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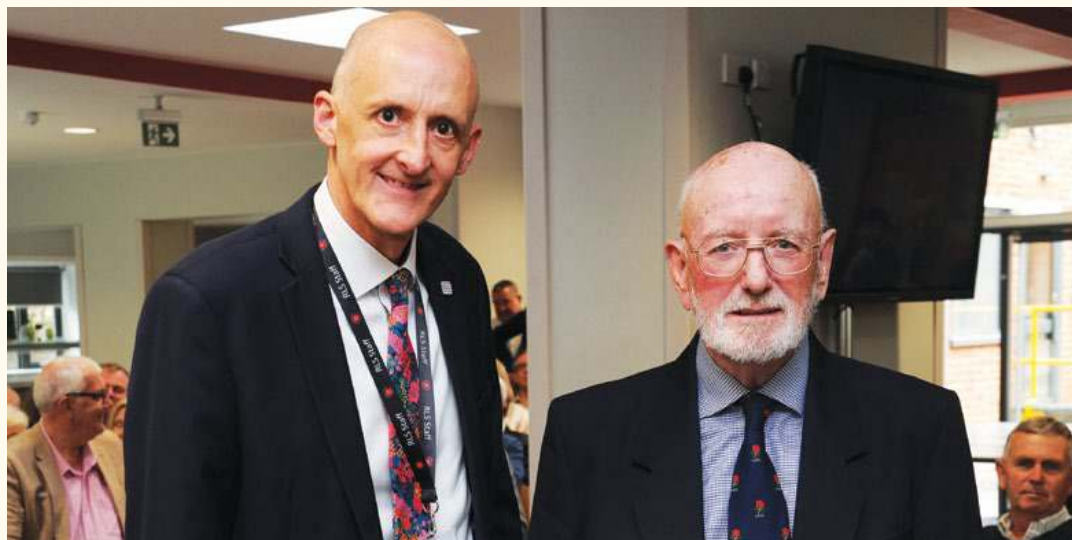


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Welcome to the 13th edition of *Latin Life*

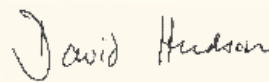
It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Archive Day (1st May). This event has become a regular fixture in the school's calendar and it is heartening to see a stream of faces, both familiar and new, appearing each Spring.

It was a particular pleasure to welcome back Mr Robertson (ex-teacher of history and games) and rather humbling for me to appreciate that the essentials of inspirational teaching remain the same – passion for your subject and the ability to connect with young people. I sincerely hope our current teaching staff are living up to the high standards which predecessors like Jim laid down so well.

We are at a moment of exciting change on the school site. Our fundraising work is literally paying

dividends to the point at which we are able to start construction of the new Sports Campus. We still need to raise the funds required to reach our £3 million target, but expect work to start in October (see page 11 for details). I am a great believer in the power of sport to develop a range of important life skills, not least resilience, teamwork, leadership and mental wellbeing. The new facilities will transform the range of activities we are able to offer our students and also lead, I hope, to even greater sporting success!

It has, as ever, been a pleasure to see so many of you at our school this year. Please do drop in if the mood takes you – you can be sure of a warm welcome.



David Hudson, Headteacher

Do we have your email address yet?

Thank you to Old Latins who have been in touch since our appeal in the last issue to opt to receive *Latin Life* via email instead of by post, helping us to reduce our postal costs and save trees!

By adding your email address to our mailing list, you will not only receive *Latin Life* electronically, but also our e-only alumni news bulletins (around two per term), to keep even more up-to-date with the latest news of events and reunions.

And don't forget you can also stay in touch online via social media on **Facebook @rlsalumni**, Linked In (Royal Latin Grammar Alumni) and on **Twitter @rlsalumni**.



Annual School Production of *The Magic of Mary Poppins* and the Christmas Carol Concert



RLS Carol Concert at Buckingham church in December

Some of you may have come back to RLS to see our wonderful production of *The Magic of Mary Poppins*, including the 'straight play' prelude, *Saving Mr Banks* or our superb Carol Concert at Buckingham church in December.

It was wonderful to see so many of our students acting, singing and dancing with such confidence, due in no small part to the hard work of staff from the drama and music departments, with the countless hours of preparation which led to such accomplished and polished performances.



Saving Mr Banks

One of the most pleasing aspects of such opportunities is the way in which students from all year groups work together. Our senior students act as role models for their junior counterparts and this is part of how we are able to develop leadership skills in so many other areas of school life, including roles such as House/Year/Subject Captains, Prefects and Peer Listeners.

The dramatic and musical opportunities the Latin offers really do provide skills for life.



The Magic of Mary Poppins

Inaugural House Music Competition



In February this year the RLS also put on a really terrific inaugural House Music competition.

