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Welcome to this 19th, and very special, edition of *Latin Life*

I am delighted to be able to officially launch our celebration of 2023. Our 600th anniversary has been long in planning, so it feels a really rather momentous moment to be sharing our thoughts on this year with you.

You may well already have seen the BBC report on our opening event at the Chantry Chapel (18th January), or you may indeed have joined us in person on the day. It felt right for us to be assembled in the room which housed those six poor boys who were the first recorded Latin students in 1423. Right and humbling, for it was in a moment of reflection at the end of a memorable day that I felt the full weight of our history.

We are very lucky to have this history and we are all very fortunate to be able to celebrate our shared heritage. I very much hope that you are able to use 2023 as a way of getting back in touch with old friends and finding a good excuse to return for a reunion or simply

a look at your old school. You will see the full calendar of events on the final page of this edition and, in particular, the dates (mostly Saturdays) allocated for reunion plans.

Whilst using the year as a way of reflecting on our past, we are also keen to see how we can look to the future and make a renewed commitment to current and future generations. To this end, we have created a 2023 Charter with a set of pledges (see page 7) to show how we can support our community, respect our heritage, protect our planet and embrace our future. If you feel you can contribute to any of these pledges then please let us know.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2023 and I very much look forward to seeing lots of you throughout this very special year.

David Hudson, Headteacher

Historic Chantry Chapel Hosts the 600th Anniversary Launch



The Chantry Chapel ready to open its doors to the school and local community on launch day

On the 18th January 2023, the launch of our special anniversary year was marked with a day of celebration in the 12th-century Chantry Chapel on Market Hill – the oldest building in Buckingham and the first home of the school in the town. The chapel is now managed by the National Trust, who very kindly gave us access to the building free of charge.

Community Café

We were keen to share the occasion with the local community, and decided to begin the day by inviting members of the public to pop into the chapel for a coffee morning run by the students during the morning. It was wonderful to welcome people into the chapel on a biting cold January morning, and to see them enjoying learning about the early foundation of the school from the students and National Trust volunteers. Six young students played the role of a student from each of the six centuries, and six of our Year 12 students played the roles of each of our six founders (after whom our Houses are still named): Matthew de Stratton, John Ruding, John Barton, Sir Alexander Denton, Alderman Newton and Lady Verney. At lunch time, the school's newly-created Chamber Choir gave a special performance to the public, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Class Visits

Throughout the afternoon, Mr Hudson welcomed Year 7 (1st year) students into the chapel in their forms to hear about the history of the school. Royal Latin teachers Mr and Mrs Snell provided wonderful musical accompaniment and regaled the students with a brief lesson on music from the 15th to the 17th centuries. Every student was presented with their special 2023 pin badge before leaving the chapel and returning to school, pausing at the gates of the George Grenville Academy site on Chandos Road, where the school was located for the first half of the 20th century.

We were thrilled that BBC South Today agreed to spend much of the day with us at the Chantry Chapel, to film for a piece to appear on the regional news bulletin the following day. You can watch a clip of the special bulletin here on the Royal Latin School YouTube channel: [BBC South Today news report](#).

Celebrations Beyond the Chapel

Flying the Flag

We were delighted that the Old Gaol and Town Council allowed us to fly a special 600th anniversary flag from the Old Gaol flagpole during the launch celebrations. Huge thanks to both organisations for helping us to take our celebration with the town in this way, and to Russell from the antiques shop for shinning up the flagpole to fly the flag in our honour!



Headteacher David Hudson and Year 12 'founders' address a year group assembly

Celebration Assemblies

Back at school, every student attended a special 600th anniversary assembly led by Mr Hudson, ably assisted by the sixth-formers playing the six founders. Students also enjoyed watching a brief video about the history of the school, and all were happy to receive their special 600th anniversary pin badge, gifted to every student and every member of staff by the Friends of the Royal Latin School.



Mr Jenkins announces the anniversary in school

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez - It's Mr Jenkins, Royal Latin Town Crier!

Students and staff were taken by surprise during the afternoon of the launch day, when at 14:23, the sound of the unmistakable voice of chemistry teacher Mr Jenkins (also an Old Latin, Class of 2004), began to ring through the school. Dressed in full Town Crier regalia, Mr Jenkins strode through corridors and between buildings, calling the school to attention and to join everyone together in a surprise moment of celebration of the start of the 600th anniversary of the school. We suspect this won't be the only appearance Mr Jenkins makes during 2023 as the official Royal Latin Town Crier – thank you Mr Jenkins!

