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Old Camdenians' Newsletter Sept 2020

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News from our President

Dear OCC members,

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the generosity in raising funds to help our most disadvantaged students prepare for their wider learning opportunities. Our 'Chromebooks for All' scheme means that none of our students will miss out on their learning in the event of another lockdown. We are aiming to eradicate digital poverty at Beacon High and the associated disadvantage that this brings.

In other news we have much improved GCSE results this year. I am sure you were all aware of the controversial algorithm which could have potentially downgraded many of our youngsters. We were very happy that the government abandoned its plans and reinstated the Teacher Assessed grades which meant that all of our learners got the results that they had worked so hard to achieve. It was such a wonderful day for our students who all received their results with individual face to face appointments. Obviously, we were unable to host the normal results day because of social distancing measures but as you can see from the photos (see the 'Success Stories' in 'The Beacon' Vol 4; Issue 2, Friday 18th Sept. 2020) it was a celebratory occasion, nonetheless.

We have all successfully returned to school this Autumn which has presented many logistical challenges, but the aim is to keep our students and staff safe. Understandably the Annual Reunion Luncheon has been cancelled for this Autumn. Let us hope that we will be in a more secure environment next year.

Best wishes **Alan Streeter** Headteacher Beacon High and President of the OCC

Lunchtime at Beacon High and students are still engaging with learning thanks to chrome books for all! 📖



The Old Camdenians'
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Update on the Old Camdenians' Chromebook Fund

Since 1909, Old Camdenians have been supporting both the school and its pupils with bursaries for education, foreign visits, a large donation towards funding new gym equipment, the school's Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the school choir and now, funding "*Chromebooks for All*" during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Thanks to your generous donations of £3,240, the OCC will be sponsoring twenty-seven (27) Chromebooks from our '*Old Camdenians' Chromebook Fund*', With your help we could sponsor more students with a '*vital tool*' and change a child's future. If you wish to contribute to the '*Old Camdenians' Chromebook Fund*' please send a cheque to Martin Quilter, OCC Treasurer, at 12 Darlands Drive, Barnet, London, EN5 2DF. If you wish to pay electronically please ensure that you send Martin an email at admin@oldcamdenians.info confirming that you have done so – many thanks! You can also use **PayPal** and send direct to admin@oldcamdenians.info

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Chairman's update

Dear Old Camdenians,

I trust that you and your family are well? Firstly, thank you for supporting our '*Old Camdenians' Chromebook Fund*'; as our President says, "*your generosity in raising funds to help our most disadvantaged students prepare for their wider learning opportunities.*" Secondly, the 50+ Club is the main source of income for the club! With your valued participation and generous donations, the OCC is more able to support pupils and the school with yearly disbursements; please see George Ives' update below for further information.

In July, I told you that I was at Holloway School during World War Two when the world was in turmoil and we were evacuated to Towcester. Well, the second wave of Covid19 appears to be on us; a bit like the V1s & V2s at the end of the war. We have had to postpone our Annual Reunion Luncheon to next year, but hopefully, we may be able to realise a summer and autumn gathering in 2021? Also, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be via Zoom on Friday 30th October 2020: please see Secretary's update below for further information.

Finally, I am sorry that we will not be meeting each other this year, however, I am certain we can get through this Covid19 pandemic and meet next year. Good luck to all Old Camdenians. **Ken Ranson**

Secretary's update

I would also like to thank all of you that have donated to the '**Old Camdenians' Chromebook Fund**' and to those who have signed up for the 50+ Club, which is our main source of income.

Your committee hopes that you are all keeping safe and have been able to make the most of the summer. If any of you need our assistance, please do not hesitate to ask for support.

We have been informed that the Charity Commission have issued new guidance to reflect emergency legislation passed in July 2020 as a response to the Covid-19 lockdown period and which therefore supersedes advice previously issued regarding Annual General Meetings due to be held between 26th March and 30th October 2020. All postponed Annual General Meetings due to be held between the aforementioned dates should, where possible, be held before the 30th October 2020. The reason for this is by announcing the date of an Annual General Meeting notice has been given to members and to not hold the notified Annual General Meeting by the 30th October 2020 may breach our constitution.

