

Inside Latin *Life*



600th Anniversary events



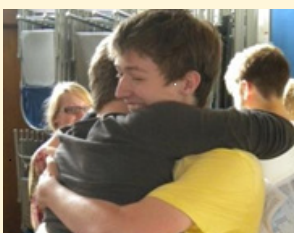
On your marks! Old Latins return for Sports Day



RLS Connect - an exciting new way for Old Latins to connect



Book launch: full details and how to get your copy



2023 reunions - details inside



The Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards as the State Gun Carriage carries the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II. Old Latin Ollie Davis (Class of 2016) was given the honour of Front Right Guard of the Carriage (Ollie pictured front row, far left).

Welcome to the 18th edition of Latin *Life*

The news of the Queen's passing earlier this year gave us all pause for prolonged thought. Our link to the monarchy is a special one. The 'Royal' element of our school name dates back to 1597 when the Latin School in Buckingham was merged with the Thornton School, with the latter bequeathing its Royal Warrant to establish the newly combined Royal Latin School. Its Headmaster was James Smith and the Royal Charter and annual income of £10-8s-0½d was bestowed by Elizabeth I (and continued to be paid until the start of the 20th century).

What strikes me most about Queen Elizabeth II are the qualities she showed as a public servant, not least her sense of duty and commitment to her role. She stands as an exemplary role model for our students and all of us in public service. I found her funeral to be very moving, a feeling deepened when I realised that Oliver Davis (Class of 2016) had a prominent role (see above) in proceedings.

The Queen was also a great symbol of continuity, something which I hope you continue to see in our school. I have been delighted to read John Hounslow's (Class of 1970) new history of the school, *Latin Lives: 600 Years of The Royal Latin School*, which is featured on page 12 of this edition. John brings out the qualities of leadership, resilience, creativity and innovation which run across the decades and even centuries. As we approach 2023 I very much look forward to celebrating with you, particularly at reunions and the events scheduled throughout the year. I also, though, hope you enjoy seeing how the school has changed – the Latin has never rested on its past glories and 2023 gives us an opportunity to look to the future with optimism, even in the current gloomy times. As the Queen herself said, 'When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.'

David Hudson

David Hudson, Headteacher

All smiles at our first Archive Day in three years!



Headteacher David Hudson thanks Trevor Saving (Class of 1974) for his entertaining talk

It was a joy to be able to welcome Old Latins back to school in May, for the first in-person Archive Day since 2019.

Archive Day enthusiasts had travelled from far and wide to be there for the occasion, and there were plenty of beaming faces as old friends were reunited once again. Old Latin Trevor Saving (Class of 1974) entertained everyone with memories and his reflections on what his years at the Royal Latin taught him. His conclusion: that the importance of doing the right thing is the most important lesson he learned at school, and

is an enduring value that he has carried with him throughout his career and life. Attendees enjoyed spending time looking through the Archive displays, followed by a tour of the school - and some even had a go on the new equipment in the Sports Campus gym! Our thanks to Trevor for his time and to everyone who came along. See you next year!



SAVE THE DATE

Our bumper 2023 Archive Day will be held on 3rd May 2023

From the Archive - The evolution of the Royal Latin School Brookfield Estate site since 1963



The opening of the new building (now 'Main Block') by HM The Queen Mother in 1963



Brookfield House Circa 1965. © The Francis Frith Collection



An aerial view of the site in 1981



A recent photograph taken by a drone in 2022

Inspirational Prizegiving



Julian shares his advice with prizewinners and the assembled audience of parents and staff

We were delighted to welcome back Julian Thomas (Class of 1986) to school as a special guest to deliver the speech at Prizegiving in June. Julian spoke passionately about his time at the school and the joy of reconnecting with the school as an Old Latin. He also imparted plenty of hard-earned wisdom with prizewinners, encouraging them to bank their confidence at every opportunity, to draw on in future. Many thanks Julian – we're all following your advice!

Were you a prize winner? If so, do you still have your prize book? We would love to see a photo if so! Email latinlife@royallatin.org

Old Latins return for Sports Day



Sports Day guests out on the field with David Hudson

It was wonderful to be joined by guests for Sports Day this year. Thank you to Alan Kiddle, Margaret Plater and José Bassett for sharing the day with us and helping to present the trophies to winners. Congratulations too to Barton house, overall winners of Sports Day 2022. It was a brilliant event with plenty of new school records to celebrate!