A Special Gathering by Candlelight



Guests gathered in the Chantry Chapel

After the fun and festivities of the daytime celebrations, the chapel took on a more reverent atmosphere, as the team prepared the historic building for the grand finale to the launch day: a private reception for sixty guests, students and staff, to formally commemorate the start of 2023.

Guests were welcomed by the stunning voices of Ella and Anna, from London-based Coro Spezzato, and enjoyed drinks and canapés kindly gifted by Impact Food Group. David Hudson, host for the evening, addressed guests and introduced a number of special guests, including the costumed students who had been performing as the six students and founders throughout the day.

Former Deputy Headteacher Andy Cooper stepped forward to describe 15th-century school life in the Chantry Chapel, before reciting the Pater Noster in Latin, and testing young students on their grasp of Latin. Royal Latin Governor the Reverend Peter Williams then spoke to guests about the role of religion in the school's survival over the centuries, before reciting a blessing in Latin. David Hudson spoke movingly about the changes the school had undergone across six centuries, and about his pride at leading the school into such a historic milestone anniversary. Guests remained in the chapel to toast the anniversary and to sign the official 2023 Visitors Book, which visitors to the school will be invited to add their signatures to throughout the year.



Members of the 2023 Committee sign the Visitors Book

Special thanks to the Old Latin (who wishes to remain anonymous) who very kindly made a donation to cover all of the costs of the launch day events.

Thanks too to all of the 2023 volunteer committee, and to the staff, students, Old Latins, parents and governors who pooled together their extraordinary efforts and talents to make the events so special.

600 Years of Education: Reflections from our Headteacher, David Hudson

This year marks a very special moment, not only for the Royal Latin, but also for Buckingham and Buckinghamshire. Not many state schools are able to celebrate their 600th anniversaries (we think we are the 100th oldest school in the world!) and we are marking a truly significant moment in history.

We recently launched this year of celebration in the Chantry Chapel which has stood in the heart of Buckingham for over 800 years – first as a hospital, then Chantry Chapel and school. Now owned by the National Trust this wonderful building stands as living testimony to a Latin education which has stood the test of time.

It is a privilege for me to be our Headteacher at such an auspicious moment. As I look back over our 600 years there have, of course, been significant changes. At the same time, however, there are also core values of the education we have provided over such a long period, which have continued to form a fundamental part of our school over these six centuries. So, what have we learned as we look back at 600 years of education?

At the heart of our education lie key values and virtues which can be traced back to our very origins. In this piece, I would like to highlight four particular values and virtues that have run through our history.

The first is resilience. Edmund Burke has described the key to institutional growth as a 'disposition to preserve and an ability to improve' and there is no doubt that the Latin School has always been a school with an instinct not only to survive but also to build on its foundations.

There have been moments in our long history when others could have closed us down or indeed we could have lost the will to continue. Henry VIII in the 16th century was no great supporter of Chantry Chapels but seemed to overlook Buckingham; the great fire in Buckingham in the 18th century (1725) was a direct threat to the fabric of the school; and two world wars were not enough to close the school, even temporarily.

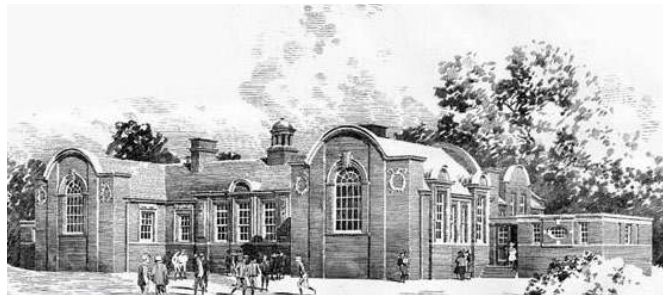
More recently, of course, political change in the 20th century closed many grammar schools across the country as so many of them were converted to comprehensive status. Still the Royal Latin survived. Under my own tenure it caused me some sadness to be forced to close the school in March 2020 as the first lockdown was announced. But we have bounced back – staff and students have shown great strength to restore normal routine and show, as we always have, that we are able to weather the storm.