The breadth of talent from such a wide range of age groups involved was stunning, with many memorable performances on a superb evening. Head of Music, Rob Tucker, summed up the event well:

If anything generates friendship it is shared experience, and there is probably no experience quite like that of singing your heart out for your House in front of family and friends! The competition was the first ever held by the school on such an amazingly grand scale, and clearly now firmly established as an event – greatly anticipated and hotly contested! Huge Congratulations Denton for winning! It was, though, a very close run thing!

Old Latins commemorate Walter Tull

One hundred years after his death, the achievements of Walter Tull, the first man of black heritage to become an officer in the regular British Army and lead his men in battle, were commemorated through the debut performance by the Now and Then Theatre Company of their play, *Tull 100*, which enjoyed three sell-out performances at the University of Buckingham's Radcliffe Centre, at the end of November.

The play was directed by Martin Boileau, RLS former Head of Drama, who taught at RLS for 25 years until 2018, and the rest of the cast and crew was also composed almost entirely of 'Old' or current Latins, including Dean Jones (Class of 1997), Laura Bentley (nee Payne, Class of 1998), Billy Taylor (Class of 2017), Sophie Chamberlain (Class of 2013), Jade Crouch (Class of 2013), former RLS staff member, Louise Stoner, as well as current Latin staff, Victoria Walley and John Matanda, and current Latins, Ellie Fenwick and Chloe Smith, along with her father, Alan Smith. The role of Walter Tull was taken by Jack Porteous, son of current Latin teacher, Mike Porteous.

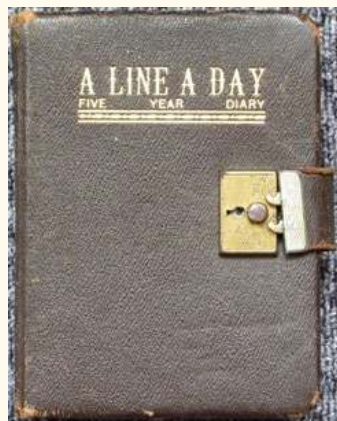
To celebrate Walter Tull's time playing professionally at Northampton FC the company gave one last performance at Cripps Theatre, Northampton School for Boys, in February 2019. Now and Then Theatre Company's next performance will take place in Spring 2020 with a working title of *Rumble* and they will be running physical theatre workshops during the summer at the RLS.



The cast of *Tull 100*

G K Embleton's Wartime Diary donated to the Royal Naval Museum

Thank you to John Hounslow (Class of 1970) and Jane Embleton for arranging the donation of former RLS Headmaster, G K Embleton's, wartime diary to the Royal naval Museum Portsmouth earlier this year.



John and Jane (Mr Embleton's youngest daughter) handed the diary over to Rebecca Drummond who is Head Curator of Artefacts at the Museum.

The photo opposite, taken to mark the occasion, shows Jane with Rebecca Drummond standing next to the gun from destroyer HMS Lance – the gun that fired the first shot of the war at sea during WW1.



Archive Day

It was lovely to welcome at least 100 of you back to the RLS to join current Latin students and staff at our annual Archive Open Day on 1st May. Thank you to everyone who made the journey back to RLS, from as far afield as Germany and Australia for this popular sociable event.

Particular thanks our due to our guest of honour, Jim Robertson, who taught history, along with coaching cricket and rugby in the 1960s and 70s. Jim both entertained and moved us with his reminiscences of his happy years at the Latin, and was warmly greeted by many former pupils, who also invited Jim to join them for evening celebrations in town. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the RLS soon.

The RLS Archive is open all year round during term time by appointment, not just on Archive Day, so please contact our archivist, Robert Munday (Class of 1970) if you would like to arrange a visit – latinlife@royallatin.org. Similarly, if you would be interested in speaking at next year's Archive Day, please do let us know, at the same email address.



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From the 1940s

Thank you to Anthony Barr, (or 'Barr ii' as he was known at RLS) from the Class of 1947, for sharing his memories of the War years and D Day at RLS.



The previous site of the Royal Latin School until 1963 on Chandos Road, now George Grenville Academy primary school