If you'd like to join us for Sports Day, or would be interested in helping to organise some friendly sports matches for Old Latins in 2023, please get in touch by emailing latinlife@royallatin.org. Thank you!



Introducing RLS Connect: a brand new resource for Old Latins

In January, all Old Latins will be able to join RLS Connect: a website which brings together all of the resources, events and information for Old Latins into one place - a 'one-stop shop' for alumni.

It will make it easier for you to find all of the information you need, from how to book tickets for forthcoming events and reunions, latest news about the school and about Old Latins, opportunities to mentor current sixth-formers, careers opportunities being offered by Old Latins and eventually, access to a fully digitised archive, with all of our photographs and important documents safely stored online. RLS Connect will also allow you to search for classmates you may have lost contact with.

"On my first day in the job I remember sitting at an empty desk in Brookfield and asking where the alumni database was" remembers Jo Ballantine, Director of Development. "It quickly transpired that there wasn't one! Gradually Old Latins got in touch and twelve years later, we regularly communicate with almost four thousand Old Latins. I'm absolutely thrilled that the Governors have agreed

that we can launch RLS Connect and really transform the way Old Latins can interact with the school."

Setting yourself up on RLS Connect

Everyone we already communicate with should have a profile ready to be set up on RLS Connect, ready for you to populate with your own information. Don't worry - none of your profile will be visible to other website visitors, until and unless you want it to be! The website is secure and you have total control over whether your name even appears to others. Joining and entering your information is optional, but when you do - you can search for other Old Latins, and view lots of our news stories, photos and archive materials.

Louise Amodio and Lucy Beckett explain:

"We'd love you to visit the site and sign up, just by giving a few basic details - name, email/phone number, year of leaving etc. Then you will be able to explore the site and get to know how it works. We're adding more content all the time, so please do visit the website regularly. And do get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions for improvements - we have piloted the site with a group of Old Latins but we're very happy to incorporate new ideas!"

"I'm so delighted to be able to bring you RLS Connect at long last" says David Hudson. "I'm really looking forward to us being able to share more archive materials and school news more efficiently with Old Latins, and for us to be able to share opportunities for Old Latins to engage with school life today. RLS Connect will do what it promises - connect us all together much more deeply, and offer Old Latins a chance to interact with each other, and with us, in a way which I hope brings lots of enjoyment and a shared sense of the special Royal Latin community of which we are all a part."

David Hudson

EVENTS

All of our events, reunions and celebrations will be featured on RLS Connect, so it will be your one stop shop for finding out what's coming up, and easily booking your tickets or reserving your place in the case of free events. We'll also bring you reports of events as they take place, with photo galleries of those who attended so you can share in the fun even if you weren't able to attend!

EXPERTISE

You can use RLS Connect to share expertise and experience with the school community, whether through writing a news article for us, offering to give a talk at school or at an event. Eventually we'll also have a discussion forum on the site so that you can consult the RLS Connect hive mind for help to answer a question, solve a problem, or create a discussion.

CAREERS

RLS Connect will enable Old Latins to connect to each other professionally. You can set up or join a group for your profession, advertise on our jobs board, and ask others for professional advice or recommendation, as well as getting involved in offering work experience placements or in our Aspirations Evening careers event at school.

HERITAGE

We're working with a specialist heritage company to professionally scan and upload as much of our archive material as possible to this section of RLS Connect. You'll be able to search the archive by name, and find photos, documents, school magazines, press cuttings and more.

MEMORIES

Sharing memories is one of the best things about being part of the Old Latins community. One memory triggers another and helps to piece together the way things were. On RLS Connect you can join a group for your year group and your decade, as well as groups for Art, Sport, Drama, Science, Boarders, D of E, anything you like really, and start sharing memories.

MENTORING

We'll be developing a mentoring section, so that you can use RLS Connect to volunteer to become a mentor (mostly virtually) to a current sixth-form student, to provide them with invaluable advice and guidance on making university and careers choices, goal setting, CV writing, interview techniques, confidence building etc.

FRIENDSHIP

Reconnecting old classmates with each other is one of the greatest privileges the Development Office has in its work to build our global network of Old Latins. Think of RLS Connect as the first place you can go to try to track down and get in touch with old friends - and those you may have lost touch with but often thought of over the years. You can search RLS Connect for the name of anyone you want to find, and then get in touch with them. If you agree to appear in search results, your classmates can message you too on RLS Connect, so make sure you check your inbox regularly to see who's been in touch!