From time to time the survival of our school has even depended on the depth of the headmaster's own pocket, though I'm pleased to say this has been less the case in recent years! What is certain is that on many occasions we have come through difficult times only with the financial support and the kindness of key members of the school, town and county communities.

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A 19-century drawing of the Chantry Chapel



The early 20th-century drawing of the first Chandos Road site



The new school building ('Main Block') on the Brookfield Estate in 1963

Reflections from our Headteacher continued

So survival yes. But the school has not only survived but flourished. What has marked the Latin through the centuries is a second value – a willingness to innovate, to regenerate, renew and respond to change. Those six boys of 1423 increased to 100 boys and girls when we moved to Chandos Road in 1907, 350 pupils moved to our current site in 1963, and we now stand as a school of over 1,300 students. The school facilities and opportunities these students enjoy are a world away from those of their predecessors. Again this has happened only with the philanthropic instincts and active support of key friends of the school.

Our founders spring to mind and have been key influences in this process – John Ruding restored the Chantry Chapel in the 15th century; Sir Alexander Denton provided financial support in the 17th century; Sir Harry Verney and Lady Verney had the foresight and vision to realise that if it wanted to improve then the school needed to move site. This new lease of life was further built upon, quite literally, by the move to our current site, something which would not have happened without the drive and commitment of that great predecessor of mine, George Embleton. And finally, this tradition has been preserved by Old Latins (such as Julian Thomas and Bernard Garbe) and parents and local supporters (such as Chris Price at ek robotics) who have literally invested in our future.

Whilst the look of the school may have changed, the third virtue of integrity remains a constant. High educational and personal standards have been increasingly expected from headteachers, governors, teachers and parents, and we have seen our students respond accordingly. The new motto which the school adopted in the 1990s encourages 'high expectations for all'. Everyone associated with the school appreciates the opportunities available to them, and rightly has a pride in being part of what one student recently described to me as 'the Latin Family'. As a result of the foundation of the education they receive, Royal Latin students go on to make a significant impact on Britain and the world – historians, scientists, architects, sportsmen and women, artists, musicians, engineers, teachers, doctors and many more professions benefit from our outstanding role models with so many of our alumni giving back so much to society. I am sure all of you reading this article will think of individuals who personify exactly the virtue to which I refer.

We are rightly, I believe, proud of the high quality academic education we have provided over many years. But equally important is the final value of nurturing linked as it is to that ancient virtue of compassion. The Latin has always stood as a major feature of life in the community of Buckingham. Having talked to lots of Old Latins over the last 13 years, the idea of giving back to the community of Buckingham and beyond would seem to be something which our school has cherished and developed. Recent years in particular have seen us open our doors to an increasingly wide range of diverse groups, sharing our facilities



Monument to Sir Alexander Denton by Sir Henry Cheere in All Saints Church, Hillesden



Gabriel Newton remembered on the Haymarket Memorial Clock Tower in Leicester



Margaret Maria Lady Verney

with the young from primary schools right the way through to adults and the older generation. As I walk through our site on a typical evening in 2023, I can move from a Lillingstone Trust community lecture in the Discovery Centre, to watching hundreds of youngsters from local football clubs playing on our 3G football pitch and then dropping in to see drama and music students performing in the school hall. What a wonderful thing it is to see our school sitting proudly as a central part of community life.

I feel very honoured to serve as the 44th headteacher of our school nearly 500 years since Thomas Hawkins, our first recorded headmaster, trod the flagstones of the Chantry Chapel in 1524. I love our school, and feel privileged to be headteacher at such an important milestone in our history. I am very lucky to be able to take a lead in preserving what is, I believe, a unique heritage, to focus on the importance of stewardship, of handing on a legacy of which future generations can be proud, making our own small contribution to this ever-developing Latin tapestry. Dan Jones, Old Latin and best selling historian, has put it much better than I ever could. He contributed these wonderful words to our new history of the school, "When we acknowledge that we are part of something far greater than ourselves... 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."

And so it is. 600 years matter and we should never forget our history. Our predecessors matter and we should respect the role they played in forming what our school is today. Our community matters and we should continue to look to the future to see how we can play an active part in continuing to embrace change - how we respond, adapt and thrive.

This remarkable year, this momentous 600th anniversary, allows us on the one hand to look back, to respect and celebrate our very special history. But on the other hand, and at the same time, we will do what this Latin School has always done – both look forward to, and plan for, a vibrant future in 2024 and beyond.