Three options were given - **Option 1:** Face-to-face Annual General Meeting, **Option 2:** Virtual Annual General Meeting or **Option 3:** Hybrid Annual General Meeting (use a combination of option 1 and 2).

Whilst the OCC is not a Charity, the OC Committee chose to use option 2 - hold a Virtual Annual Meeting. A member's rights in relation to this type of meeting are amended as follows: a) A member does not have the right to attend in person. b) a member retains any rights they have to vote at the meeting, but the Committee can decide how voting will be organised – online poll, proxy, or a combination of the two. c) a member has no other rights to participate in the meeting, meaning that they can only participate using the methods of participation that the Committee choose to offer.

From March 2020, the Old Camdenians Club has not been able to hold a members meeting due to Government pandemic restrictions. However, we successfully held a meeting via Zoom, a virtual platform and therefore we propose to use Zoom for our Annual General Meeting.

On Friday 30 October 2020, at 8pm, the Old Camdenians' Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom and scheduled for one hour, ending at 9pm.

- Copies of the Chairman's report, treasurer's report, Secretary's report, and minutes of AGM 2019 meeting will be sent to members by email. All members are requested to read these documents.
- Any member who has a question relating to the reports is asked to email us as soon as possible and by Monday 26th October 2020 at admin@oldcamdenians.info
- Any questions from members will be answered by the committee during the Annual General Meeting. Any member who asked a question, but is not able to attend the Zoom meeting, will be sent an answer.
- If any member does not have access to email, they are requested to speak to another member or friend who does and who can submit a question on their behalf.
- We will not be reading out the reports at the meeting as at previous annual general meetings, however, the reports do need to be proposed and seconded by members.
- Members will be asked to approve the committee members and officers. The existing committee and officers are prepared to stand for another term. Any other member nominations to join the committee are welcome.
- The Annual General Meeting will be recorded in the usual way. Members attending should be able to see and hear all the business of the meeting.

A reminder for the Zoom meeting will be emailed to members.

If any member is unclear over arrangements, please contact us at admin@oldcamdenians.info

Keep safe. **Ray Rowe**

News from some of our Committee Members

George Ives

It is with regret that I inform you that the Annual Reunion Lunch has now been postponed. We are hopeful that we can rearrange it in May 2021. Ray Rowe is hoping to be able to conduct the AGM via the computer.

The new year for the 50+ Club is imminent and there are numbers available if you would like to contact me. Basically, the Club Membership is £60 per year or a Standing Order of £5 per month. A number between 1 and 59 is selected and that is entered into a Monthly Draw which is determined by the First Two Numbers drawn in the National Lottery. Prizes are £100 (£200 in November) and £20 (£50 in November).

Please contact me if you wish to participate or even if you wish for an extra number. The money raised helps the Committee make various grants to assist the School and its students. This year, the **Club has provided 14 Chromebooks @ £120 each in answer to the Chairman of Governor's Appeal** for Chromebooks made in our recent Newsletter. These are to help combat the loss of Teaching due to the Pandemic and its restriction's. **I am pleased to report that other OC's have responded, and the total number of Chromebooks being purchased on behalf of the Club and its members is now 27 and it is not too late to respond to the appeal.**

Hope you are keeping well and avoiding the Virus!

George Ives

Ellie Mandla

Dear Old Camdenians,

I am pleased to inform you that I achieved the necessary grades at A-level in English (A); History (A); Geography (B); and Politics (B*); after a two-year course at the London Academy of Excellence. I have been accepted to study law at Warwick University and, hopefully, to become a solicitor.

During my time at Warwick University I intend to continue assisting Ray and other Committee members to represent the Old Camdenians at Beacon High school. I have agreed to give yearly updates to students at Beacon High on the benefits of the '*Bill and Nora Wraight Old Camdenians Memorial Fund*' for tertiary education.

Also, I hope to be available for this year's AGM, via Zoom in October, and to attend the Annual Reunion Lunch next year.