NEXT STEPS

Look out for an email from us in the new year containing your link to log in to RLS Connect

If you currently receive *Latin Life* by post, please contact us as soon as possible with your email address so that we can send you your link

RLS Connect is the best way for us to keep in touch with you during our big year in 2023, and we'd love as many Old Latins to join as soon as possible.

600th Anniversary

Our big year is almost here!

Preparations continue for the 600th Anniversary of the Royal Latin School in 2023, and we're delighted to be able to bring you the calendar of special events for the year (see next page). The events have been devised in conjunction with the school's management team, students and the 2023 Committee of former parents, staff and Old Latins. Everyone has worked really hard to try to make sure that there is something for everyone! With the exception of the Gold Gala Ball and the Family Garden Party, all of the events are free to attend.

The 600th Anniversary will be launched in the Chantry Chapel – the first home of the school in Buckingham – on 18th January, with opportunities for the local community to pop in during the day to learn about the history of the school from school and National Trust staff and volunteers. Special anniversary events will then take place each month throughout the year and we'll send you full details of each event and how to reserve your places in January, as well as details of all of the other initiatives we'll be delivering next year, so that you can join in with the anniversary celebrations wherever you are in the world:

NEW Special Editions

Next year we'll be bringing you two gold special editions of Latin Life next year, the first of which will arrive with you as soon after the launch as we can manage in the New Year!

NEW Books

Our first new book *Latin Lives: 600 Years of The Royal Latin School* is now available to buy from the school or online via the Royal Latin shop: royallatin.org/shop. We're planning a second book later in the year – a coffee table-style book of photographic images of The Royal Latin through the ages.

NEW Timeline

In the New Year we'll be launching a fascinating and fun interactive timeline detailing the history of the school, so that for the first time, lots of detail about our history will be recorded in one easy-to-access place.

NEW Charter and Extraordinary People Awards Scheme

As part of the anniversary celebrations, we plan to launch a 2023 Charter – a set of pledges designed to give back to our school, local community and planet. As part of the Charter, we'll be seeking nominations from Old Latins for the inaugural Royal Latin Extraordinary People Awards.

NEW Podcast

We're working on a series of interviews with Old Latins, staff, students and visitors to the school, to share stories, perspectives and experiences across our community.

NEW Memorabilia

By popular demand, we'll be introducing a range of special edition 2023 memorabilia, which will be available in our online shop.

STEP 1:

Take a look at the event calendar on page 9

STEP 2:

Get in touch with your classmates to see what events they're attending

STEP 3:

Reserve your tickets on RLS Connect (from January)

STEP 4:

Get ready to visit your old school in 2023 for a trip down memory lane!

Please get in touch if you have any more suggestions for our anniversary year by emailing us at latinlife@royallatin.org



ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL

600 YEARS

600th Anniversary Calendar of Events

January - December 2023

We're planning a year of special celebrations, and you're invited!

A gold-stamped year of events, publications, experiences and stories to inspire our community to connect, share and celebrate the Royal Latin's unique heritage as we celebrate our 600th year.

Wednesday 18th January	Anniversary Launch, Chantry Chapel, Buckingham
Thursday 23rd February	An Evening With Sam Baldock
Saturday 25th March	Boarders' Reunion
Friday 21st April	Head Boys/Girls/Headteachers & Deputies' Photocall
Wednesday 3rd May	Archive & Heritage Open Day
Saturday 20th May	Alumni Spring Reunion
Saturday 17th June	Alumni Summer Reunion
Friday 23rd June	Founders' Day Celebrations
Saturday 8th July	600th Anniversary Family Garden Party*
Saturday 30th September	600th Anniversary Gold Gala Ball*
Saturday 14th October	Alumni Autumn Reunion
Monday 6th November	Royal Latin Photographic Exhibition & Book Launch
Tuesday 14th November	An Evening With Inspirational RLS Women in Leadership
December dates tbc	Our 600th Christmas...

Email latinlife@royallatin.org with any event queries
 Events to take place at The Royal Latin School, Chandos Road unless otherwise stipulated.
 Entry to events is free, unless indicated with a * above.

600th Anniversary

Come to a reunion in 2023!

We want to welcome as many Old Latins as possible back to the school during our special year - and you're invited!