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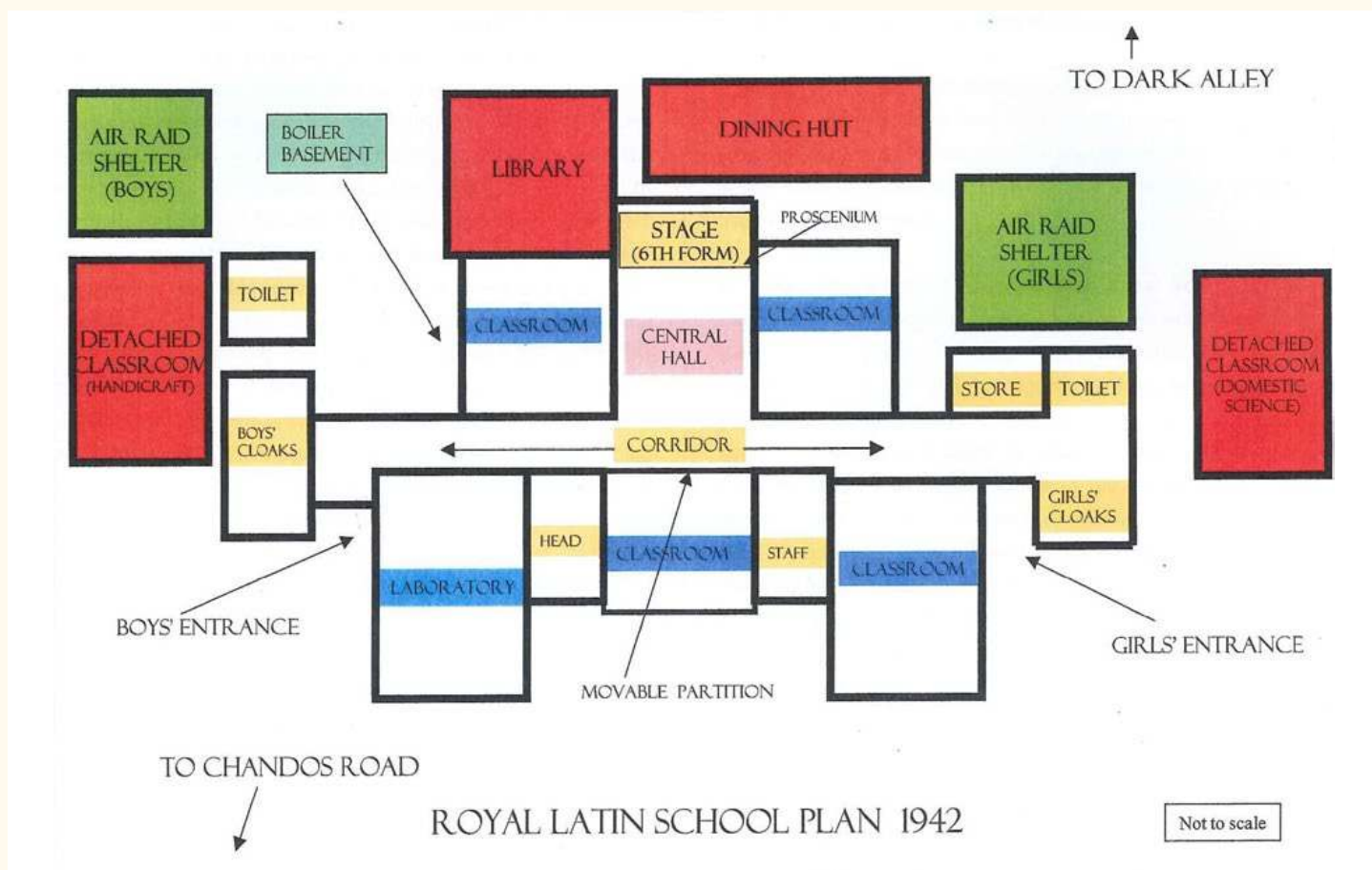
The commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day, when the British, American and Canadian forces launched the invasion of Europe has made me recall these days of war in 1944 and how it affected our days at the Royal Latin School. In June 1944 there were about 160 of us at school and we were becoming hardened veterans of the conflict. We had heard of probably more defeats than victories and some of us had had disrupted family life through our nearest and dearest serving in the armed forces. I was like the many whose father had been separated from us since 1939 and eventually did not return until peace in 1946. I think we were pretty stoic, unruffled by the risks of war and full of confidence that one day we should be the winners of the terrible conflict.

On the morning of the 6th June 1944 it was a day like any other school day with the routine of breakfast and a check of our satchels for homework books before we began the routine, yet on this day something happened that filled us with a new enthusiasm as we heard John Snagge of the BBC Home Service programme tell us, with his firm and resonant voice, that an invasion of Europe had begun. I do not recall that he mentioned Normandy as the focus of the attack, but we were all so enthused by the news, for at last we seemed to have begun 'The Second Front.' We all knew that it was soon likely to be launched, and in our family my father had been unable to communicate with us for several weeks. His squadron (295 squadron RAF) was in the forefront of the likely attack, as they carried paratroopers at the start of the campaign followed by towing the gliders to assault special targets. After the invasion he came for a short visit and told us how relieved they had been when all their aircraft returned safely after the paratrooper attack and it could be followed by the gliders.

The men who carried out this assault were in some respects like an extended family and we had mourned with them when there had been losses in the towing of gliders for previous campaigns in Sicily. There was no hope for survivors if the tow rope was cast-off in the wrong place.