The current school site, as seen from the air

Introducing our 2023 Charter

The 600th anniversary of the school, and of our close relationship with the town of Buckingham, provides an opportunity to take stock, reflect on our values and responsibilities, and think about what we can do to ensure that we are giving back to the community which has nurtured us for 600 years.

Together with staff, students, parents and Old Latins, we have created a '2023 Charter' – a set of goals, pledges and promises focusing on supporting our community, conserving our heritage, protecting our planet, and embracing our future.

Throughout 2023 and beyond, we will be working hard to deliver each of the pledges on the Charter, and we'll report on activities undertaken by the school community as we work together towards our goals, which include things like:

- Each form giving 600 volunteering hours to the community
- Inspiring 600 random acts of kindness
- Planting 600 trees
- Increasing access to our archive
- Finding 600 mentors for sixth-formers

The full Charter is below; for a more detailed breakdown of each section showing our pledges to Community, Planet, Heritage and Future, please visit www.royallatin.org/rls-2023-charter

Thank you to all of the Old Latins who have helped to create the Charter - we're really excited about delivering on all of our pledges throughout the year!

Royal Latin School 2023 Charter

In our 600th Anniversary year we pledge to:



Support our Community

- Listen to our communities to understand how we can best help
- Encourage each form to give 6pp volunteering hours to local organisations
- Inspire 600 acts of kindness in our school and community
- Stage an inaugural 'Extraordinary People Awards' to recognise extraordinary individuals' acts and contributions to community and society
- Deliver inclusive lecture programmes and outreach to our community
- Make our site and facilities available to a wide range of community organisations for meetings, activities and events
- Connect our communities, both virtually and in person

Protect our Planet

- Look after the wildlife and trees on our beautiful site, with a QR coded tree trail, podcasts and lectures
- Work with partners to plant 600 trees
- Work with experts and volunteers to make our site as ecological-friendly as possible
- Ensure sustainability is a key consideration in all school activities
- Maximise use of green energy sources (solar, EV, air source systems)
- Set new targets for recycling and waste reduction
- Connect with a school in every Buckingham in the world to share ideas on how to care for our local ecologies, and our planet

Conserve our Heritage

- Remember our Founders and Royal Charter, and respect our role as the 100th oldest school in the world
- Expand our Archive and look after the items and memories entrusted to our care
- Increase access to our Archive to enable people to connect through heritage
- Conserve the heritage on our site for future generations to enjoy
- Create an audio tour in school and town and a timeline to share our story
- Publish 'Latin Lives: 600 Years of the Royal Latin School'
- Present students with a commemorative keepsake and message to mark their presence at the school in 2023

Embrace our Future

- Uphold the Royal Latin vision, values and virtues, ensuring they are part of daily life for students, staff, Governors and volunteers
- Provide an inclusive education incorporating teaching, wellbeing and pastoral care, for students and families
- Find 600 inspirational mentors for students
- Create a global map of alumni and welcome back all Old Latins to their school
- Drive innovation, celebrate and embrace diversity in all aspects of school life and share best practice with other schools
- Serve our town and be proactive in playing our part in Buckingham's unique educational community

Delivering the Pledges on our 2023 Charter

We've already made a great start!



Listening to our Community: Community Café

Student volunteers opened a pop up cafe in the Chantry Chapel on the day of our 600th anniversary launch, and served tea, coffee and cakes to members of the community, and chatted to them about the school and chapel. We'll be looking for more opportunities to serve the community throughout the year!

Planting 600 Trees

On 27th January, we were delighted to be able to work with Old Latin Mark Wheeler to plant 628 trees (provided by the Woodland Trust) just outside Buckingham. Thanks also to Old Latins Dean Jones (Class of 1997) and Tim Norman (Class of 1993) who came along to help the students and staff on a very cold morning!



Finding 600 Mentors

We've set ourselves the target of finding 600 Old Latins to become inspirational mentors to sixth-formers to offer a sounding board and friendly advice as they make decisions about their futures. We are thrilled that after just a few weeks, 176 Old Latins have already volunteered to become mentors. THANK YOU!! If you'd like to become a mentor, just join RLS Connect and sign up at rlsconnect.royallatin.org.

Special 600th Anniversary Reunions

We're really looking forward to throwing open the gates and welcoming back as many Old Latins as possible at our special reunion dates this year. Have you and your friends booked your places yet?