We've decided that the best way to organise the reunions and make them as special as possible is to allocate three days during the year which will be devoted to reunion events:



Book your reunion place from January

In the new year, you'll be able to book your reunion place via RLS Connect, so look out for the email we'll send you inviting you to join. In the meantime, if you're in touch with any of your former classmates, please speak to them to see which reunion date you might prefer to attend. If you've lost touch with classmates, once you've joined RLS Connect you can find/contact each other that way. All Old Latins are welcome on any of the reunion dates, so don't worry if you can't attend the date that the rest of your classmates have selected, just reserve a place for one of the other dates and we'll make sure we put you in a group with Old Latins from a similar era. Family members are welcome to attend with you!

Each reunion is free to attend and will feature:

- A warm welcome from school staff
- Dedicated space for your year group
- Meet ups with your former teachers
- Tours around the school site
- Visit to the Archive Room
- Tea, coffee & biscuits
- Option to pre-book space for your year group to bring own catering

If you have any questions about reunions or would like us to help you gather your classmates together, please do get in touch with us at latinlife@royallatin.org. We're looking forward to welcoming you back!



Boarders' Reunion

Boarders are invited back on Saturday 25th March 2023 to have a look around the old boarding houses and meet up with fellow boarders.

Photocall for Headteachers, Head Boys, Head Girls and Deputies

On Friday 21st April 2023 we'll be attempting to gather all surviving Headteachers, Head Boys, Head Girls and their Deputies for an historic photograph.



600th Anniversary events



An Evening with Sam Baldock

We are delighted to announce one of the first events in our special 600th Anniversary Calendar will be 'An Evening with Sam Baldock' on Thursday 23rd February 2023, at the school.

David Hudson will be joined in conversation by Sam (Class of 2005), to discuss his school days at the Royal Latin and his professional football career playing for MK Dons, West Ham United, Bristol City, Brighton & Hove Albion, Reading, Derby County, through to his current contract with Oxford United.

Join us to hear first-hand from one of the Royal Latin's most successful professional sportspeople! Tickets are free of charge and places will be available to book from January.'



ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL

600th Anniversary GOLD GALA BALL

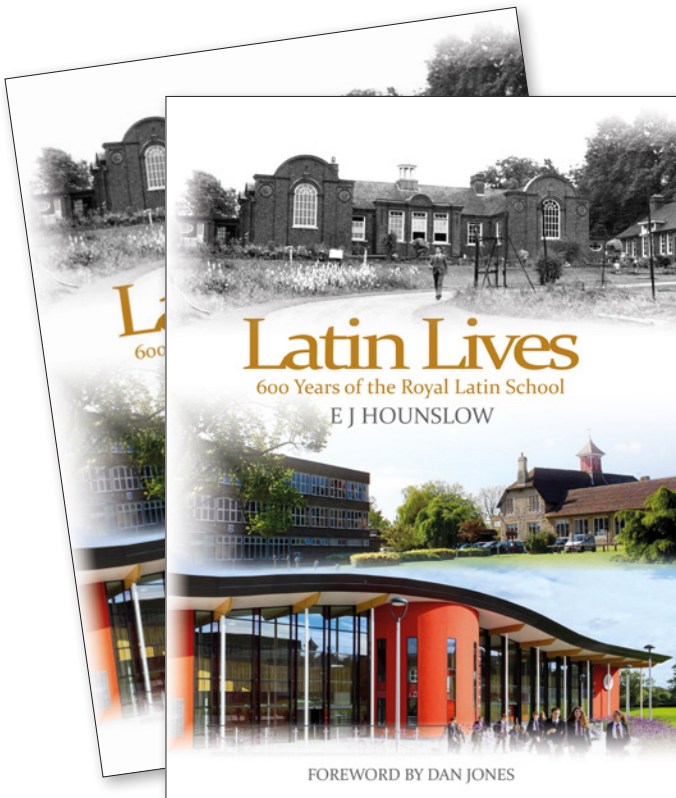
Thanks to generous sponsorship by an Old Latin, we are delighted to announce plans for a GOLD GALA BALL at the school on 30th September 2023 as part of the 600th anniversary celebrations. For full details about exciting events sponsorship opportunities and availability of Gold or Platinum tickets, please visit: rsconnect.royallatin.org/event/goldgalaball2023

Early booking is recommended, as we expect this event to be extremely popular!



Royal Latin book hits the shelves!