On our way to school there was little that was obviously different, with aircraft of all sorts filling the sky. We had grown used to the huge number of bombers and training aircraft flying day after day and night after night. It was for us a continuing and amazing spectacle, but on these aircraft we immediately noticed that three large white rings had been painted on the wings and fuselage. We were curious why this had been done, or when it was done and we only learnt that it was the new means of identifying our allied planes taking part in the support of the invasion. Identification was more important than camouflage. The thunder of these aircraft continued over the next months.

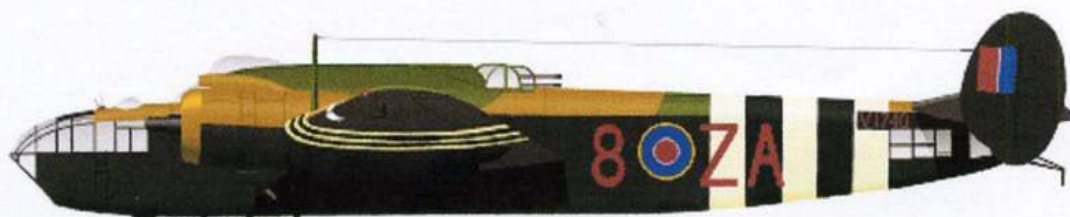
On the roads there was the usual amount of military traffic and we saw the convoys of British and American lorries passing through Buckingham as part of the general pattern, but it has to be mentioned that the rural roads of Buckingham had become a vast munitions store for the forces. On the grass verges of many roads were the lines of corrugated iron shelters in the style of small Nissen huts, canvas-covered at each end, and filled with explosive material of all sorts. These were the war supplies for the army of invasion and it is quite remarkable to note what discipline we all had in accepting without quibble the need for these stores or interference with their security.



At school on that day it was the routine that we all knew; Dr Foster pronouncing our prayers for our family, friends and our leaders. The hymns rang out without jingoistic fervour and our conversations were filled with quiet hope that this was the start of the road to victory. Our teachers never mentioned a word of the great event and we all awaited the news, good or bad, gains and losses. At this moment we were not necessarily counting the cost in life, which was to come in the future days. Many families lost their loved ones, ours with a young cousin aged twenty-four, drowned in the Channel with no known grave. He had been part of the defence of the great Mulberry harbour that was a major part of the invasion's success. The defence of the harbour involved the hiring of more than 300 tugs for the Channel crossing and my cousin's caisson was sunk by a torpedo with the loss of all on board, more than 100 in total. His mother and father were deprived of an only child, shades of

Private Ryan, after the earlier loss of two other young sons in the Spanish flu epidemic after World War One. War is cruel. Could peace return we all wondered? We all hoped for it, but could not see beyond the each day. We were a determined, patriotic and conscientious cohort. 'Lighten our darkness we prayed', and it eventually came . . .

Do you remember Buckingham and RLS during WWII? If so, are your memories similar to Anthony's? Perhaps you have more to add? We would love to hear from you about your own particular reminiscences of life at RLS during the war years. Please get in touch at latinlife@royallatin.org.



An Armstrong Whitworth Albemarle II in 295 Squadron markings

Sports Days past and present at RLS

We were delighted that some Old Latins were able to join us to enjoy Sports Day on 21st June.

We were particularly delighted to welcome Josephine Bassett (Class of 1956), winner of the coveted Victrix Ludorum trophy for four years on the trot when she attended the Latin in the 50s, and who stepped up to present the same trophy to this year's senior girl winner, Temilade Williams.

Similarly, we were very grateful to Mike Jones (Class of 1981), who had come all the way from Australia to be at Sports Day, and had the honour of presenting the Senior Victor Ludorum to this year's winner, Fiifi Clarke. Mike was also a past winner of the trophy that he presented this year. Thank you very much to Josephine and Mike for their roles in the presentations – your presence instilled a real sense of pride and history into the proceedings for our current Latin students and staff.



Sports Day 2019

**What are your memories of RLS Sports Days?
Who were the sporting heroes of your time at the Latin?
Please do share your reminiscences of your sports
days to latinlife@royallatin.org.**



Mike Jones (Class of 1981) presents the Victor Ludorum to this year's winner



RLS pupil Peter Barr ('Barr i') holding the Victor Ludorum cup c. 1946



Josephine Bassett (Class of 1956) presents the Victrix Ludorum to this year's winner

Careers advice and support for Latins from Old Latins



Thank you to those Old Latins who helped out with career advice at our recent Aspirations Evening for students on 3rd April (pictured above).

This is something that we'll be building on in the years ahead, and we'd be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in providing career advice and support to current RLS students.