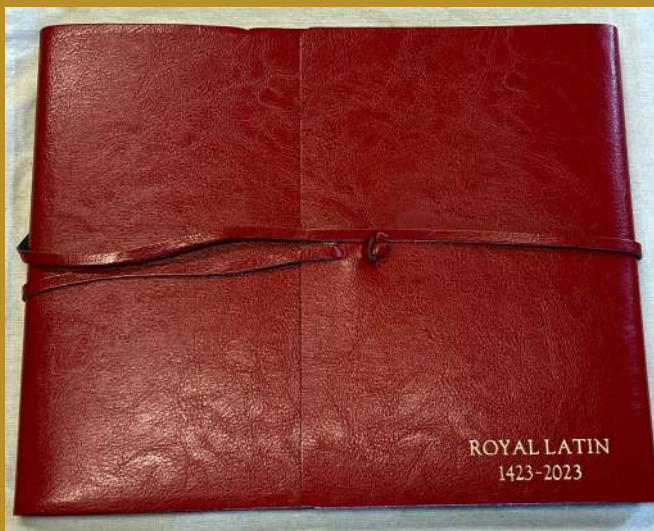
There are several main reunion events to choose from (see next page for all dates, and for links to the ticket booking pages), in May, June and October. We also have specific reunions such as the Boarders' Reunion on 25th March and the Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies' Reunion on 21st April.

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

Record your place in history at your reunion...

When you come to a reunion or other 600th Anniversary event, you'll be able to make your mark and record your place in the school's history by signing one of our special 2023 Visitor Books. The books will then be kept safely in the school archive room, as a permanent record of the Old Latins, staff, students, and other friends of the school who take part in the anniversary celebrations throughout the year.



Guests		
Date	Name	Email - Address - Comments
18 th January 2023	David Hudson	As Headteacher of the Royal Latin School I am proud to launch this special year of celebration.

Reunion Dates - Book your Places!



Boarders' Reunion Saturday 25th March 2023

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

Book your place at:
rlsconnect.royallatin.org/event/boarder-s-reunion



Photocall for Headteachers, Head Boys, Head Girls and Deputies Friday 21st April 2023

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.

Reserve your place at:
rlsconnect.royallatin.org/event/head-photocall



Spring Reunion Saturday 20th May 2023

Book at:
rlsconnect.royallatin.org/event/spring-reunion



Summer Reunion Saturday 17th June 2023

Book at:
rlsconnect.royallatin.org/event/summer-reunion



Autumn Reunion Saturday 10th October 2023

Book at:
rlsconnect.royallatin.org/event/autumn-reunion

We'd love you to get in touch with some of your classmates to see which date would suit everyone best, and then reserve your places. To make it easier, register on RLS Connect and look in Groups for your year, so 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!

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!

Preserving our heritage and the Royal Latin archive

Our 600th Anniversary brings renewed importance to all of the work we have been doing over the last decade to preserve photographs, documents, publications and physical items in our Archive Room in Rotherfield House. Documenting the anniversary itself is also important - we imagine our successors looking back at 2023 in another century's time and perusing all of the photographs and event programmes for inspiration!