With great excitement, we are thrilled to share that the new book about the school has been published, and is now available to buy. *Latin Lives: 600 Years of The Royal Latin School* has been a four year long labour of love (mostly!) for Old Latin John Hounslow (Class of 1970), who agreed to take on the challenge of producing a book as part of the 2023 commemorations.

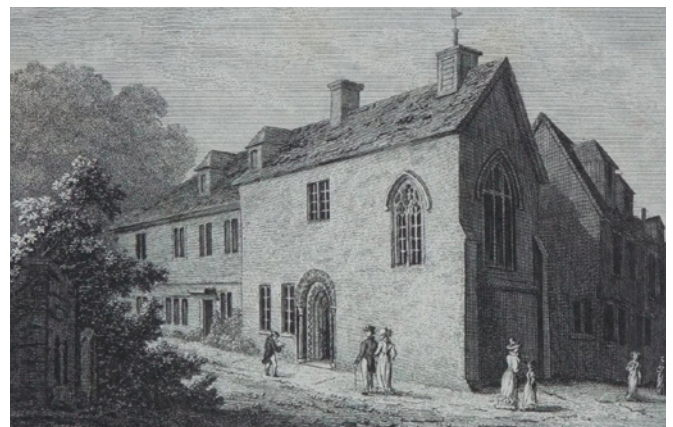


Latin Lives tells the remarkable story of a school which has evolved throughout six centuries of triumphs and challenges, and gives a fascinating insight into leadership and the changing educational landscape in Buckingham. The book also includes a wonderful collection of memories and anecdotes from former teachers and students of the school that bring the spirit and friendships of the Royal Latin to life, and gives the reader a real sense of our historic school community and the ways in which it continues to innovate, thrive and inspire to this day. The book is dedicated to the memory of Robert Munday (Class of 1970), one of John's former classmates and a dear friend of the school.

David Hudson said: *"We are so grateful to John for all of the time and energy he's invested in the writing of the book. The result is something that he should feel very proud of. It's exactly the publication we wanted to create - managing to succinctly set out the fascinating origins and evolution of the school, whilst also recounting anecdotes from Old Latins from every living generation. I'd like to extend my thanks to all of the Old Latins who so willingly shared their memories with John, and last but by no means least, to historian Dan Jones (Class of 1996) for writing the fabulous and moving Foreword. I really hope everyone enjoys reading it as much as I have!"*

"What come through clearly are the strong themes running through the history of the School: the debt that so many people feel to the School which forms such a rich part of the School's legacy, the fact that the Latin School is a Buckingham school and has been affected by that simple geographical fact, just as Buckingham has been affected by playing host to the Royal Latin School."

EJ Hounslow, Class of 1970



You can buy *Latin Lives* for £18 + postage from the Royal Latin shop at www.royallatin.org/shop

You can also collect from the school if you wish (by arrangement).

For next day delivery or international shipping, *Latin Lives* is also available on Amazon.

Latin Lives book launch

We were delighted to welcome guests to an event in the Discovery Centre recently to celebrate the publication of *Latin Lives*.

We were delighted to welcome around a hundred guests to an event in the Discovery Centre on 15th November to celebrate the publication of *Latin Lives*. Jo Ballantine welcomed the book's author, John Hounslow to the stage, to hear about the process of writing the book and the experience of meeting many Old Latins from across the generations – and from across the world.

Jo also welcomed international bestselling author and historian Dan Jones – who has written the Foreword to the book – back to the School, and invited Dan to share his perspectives on heritage and why recording the history of the School is such an important undertaking. Guests were able to speak to John and Dan at the event, and to buy signed copies of the book. David Hudson made a brief appearance to thank John, Dan and Old Latins for their input to the book, before he had to return to the delights of an Ofsted inspection, which had begun that morning!



John Hounslow (left, Class of 1970) and Dan Jones (Class of 1999) at the launch of Latin Lives



Guests listen as John and Dan discuss what it means to be an Old Latin



John regales the Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies

“When we acknowledge that we are part of something far greater than ourselves - a school which has survived world wars, pandemics and famines, as well as those many quiet years in which not much happened, which make up the great mass of human history - we have a chance to reflect on what it is we stand for, what traditions we feel ourselves bound to uphold, and what we want to change to ensure that our school is fit to survive another generation. Another century. Another era.”

