leaving.