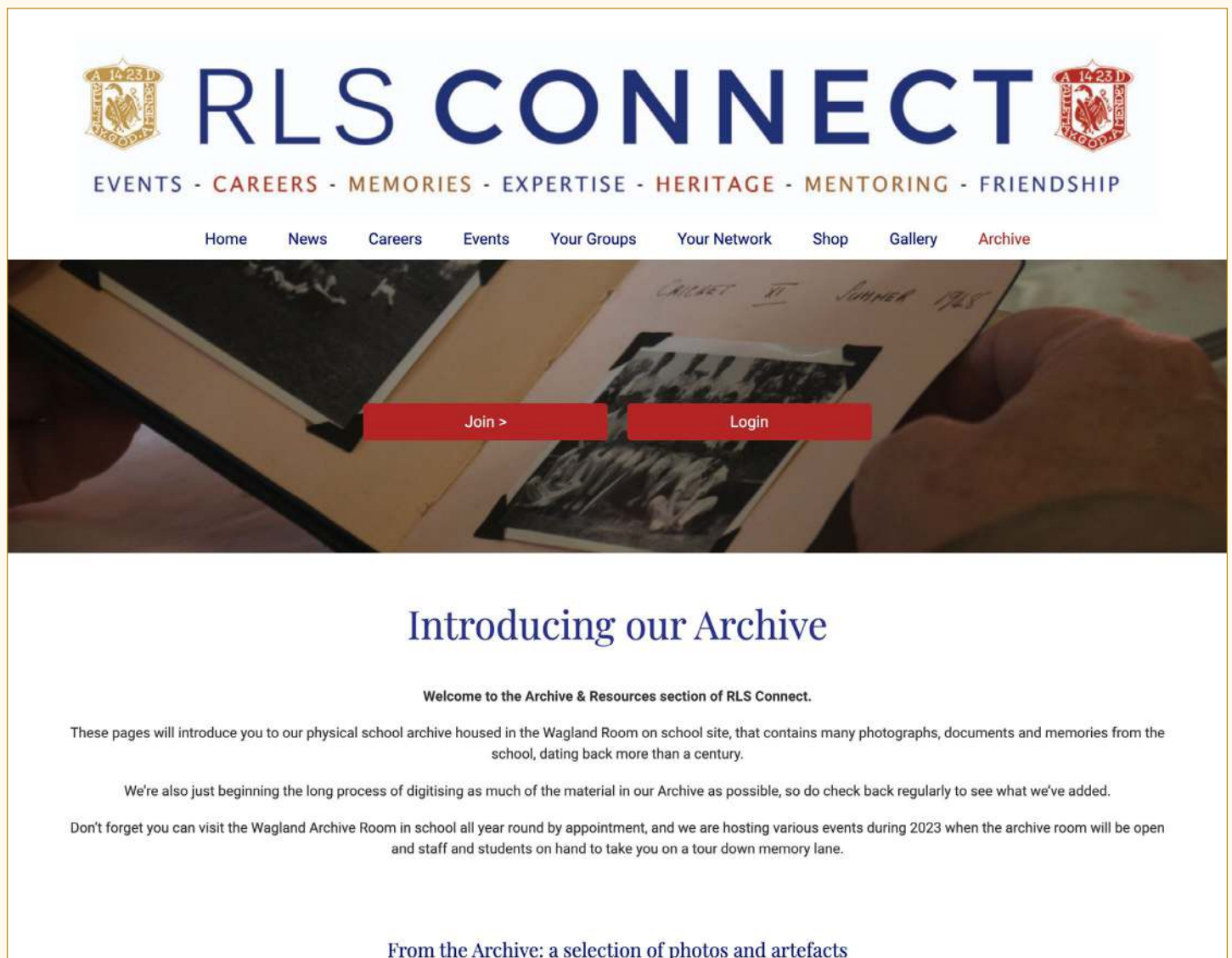
2023 Archive & Heritage Day

As one of our favourite annual alumni events, we were keen to ensure that the 2023 Archive Day would be an extra special celebration of our heritage, and bigger and better than ever before. This year's event (see opposite page for details) will include new opportunities to peruse our archive collection – including the entire digital archive – as well as to visit one of the finest heritage assets on the school site: the William de Morgan tiled fireplace in Brookfield House. We also hope to further expand our working relationship with the National Trust, and give you an opportunity to visit the Chapel on the day, which is well worth doing.

Digital Archive on RLS Connect

At the time of writing, specialist archivists are scanning 2,934 document pages and photographs from our archive, and uploading them to a specially created section of RLS Connect. This is a huge task, and is only the very tip of the iceberg; it will take many years of digitisation at this rate to enable us to preserve a digital copy of everything we have in the Archive Room. As daunting as the task may be, it is an important one, and one we didn't want to wait any longer to embark upon.

As soon as the material is ready to explore on the Archive section of RLS Connect, we'll let you know!



The screenshot shows the RLS Connect website interface. At the top, there are two school crests flanking the text "RLS CONNECT". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "EVENTS - CAREERS - MEMORIES - EXPERTISE - HERITAGE - MENTORING - FRIENDSHIP". A secondary navigation bar includes "Home", "News", "Careers", "Events", "Your Groups", "Your Network", "Shop", "Gallery", and "Archive". The main content area features a background image of hands holding an open book and a photograph. Two red buttons labeled "Join >" and "Login" are overlaid on the image. Below the image, the heading "Introducing our Archive" is followed by a welcome message and several paragraphs of text.

Introducing our Archive

Welcome to the Archive & Resources section of RLS Connect.