Dan Jones, Class of 1999

Calling all Head Boys, Head Girls and Deputies

One of the events we plan to hold in the Spring of 2023 is a photocall for former Headteachers and Deputies, and Head Boys, Head Girls and their Deputies. That could be quite a large photo!

We're not necessarily in touch with everyone we'd like to include in the photo, which we plan to take on Friday 21st April 2023 - so if you are a former Head Boy or Head Girl or Deputy, please do email us at latinlife@royallatin.org to make sure we have you on the invitation list!



The current Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies pictured with Headteacher David Hudson

Head Boy & Head Girl List



Several attempts have been made over the years to accurately complete the list of known Head Boys and Head Girls of the School. As we approach our 600th Anniversary year, we'd very much like to make one last set of updates and corrections to the board, which is displayed in the main school hall.

Some of the gaps are due to years when students weren't appointed to the roles for some reason; seemingly there is also confusion relating to whether listings were by year of appointment or year of leaving (in general, we're going by year of appointment).

Please help us to get this right, once and for all!

If you can spot a gap or discrepancy in the list over the page, please email us at latinlife@royallatin.org to tell us your recollection of the order of appointments.

Thank you!

Head Boy & Head Girl list: can you help us to fill any of the gaps?

Year	Head Boy	Head Girl	Year	Head Boy	Head Girl
1945	Peter Fletcher	Edna Robinson	1978		Dinah Jones
1946	P J Brazier	Jean Howes	1979	Julian Young	Sarah Deaves
1947	Gordon Bates	Patricia Chapman	1980	No appointment	Jennifer Evans
1948	Richard Blake	Rosemary Butcher	1981		Janet Capp
1949	Derek Lillistone	Janet Butler	1982		
1950	Derek Lillistone	Barbara Aris	1983	Peter Neville	Sarah Tearle
1951	R Thorne	Anne Rees	1984	Sean Riches	Helen Capp
1952	Roy Hill		1985	Richard Withnall	Gillian Daniels
1953	Ronald Thorne	Sheila Peet	1986		Lynne Thorne
1954			1987	Andrew Howard	
1955	D D Knight	Sonia Puleston	1988		
1956	Roger Wagland	Diana Rhodes	1989		
1957	J Camm?	Anne Gillett	1990	Ben Robinson	
1958	Jack Austin	Pat Viccars	1991		
1959	William Small	Susan Green	1992-2004	No appointments made	
1960	Robin Harris	Gloria Williams	2005	Anthony Powis	Carmen Austin
1961	Ray Cooper	Ann King	2006	Michael Wilmott	Gemma Cook
1962	Ray Cooper	Sally Pollard	2007	Nick Rakowski	Gwen Taylor
1963	Michael Bowerman		2008	Dominic Crocombe	Rachel Lane
1964	Dennis Wilby	Rachel Archer	2009	Guy Drury	Gemma Trott
1965	Christopher Hughes	Jennifer Bowerman	2010	Tom Riley	Emma Crossey
1966	WJF Ford	Karina Lambrenos	2011	Ben Lewis	Natasha Stotesbury
1967	Paul O'Gorman	Carolyn Hands	2012	George Simons	Harriet Bull
1968			2013	Max Hewitt	Poppy Doran
1969		Sally Battersby	2014	Callum Holliday	Georgia Crouch
1970	Andrew Darling	Jane Hammond	2015	Michael Keating	Athena Tzallas
1971	Paul Luckcock	Mandy Thompson	2016	Timi Oyekanmi	Jessica Cochrane
1972	Andrew Pagg		2017	Joshua Abass	Hannah Hencken
1973		Ann Worth	2018	Ronald Dadey	Olivia Turner-Robson
1974	Graham Carder	Fiona McKenzie	2019	Miles Hermon	Precious Oyekanmi
1975	John Hilsden	Angela Crisp	2020	James Grimditch	Georgia Davies-Payne
1976	Simon Tansley	Susan Watkins	2021	Adeoluwa Bademosi	Esther Evans
1977	Mark Harris	Jane Wagland	2022	Noah Barden Correia	Lucy Robinson

In conversation with Old Latins: How does it feel to come back to school?

Lots of people aren't sure what to expect when they step back through the school gates. So, we thought we'd chat to a few Old Latins about what it actually feels like to pay their old school a visit, to demystify the whole experience!