Stay LinkedIn to the Alumni Network



Did you know that we have a group on LinkedIn, especially for Old Latins? It's a great way for us to share details of forthcoming events (especially those which provide good networking opportunities) and for us to get an overview of the broad range of occupations and careers amongst you all.

If you aren't already a member, please do join the group – just search for 'Royal Latin Grammar Alumni' and you should find it. You can also connect direct to Jo Ballantine, RLS Director of Development if you wish. Finally – have you added The Royal Latin as your school on your LinkedIn profile? We'd love you to! We hope that you are proud of your time at the school and of the reputation of the school today, and that you will want to share that with the world!

Your legacy, their future

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Or contact Nigel Pullen at
info@cornwall-law.co.uk
for a free will-writing service* in return for
leaving a legacy or gift to the school

*First 25 Old Latins only



From the 1980s



Julian Thomas (Class of 1986)

Julian has enjoyed success on track in major Historic motor racing events so far this year. He has been on fine form at Silverstone, Donington Park and Paul Ricard in France - venue of the French F1 Grand Prix - in a variety of cars, including a former British Touring Car Championship race-winning Ford Sierra RS500, and at the end of last year was crowned the 2018 Historic Champion, collecting his trophy, along with team-mate Calum Lockie, at a star-studded gala event in Russia also attended by FIA F1 World Champion, Lewis Hamilton.



From the 2000s



James Bisp (Class of 2002)

Congratulations to James Bisp for his continuing success on the West End, where he is currently performing as Hannibal in Phantom of the Opera.

<https://uk.thephantomoftheopera.com>



Rosina Andrews (Class of 2006)

We were delighted to welcome back Rosina Andrews for a visit to the school in May. Since leaving RLS, Rosina has become an experienced professional dancer, choreographer and teacher who offers masterclasses and mentoring internationally. She is the creator of the #RosinaAndrewsMethod – helping dancers, dance teachers and professionals worldwide advance their

technique, clarify mindsets and excel within the industry, and is the author of two technique publications, *Pirouette Surgery*® and *Leap Surgery*®, copies of which Rosina kindly donated to the RLS library on her visit.

Rosina also expressed a keen interest in the progress of Sports Campus and, in particular how she could help with Phase 3 of the 600 Campaign: The Arts Centre. Thank you Rosina, and we look forward to being in touch with you again when we embark on Phase 3.

Nick Rakowski (Class of 2008)



Congratulations to Nick Rakowski (pictured far left above) and his fellow team members of the 'Nauti Buoys' for their incredible achievement of breaking a new World Record of the fastest five-man team to row the Atlantic, in a time of 36 days, 19 hours, 9 minutes and finishing third overall in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge in February this year, after rowing a gruelling 3,000 miles. The team were fundraising for Cancer Research UK and have raised over £50,000 so far. Online donations can still be made via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nautibuoycancer. We were delighted that Nick was able to join us as a speaker for our recent 600 Campaign charity dinner, 'The Power of Sport' at the RAF Club, at which Nick reflected on how his time at the RLS had helped him with this challenge:

Above all else, the Latin taught me that you can achieve anything you want in life, if you just break your goals down into small pieces. That lesson was very much in my mind, and that's how I made it across the Atlantic - one small piece at a time.

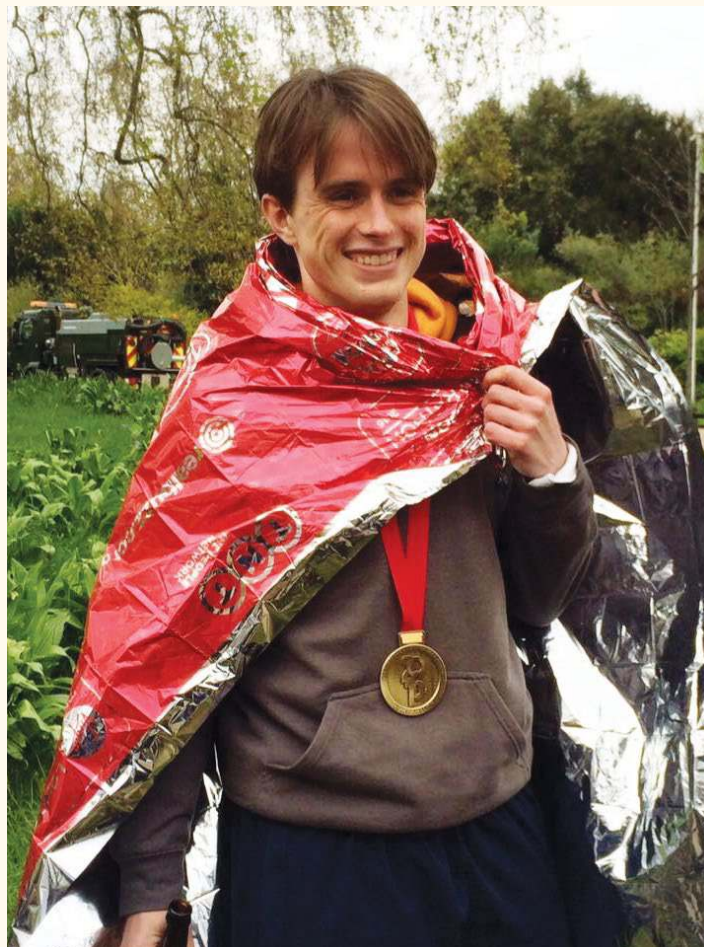
Lara Munday (Class of 2016)