These pages will introduce you to our physical school archive housed in the Wagland Room on school site, that contains many photographs, documents and memories from the school, dating back more than a century.

We're also just beginning the long process of digitising as much of the material in our Archive as possible, so do check back regularly to see what we've added.

Don't forget you can visit the Wagland Archive Room in school all year round by appointment, and we are hosting various events during 2023 when the archive room will be open and staff and students on hand to take you on a tour down memory lane.

From the Archive: a selection of photos and artefacts

Archive & Heritage Day

3rd May 2023

4pm-6pm

- Archive Day is back for 2023, and in our 600th anniversary year we want to offer more opportunities than ever to view and experience the heritage and archive collection of the Royal Latin
- Catch up with fellow alumni in a friendly and informal atmosphere in Rotherfield House - refreshments provided
- Peruse our archive collection in the Wagland Archive Room
- Visit one of the finest heritage assets on the school site: the William de Morgan tiled fireplace in Brookfield House
- Visit the Buckingham Chantry Chapel, the first home of the Royal Latin School and stop by the old 'RLS' gates that still stand at the second home of the Royal Latin - the George Grenville Academy site on Chandos Road.

Book your place at: rlsconnect.royallatin.org/event/archiveday2023



600th Anniversary Gold Gala Ball

Planning for the Gala Ball, taking place at the school on Saturday 30th September, continues apace! This incredibly special evening will take place in a superb chandelier-lit marquee on the school field, with amazing food, great wines, top entertainment and wonderful company. We're excited to announce that local band Firing Line (of which several Old Latins – Ben Weston, Mark Edwards and Kate Edwards are Old Latins), who have a longstanding reputation for their live performances, will be performing on the evening. We're also securing performances and surprise appearances by a number of other Old Latins, to keep guests entertained throughout the night!

Half of the Gala Ball tickets have already been sold, so if you haven't got yours yet, we'd recommend booking your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. You can either book tables of ten, or just book as many individual tickets as your party needs – and if you want to come just on your own, that's absolutely fine, we'll give you a warm welcome and seat you with a friendly bunch who will rapidly become new friends during the course of the special evening we have planned for you!

BOOKING OPEN!

To book your tickets for the Gala Ball, please visit:
riscconnect.royallatin.org/event/goldgalaball2023

Remember that you only need to pay a deposit to secure your booking, and that you can opt to pay the balance in instalments between April and July. If you're booking a whole table for your friends, class or year group, you don't need to have everyone's names at the time of booking; simply enter Guest 1, Guest 2 etc. on the ticket booking form on the link above.



Firing Line will be performing at the Gold Gala Ball, amongst other Old Latin acts



Would you like to play your part in the 600th Anniversary celebrations by becoming a Gold Ball Sponsor? A number of opportunities are still available - please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2eabstv> for sponsorship details. Thank you!

The 2023 Royal Latin Extraordinary People Awards

Do you know someone who has gone out of their way to help others? Someone who is not only helping those around them, but also inspiring others to follow suit?

As part of our commitment to the community, we're excited to launch our inaugural 'Extraordinary People Awards'. The awards will seek to reflect the Royal Latin values and virtues and aim to recognise those in our community including Old Latins, staff, students and community members – who have demonstrated extraordinary qualities in their efforts to overcome challenges and help others. Nominations for the following awards are now open and recipients will be chosen by a panel of judges from our community, and presented with their awards at the Gold Gala Ball in September: www.royallatin.org/extraordinary-people-awards

The Royal Latin Extraordinary People Award for Nurturing

This award seeks to recognise someone who demonstrates extraordinary levels of compassion for their fellow humans or for the natural world. Whether caring for a friend or family member, supporting colleagues, responding sensitively to the needs of strangers, or nurturing wildlife or plantlife, this person is a shining example of demonstrating empathy and proactively protecting the vulnerable. It may also be someone who dedicates time to nurturing important life skills in others, empowering them in turn to give their best to the world.

The Royal Latin Extraordinary People Award for Innovation

This award is for someone who demonstrates an extraordinary ability to innovate; someone who has the courage to do things differently, to try to find new solutions to problems in order to change things for the better in their community. This could include someone who has found new ways to use technology to improve the lives of others.

The Royal Latin Extraordinary People Award for Leadership

We're seeking someone who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities whilst facing challenges, or in helping others. Nominees will have integrity and have the ability to take the lead in a way that inspires those around them to follow; nominations for those who quietly lead, and those who lead commandingly, are welcome!