Group Captain Nick Robson,
Class of 1986

"Class reunions usually make me shudder and shiver, but this changed when I attended my Year Group reunion as we hit the 30 year mark. The School provided a superb programme where the archives were opened and arranged to remind us of our school days, and trigger those great memories. More importantly it gave us all a reason to reconnect and build our old school relationships as well as interweave these into existing friendship and business networks. There is serious value in coming back to the school and reconnecting, as everyone attending has great tales and stories on their journeys after leaving the Royal Latin School!"

"There is something deeply reassuring about one's old school constantly evolving. The Latin is flourishing, no doubt, but ultimately such change is heartening because it signals survival. The most precious aspect of my relationship with the Latin now is simply that it is still there; I can reminisce about the friendships and remember the good and the slightly-less-good times. Returning to the Latin encourages a natural reflection on my own life since school, too. It's an invitation to take stock. Above all, though, locating myself in the 600-year-old jigsaw of the Latin's history is a truly humbling experience. I always leave with a renewed sense of gratitude and an increasingly cemented feeling that I still, somehow, belong there."



Athena Tzallas, Class of 2016



Dean Jones, Class of 1997

"Whether your memories of the school were good or bad, it is always very nostalgic and sometimes quite therapeutic going back. It reminds you of the boy or girl you once were, the man or woman you have become and the part the school will inevitably have played in shaping you... most of all, going back enabled me to replay the many sounds I remembered hearing and they replayed in such a familiar way in my head... that's what happens when you go back and visit the school. I recommend you give it a try... just don't leave it too long... it's changing fast,.. but right now, there is still a lot of what you'll remember and it's worth going back to refresh some of those memories."

"We enjoy coming back to meet up with old school friends and to discuss the happy and not so happy times we spent here, and we are confident that some former pupils who have never re-visited the school would get the same reward if they gave it a try. At the same time we remind each other of the teachers whose subjects we enjoyed and those we found less interesting. We also like to catch up with former classmates and to discuss how well they did at University and what career they eventually chose to follow. We also like to understand what changes they'd make to this process if they had their time over again. At each visit we are always made to feel very welcome and our views and ideas are welcomed and taken seriously."



Ian and Carole Munro (left
and right) Class of 1960



Jade Thomas, Class of 1992

"There's a sense of wonder as you walk through the doors to the school you attended so many years ago. The same but different. The classrooms always seem smaller than you remember, but take a moment to sit where the desk you favoured was and the life and laughter in the room starts coming back to you... especially if you're visiting with some of those old school friends! You can bet that they remember some misdemeanours and memories that you had forgotten about and you'll be laughing in no time. Come back to the familiar corridors and you'll feel good about your school days. A visit will leave you feeling really happy and you'll be impressed with the mix of familiar sights and new."

Reunite... Remember... Retrace... Reconnect... Reflect

Old Latins back in the classroom

It's been great to welcome so many Old Latins back into school this year, in person and virtually, to meet students and share their advice about careers and life choices. Here are just some of them!

Enormous thanks to all the other Old Latins who have also given up their time to advise students this year - it is incredibly beneficial to the students. RLS Connect will help us to do much more of this in future!



Emily Ryde (Class of 2020)



Georgia Davies-Payne (Class of 2020)



Online meeting with Nicola Barham (Class of 1982)



Kate Dugher (Class of 2010)



Elizabeth Harvey (Class of 1988)



Ellie (Class of 2016)

Your news

Old Latins honoured by Her late Majesty the Queen

We would like to congratulate the two Old Latins who received honours from Her late Majesty the Queen in her last Birthday Honours: Virginia Sentance MBE (Class of 2009) and Sam Tatlow MBE (Class of 2005).



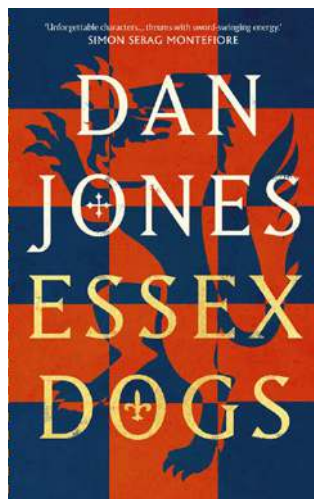
Virginia Sentance MBE



Sam Tatlow MBE

Virginia Sentance was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services relating to the delivery of COP26. She is currently Deputy Director, Sectoral Transitions, COP26 Presidency at the Cabinet Office.