Congratulations to Lara for receiving her Duke of Edinburgh Gold award at St James' Palace on 4th December 2018. After leaving RLS, Lara had one section on the D of E to complete which she did after 1st year at University (Philosophy and Politics at University of York). Presentations at Buckingham Palace then clashed with exams therefore it was December 2018 before she collected the award. Well done for your determination Lara, and congratulations to all Old Latins who have successfully completed their D of E awards since finishing school.



Lara with her Gold certificate at St James' Palace

Oli Hilsdon (Class of 2010)



It is with great sadness that we share the news that Oli Hilsdon lost his fight against glioblastoma, a rare form of brain cancer, in January. Oli passed away at home just before his 27th birthday with his wife, parents and sister by his side. He had spent the afternoon watching the Northampton Saints rugby game, and just days before had told his family, 'I'm so lucky, I have a wonderful life'.

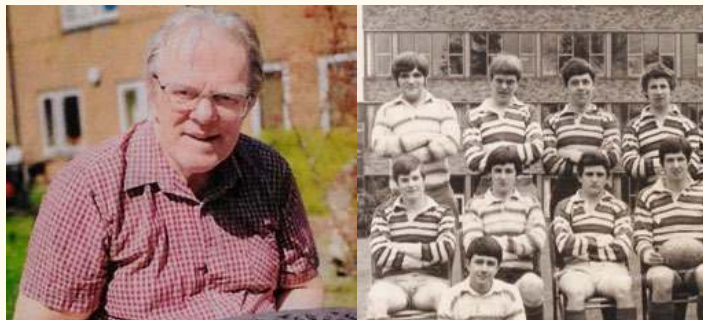
Oli was uncomplaining and defiant to the end, and his family and friends have spoken of how his approach to living life to the full is the legacy from which we can all learn. They have also been inspired to create another, very special legacy, and have set up a charitable foundation in his name.

The Oli Hilsdon Foundation will fund research into treatments that improve outcomes for glioblastoma: both extension of life and curative. It aims to help prevent other families from suffering such devastating loss. You can find out more about the Foundation and donate to support its work at <https://www.olihilsdonfoundation.org>. The Foundation would also be delighted to hear from anyone wanting to raise funds on its behalf, especially by taking part in running events, as running was such a big part of Oli's life.

We send our thoughts and warmest wishes to Oli's family and friends, and will be exploring ways in which the school can support the important work of the Foundation.

Old Latins remembered

Leslie (Les) Smith (Class of 1970)



Les pictured with some of the 1969-70 rugby team (second from the left on the top row)

It is with sadness that we report the passing, in April this year, of well-known local Old Latin, Les Smith. Les was a keen sportsman while at RLS, representing the school in rugby. Several fellow pupils from RLS attended his funeral at Buckingham Parish Church on 8th May.

600 Campaign: Great news!



We are delighted to report that in the last few weeks we've been able to confirm donations of almost £800,000 from two large charitable foundations. These generous gifts mean that we're on track to start building the 3G pitch and Sports Performance Centre in the Autumn.

We'll aim to complete the building work and open the facility in late 2020 - providing that we can raise the remaining £700,000 needed between now and then. We still have zero government funding for this project, and will continue to seek opportunities to engage with

the DofE and make the case for investment in state school sport. However, it is clear that we must continue to fundraise ourselves and do everything we can to find funders whose values and goals match our own.

We are so excited to finally be able to start work on the Sports Campus. Our pitch and current PE facilities are at breaking point and we just can't manage more than another winter like this. The pressure is on, though, to raise the rest of the money in the year ahead, so that we can stay on schedule and avoid having to pause the build if we run out of funds - we are determined not to let that happen. We need these facilities right now, if we are to make a real improvement to the health and wellbeing of our young people, and I'm appealing to the whole community, and especially to Old Latins, to step forward and offer their support in any way they can at this crucial time.