Yours faithfully,

Ellie Mandla

Alan Meyer

Did Alan have his haircut? Did Arsenal stay in Europe? Did England beat the Windies? Yes, Alan's wishes became a reality. Alan also suggested that we "*Keep smiling – it's more infectious than the virus and better for your health! Stay safe*" Good advice Alan.

News from some of our Members

Mike Greenwood (Australia)



Dear Alan (President OCC),

I was in the 'sixth form' at Holloway 'Comprehensive' in 1964 when the school organised a trip to Italy. This photo may, or may not, be of interest as a collectable for the school. Mr Vannoy (with pipe on the right - Chemistry) and 'Nobby' Clarke the Latin teacher (tallest, centre left) were the responsible adults.

Mike Greenwood (Living in Australia since 1986) – Thanks for the photo Mike. Hopefully, it might create a response.

Bali Haque (New Zealand)

I am an ex student and attended 1962?-9. I am keen to recall more about my time there. I must have been part of an early wave of Pakistani children coming into the school. It was not always easy, but I have positive memories. I was Deputy Head Boy, played cricket, basketball, and various other sports I recall some teachers Mr Mountblac(economics) Mr Mackenzie (History) and Mr Pepper (English), Mr Evans (PE). I think I was in Red House. I am keen to contact fellow students at the time. Roger Eastwood was Head boy. At the time not many went to University, but I am not sure about that.

I live In New Zealand and have done for many years- my memory of the school is hazy, and I would love to fill in some gaps Love to hear from you. Iqbal Haque (Bali Haque).

A few members who also got in touch with us:- John Duffy (57-64); Pete Gourri (New York); Dean Christy (64); Craig Hinkins (60-68); Michael R Mountcastle (43-51); Peter Todd; Edmund Tillotson (52-57); Bambos Gregory; David Friend (55-62); Bryan Williams (63-69); and John Smallwood. Let us know if you want to make contact. We can pass on your details.

Old Camdenians – Alumni Success Stories

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Have you visited our website recently? There is a rich source of information for you to access. Do you have any photos or documents from your time at Holloway and/or Beacon High? If so, we will share them with your friends on our website and include them in future newsletters. Also, we would like to include school team photos on the website in the photo gallery and it would be nice to include the names of the team members. You could send in your team photos for a variety of sports

Also, there is a link from our website to www.beaconhigh.org and likewise. Read the school's weekly newsletter 'The Beacon', where we have a voice too with links to our website. Visit Beacon High's website and in the tab 'About Us' you will find 'Community Links'. Click on that and you will see a tab entitled "Old Camdenians – Alumni Success Stories" that takes you straight to a link to our website <http://www.oldcamdenians.info>. Why not give it a try?

An extract from *The Beacon* Vol 4: Issue 1; dated 11th Sept 2020

"Aleyna Former student, Aleyna Ekinci, has received the good news that she has been accepted into Queen Mary University in East London to study Biological Sciences. She hopes to go on to work in medical or scientific research after she graduates. Initially, Aleyna had originally been rejected by Queen Mary University after her A level results were adjusted down by Ofqual's algorithm this summer. She was then offered a place at Westminster University. Following the decision to award Centre Assessment Grades, Aleyna was awarded the grades that she needed and so has secured her place at Queen Mary University, which she is very pleased about! Aleyna studied for her A Levels at LEA Tottenham. Her advice to current Beacon High students is to: "Pay attention, work hard and manage your time - stay on top of your work!"

Ali Ali was accepted to study Clinical Psychology at both Royal Holloway University and Goldsmith University. After some consideration Ali has chosen to study at Goldsmiths. Ali has always been heavily focussed on the Sciences when he was at secondary school but also has a keen interest in politics. He was not sure what to pick for his fourth A Level and, after listening to advice from friends, decided to try Psychology. It turned out that this was a subject that Ali found fascinating. He is very pleased to be spending the next three years studying a subject he truly enjoys. Ali's advice to Beacon High students is: To study the subjects that you really love because you are going to spend two years doing A Levels and then possibly three doing a degree."



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