Sam Tatlow is Creative Diversity Partner at ITV, and was also honoured with an MBE as part of Her late Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours list, receiving the honour for her services to people with disabilities.



Dan Jones (Class of 1999)

Dan Jones, the historian and *Sunday Times* bestselling author (and author of the Foreword for our new book, *Latin Lives*), has also now published his debut work of historical fiction, *Essex Dogs*, the first instalment of an epic new trilogy, set in the 100 Years' War. Published by Head of Zeus, Dan's book is now available from all good booksellers.

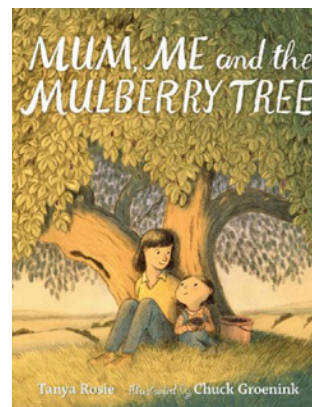
Old Latins in print

Tanya Rosie (Class of 2008)

Thank you to Tanya Rosie for getting in touch to let us know she recently had her first children's book published.

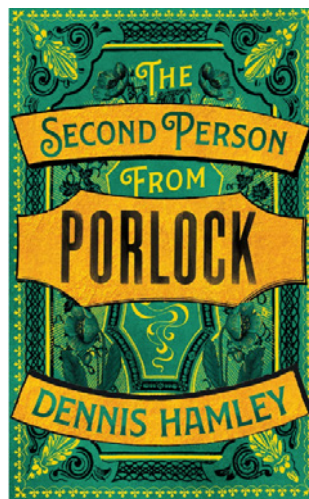
Mum, Me and the Mulberry Tree is a 32-page hardback, illustrated by Chuck Groenink and described as 'a tender, warm-hearted picture book brimming with the love, energy and anticipation of having a special day with someone you love.'

Tanya's next book, due to be published in June 2023, and also illustrated by Chuck Groenink is *Grandpa is Here*, 'A warm, authentic celebration of family reunions, told through the eyes of a kind-hearted little girl who shows us that love and laughter can overcome any language barrier. Both books are available to order or pre-order via Waterstones or Amazon.'



Dennis Hamley (Class of 1946)

Congratulations also to Dennis Hamley on the publication of his latest novel. Dennis's first book was published in 1963 and he has written eighty books, including novels and short stories for all ages. His latest novel, for adults, *The Second Person from Porlock*, is published by Fairlight Books, and based on the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge. The book is available now from Amazon



In memory of James Beechey



We were deeply saddened to hear of the recent death of Old Latin James Beechey (Class of 2001).

James, a serving Major in the British Army, died after a short battle with bowel cancer, leaving a wife and two young children.

Mrs Bereit (née Gahagan) attended the military funeral for James as the school's representative, and the order of service has been placed in the school archive.

Our thoughts and best wishes are very much with his family and friends, and we plan to honour James's memory by placing a plaque for him in our Remembrance garden.

Landscape Artist Award

Elisha Enfield (Class of 2007), who won Sky Arts Landscape Artist of the Year Series 7, 2022.

Elisha - who graduated from the University of Brighton in 2011 with First Class Honours in Fine Art Painting - is pictured here on a recent visit to Mrs Fricker in the school Art department. Recent exhibitions include Manchester Art Gallery, Wells Art Contemporary, New English Arts Club and Royal Society Of British Artists. Her work is held in the DE Collection, and in private collections internationally.

Congratulations Elisha!



Elisha visiting with sixth-formers in the Art department



Joanna Clarke (Class of 2009)

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome back Joanna Clarke (Class of 2009) to the school, as a biology teacher.

Jo remembers she has always held a flame of affection for biology, studying Biology at A level and at university, including a Masters in Genetics at the University of Cambridge. She's published four scientific papers on microtubule dynamics in cancerous cells to further our understanding of why mitosis can go awry. Jo says,

"Although I had always seen myself in a career in the sciences researching the unknown, I have found that teaching holds so many interesting research opportunities and I have become fascinated with understanding how learning happens. I think ultimately this has helped me to achieve job satisfaction whilst also meeting a need to continuously improve and learn - the dream. Returning to the Latin could be likened to the popular festive song, 'Driving Home for Christmas', where you have that welcoming feeling of the familiar, but with the excitement of the unknown!"



Do you have news you want to share with fellow Old Latins? Then get in Touch!

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