David Hudson, Headteacher



An illustration of the need to improve our pitches

How to donate

You can find details of all of the following donation schemes at www.rls600.com

Buy a brick - join other Old Latins in having your very own brick in the Sports Campus wall

Sponsor a hero - pay tribute to your favourite hero (or classmate!) with a plaque on our hero wall

Join Latin Inspires - sign up to become one of 100 Old Latins who donate each month until 2023 - see details overleaf

Become a sponsor - we're looking for 40 sponsors to help fund different aspects of the project

Donate any amount - all donations of all sizes very welcome indeed, via or using our donation form

Play your part

There are a number of ways in which you can show your support for the Sports Campus:

Support an event - come along to one of our events and meet other Old Latins and supporters! See Gala Dinner details in this edition - it's going to be our biggest event yet!

Fundraise - like every other charity, we love it when people choose to do their own fundraising for us. We can provide you with fundraising advice and support, sponsorship forms etc., and help you to set up a Just Giving page linked to our campaign. We also have charity places in events like Vitality 10k and Ride London that we can give you - see adverts overleaf.

Share ideas - let us know if you think of someone who might be able to help; sometimes all it takes is an introduction or a chance conversation to find a brilliant new supporter for the school. Email your ideas to us any time!

Introducing Latin Inspires



As we approach the 600th anniversary of the school in 2023, we will be introducing a range of ways for Old Latins to make a unique contribution to the future of their school.

We have chosen Founders' Day this year to mark the launch of Latin Inspires; a special fund supported by Old Latins from around the world and across the generations, for the benefit of future generations of RLS pupils.

So far, the 600 Campaign has created the stunning Discovery Centre and transformed Rotherfield House into a vibrant 6th form centre. By supporting Latin Inspires with a monthly gift from now until 2023, you'll be helping to inspire future generations of Latins to grow and express themselves through sport and the arts.

We're seeking 100 Old Latins to lead the way in becoming founding members of Latin Inspires, by pledging a monthly gift to the school from today.

Your gift could help to:

- ...fund the changing rooms in the new sports campus building
- ...create a fantastic theatre, music and arts facility at the heart of the school
- ...give pupils the space and tools to gain the confidence, resilience and expressive skills they need in order to thrive at school and beyond

Gifts of any amount welcome! If you donate £34 per month (£2023 in total) or more, you will be listed on the Latin Inspires roll of honour in school and invited to attend an annual reception, as well as to special events to mark the opening of the Sports Campus and Arts Centre.

The difference your gift will make...

These projects will have a significant and lasting impact on every pupil passing through the Royal Latin. Your gift will help us to enable young people to express themselves and acquire knowledge and skills which will not only enrich their time at school, but will also remain with them for life. We think that's an incredibly powerful gift.

Please consider becoming one of the 100 Old Latins who makes this meaningful pledge.

To confirm your gift to Latin Inspires, just complete and return the enclosed form or visit <https://www.royallatin.org/latin-inspires/> to simply and securely set up your donations online.

If you have any questions at all or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss joining Latin Inspires, please contact Jo at jballantine@royallatin.org or call 01280 827309. Thank you!



Power of Sport Dinner

Old Latins, RLS parents and other campaign supporters enjoyed a fantastic evening at the RAF Club on 7th May, in aid of the Sports Campus.

Hosted by former Royal Latin Head Boys Air Marshal Julian Young (Class of 1980) and Wing Commander Nick Robson (Class of 1987), guests enjoyed a drinks reception in the atmospheric Churchill Bar followed by dinner in the Sovereigns' Room, where they were introduced to a number of VIP guests including Invictus Games medal winner Rachel Williamson, Al Sylvester MBE, Old Latin and Rowing World Record holder Nick Rakowski, Warrior Games medal winner Ali Waddie, and England Women's Rugby player Amy Cokayne.

During dinner, the VIP guests shared their reflections on the power of sport and the role it has played in their lives, and on the importance of sport in developing resilience in young people. Guests also played a lively game of 'Hawk or Spitfire' to win a magnum of wine kindly donated by Domaine de Bellevue.

"A truly special night...superb venue, brilliantly organised...speakers were inspirational"

"A thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable evening"

A huge thank you from the 600 Campaign to the RAF Club and to the Old Latins and VIP guests who made the event possible!



Golf Day



We're currently investigating the feasibility of running another Golf Day, further a field, possibly at Woburn or The Belfry. If you have any suggestions or expertise in this area, and would like to get involved with supporting this event, please do get in touch with us:

latinlife@royallatin.org



Swim Serpentine

Sunday, 21st September

Join the 600 Campaign team and swim the Serpentine!