The Royal Latin Extraordinary People Award for Resilience

Overcoming challenges and creating change for others doesn't come easily. This award seeks to recognise someone who shows remarkable resilience; someone who just keeps on aiming high and dreaming big, despite knock-backs. Someone who keeps those they're seeking to help at the very centre of their efforts, and who aspires to create real change in their community.

The Royal Latin Extraordinary People Award for Teamwork

This award is for an individual who is a valued member of a hardworking team; someone who makes the team a better team, who personifies team spirit and not only invests energy in the shared goal of helping others and creating change, but in supporting and learning from fellow team members. Nominations may also be submitted for a small team of people who embody these qualities.

You can find further details and nominate people for the awards by completing the simple nominations form by 26th May 2023 at: www.royallatin.org/extraordinary-people-awards

If your company would like to sponsor one of the awards, please see <https://tinyurl.com/bdztc6hw> for further details of the sponsorship opportunities available.



600th anniversary shop

Brand new
limited edition
items now available

www.royallatin.org/shop



£16



£2



£20

Family Garden Party



- This event will give our whole school community, including Old Latins, current school students, staff and their families, the chance to come together for a fabulous party in the grounds of the Royal Latin, to celebrate our very special 600th anniversary
- Enjoy music from former Royal Latin teacher Tad Newton and his Jazz Friends, as well as some of our talented Royal Latin musicians
- Bring a picnic or sample refreshments from local suppliers, including Buckingham's well-loved local purveyor of cakes and sweet treats, Pure Patisserie
- There will also be various entertainments, games and activities on offer, including a 600th anniversary-themed treasure trail and quiz, inflatable fun and games for children of all ages

Book your tickets at:
rslconnect.royallatin.org/event/familygardenparty



RLS CONNECT



EVENTS - CAREERS - MEMORIES - EXPERTISE - HERITAGE - MENTORING - FRIENDSHIP

RLS Connect is Growing by the Day!

We're thrilled to see that since we launched RLS Connect, our new platform for Old Latins, at the time of writing more than 420 Old Latins have logged onto the site and begun to enjoy everything it has to offer.

Once you've joined the site (free of charge, that's important to say!), you're able to:

- Easily keep your contact details up to date
- Search for and connect with old school friends
- Connect with Old Latins with similar interests/careers
- Join online groups for your year, decade and other interests
- Become a mentor to current 6th formers
- Book tickets for events and reunions
- Visit the RLS Shop to buy memorabilia
- Post job adverts to recruit fellow Old Latins
- COMING SOON: Explore hundreds of photos in our new digital archive

Here's what Old Latins are saying about RLS Connect so far:

"A fantastic site and one that will be well used for many purposes...a wonderful asset for the school, for all students, past, present and future."

"It's a place for all things Old Latin"

"It is shaping up so well and will just be a fabulous asset to alumni in so many ways."

"Excellent, a superb asset!"

"Colourful and very comprehensively laid out...a lot on offer and real benefits to joining."

"Great idea, do count me in!"

If you haven't joined yet:

Head to rlsconnect.royallatin.org to join and start exploring, and do email us at rlsconnect@royallatin.org if you need help or have any questions.

We're looking forward to seeing you online!

If you've already joined:

Thank you for joining, we hope you're enjoying the site - let us know what you think! Please do use the 'Invite Friends' button to invite your former classmates to the site - we'd love to see your whole year group online!

Headteachers' Gallery:

a selection of archive images from the 19th to 21st centuries



Thomas Cockram
1871–1891 & 1895–1896



Walter Matthew Cox
1896–1908



William Fuller (centre, with his prefects)
1908–1931



Maurice Walton Thomas
1931–1935



Stanley Arthur Dymnt
1936–1939



H B Toft
1939–1941



George Kenneth Embleton
1948–1979



Peter Luff
1979–1992



Cecilia Galloway
1992–2005



Andrew Robert Cooper
2006–2009



David Hudson
2010–present



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

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600th Anniversary Calendar of Events

January - December 2023

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 1st 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...

You can find further event details and book your tickets at rlsconnect.royallatin.org/events
Events to take place at The Royal Latin School, Chandos Road unless otherwise stipulated.

Entry to events is free, unless indicated with an * above.

Tickets must be booked for all events, early booking recommended.