We have 10 places available for anyone who would like to join our team – five places for the 1-mile swim five places for the 1/2-mile swim. Team members would need to aim to raise £100 in sponsorship, plus a £30 entry fee. If you would like to sign up, or want to find out more, please email rls600@royallatin.org or check out the official Swim Serpentine website:

www.swimserpentine.co.uk



Gala Dinner & Auction



600 Sports Campus
Campaign Energise • Enjoy • Excel

Join us for a truly special evening of glitz & glamour at our

Spectacular Gala Dinner & Auction

on Friday 22nd November 2019

at Williams F1, Grove, Oxon

All proceeds to the Sports Campus at The Royal Latin School

∞ Drinks in the Williams Grand Prix Collection ∞ Dinner ∞ Auction ∞
Entertainment ∞ Scalextric ∞ Batak ∞ VIP Packages include Playseat simulator use ∞

Early bird tickets from £135 via www.rls600.com

Private coach travel to/from Buckingham/Milton Keynes on request; hotels available close to venue

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It's time to dust off the glad rags for an extremely good cause! We are thrilled to announce that the 600 Campaign will be staging a spectacular Gala Dinner at the Williams F1 team headquarters in Oxfordshire on Friday 22nd November 2019.

This glittering evening will begin with a drinks reception amidst the atmospheric Williams Grand Prix Collection, followed by dinner in the iconic Ayrton Senna Suite. The highlight of the evening will be a thrilling interactive auction of stunning items and experiences from the worlds of sport, entertainment and leisure, for the enjoyment of our guests in the room as well as our network of Old Latins across the globe. Guests can also enjoy games of batak and Scalextric, and VIP ticket holders will also have access to amazing Playseat simulators during the drinks reception.

Tickets

This will be a truly special event for the Sports Campus, and we'd love you to join us! Tickets are available at the early bird rate of **£135 per head**, and are available individually or as tables of 10, to include:

- Drink on arrival
- Access to the Williams Grand Prix Collection
- Dinner and half bottle of wine
- Access to batak and Scalextric on a pay per go basis

VIP tickets are £275 each and include:

- Drinks reception in Williams Grand Prix Collection
- Trophy room access throughout drinks reception with use of batak, Scalextric & Playseat simulators included
- Priority seating in the Ayrton Senna Suite
- Upgraded drinks package
- Goodie bag
- VIP tables of 10 will also receive a full page advert in the event programme

To book your tickets at the early bird rate, please visit www.bit.ly/600Gala to complete our booking form and return to us. Groups of any size welcome, or if you only want one or two tickets, that's also fine - we'll be organising tables just for Old Latins with a designated table host, so we'll make sure you're seated together and are well looked after!

Transport & accommodation

We'll be arranging local coach transport to the venue - and there are plenty of good hotels nearby - see our event page above for further details.

Event sponsorship & advertising

We do have a number of corporate sponsorship opportunities available, so if you would like to know more about how your company or brand could be associated with the event, please get in touch. We also have space available in the event programme so please contact us for details of rates.



Auction - can you help?

We are looking for a wide range of unique items and experiences for our silent auction and main auction at the event. If you think you can help, please do get in touch with us at the email address below and we can have a chat about the sorts of things we're looking for.

If you can't attend the dinner in person but would like to support the auction - the good news is that you will have an opportunity to submit bids for 14 days before the dinner, and live during the auction itself.

We'll be announcing details nearer the time via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and by direct emails (so if we don't yet have your email address, please drop us a line so that you don't miss out on the auction list and bidding instructions).

If you have any questions at all or would like further details about any aspect of the dinner, please get in touch with us at rls600@royallatin.org with any enquiries about this fabulous event - we really hope to see you there!

Take a look at what guests have said about previous Campaign events:

'A truly special night last night – superb venue, brilliantly organised'

'Lovely to meet some more people from the RLS-family. What a venue and great food too!'

'Brilliant to be there and meet so many amazing people'



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2019/20 Calendar

Sunday, 4th August
Prudential RideLondon

Friday, 8th November
RLS Act of Remembrance

Friday, 22nd November
Gala Dinner & Auction at
Williams F1, Grove

Monday, 16th December
2018 Sixth Form Leavers'
Drinks at RLS, 4pm-5pm

Tuesday, 17th December
RLS Carol Concert at
Buckingham Parish Church

Wednesday, 6th May
Annual Archive Open Day

Friday, 26th June
Founders' Day & Sports Day



Your details . . .

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Planning a Reunion?

We are looking forward to hosting three reunions before the end of the summer term, for those who started at RLS in 1955 and for two groups of those who attended RLS in the 1970s.

Did you leave in 1980, 1990, 2000 or 2010 or at the turn of any other decade?
Planning a Reunion to mark your anniversary year?

We are happy to help you make your reunion happen in 2020. The tried and tested format for a reunion tends to consist of meeting at the RLS at 2pm on a Saturday for a gathering with refreshments (we are happy to provide complimentary tea and coffee, but would just ask that you provide anything further you might like to serve), followed by a tour of the school.

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Thank you!

