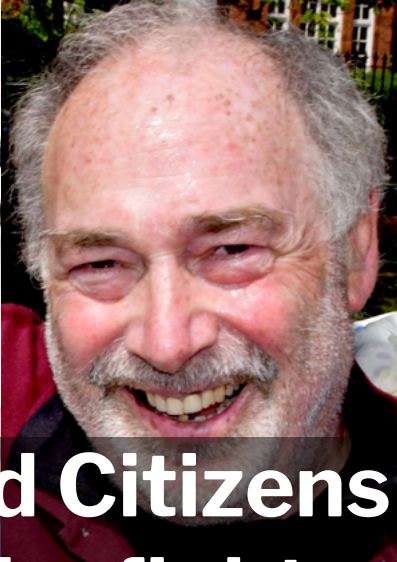


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Some of the Old Citizens playing
their part in the fight against
COVID-19



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Alumni Team news

Sharing stories and updates from the School

I hope you have all had a relaxing summer. Looking back over the last year, I am sure you will agree that the 2019/20 academic year was somewhat unusual! It started with us being named the London Independent Secondary School of the Year in the Sunday Times Parent Power Schools Guide. In terms of our alumni programme, it also started with a full Development and Alumni Team in place which is wonderful and I hope you have enjoyed getting to know Kate, James and Harriet over the last 12 months.

We welcomed over 600 alumni to reunions and events between September and March this year and we are so grateful for the very many Old Citizens who have volunteered their time to support pupils at the School or donated to our bursary appeal. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the School.



Kathrin Ostermann (2nd right) Director of Development and Alumni Relations and her team: Kate Wallace (far right), Alumni and Parent Engagement Officer, James Pierce (left), Development Officer and Harriet Bradley (2nd left), Individual Giving Manager.

Since March things have, of course, been trickier and the team and I were so sad to have to cancel our reunions and events in the summer term. That said, the wonder of Citizens Connect, Twitter and LinkedIn meant we were able to share stories and updates from the School with you throughout lockdown, and I hope you enjoyed reading our alumni interviews as well.

Although it is unlikely we will be able to host any reunions or events at the School this autumn, I very much hope our doors will re-open to you all in January! In the meantime, please stay in touch – we are always happy to hear from you – our email is alumni@cityoflondon.school.org.uk and you can find us under ‘Old Citizens’ on the School website as well.

With all good wishes to you,

Kathrin Ostermann

Director of Development and Alumni Relations

City of London School.

School’s Alumni Collection will be searchable online by year end

What’s become incredibly clear during ‘lockdown’ is how little people understand the role of an archivist. “But you can’t work from home,” they insist. Of course, I have already started compiling quite a substantial list of queries which I can only fully respond to once I’m reunited with the physical collection in September but there are also many which have been answered, largely due to the Archive Digitisation Project, initially funded by the JCC in 2012.

Two months into remote working and our digital files are looking much healthier. The photographs are finally being given unique identifiers with both donor information and pupil

names added, and issues of the ‘Citizen’ are being digitally merged to become searchable. It’s looking a lot like my lockdown to-do list won’t be finished by the time I get back to School.

Prior to lockdown the entirety of the Alumni Collection had been catalogued and should be searchable online by the end of the year. It contains 225 items, files and series covering the years 1837 to 2019 and spans 1.3 cubic metres. I am adding to the catalogue daily with my scrawled handwritten lists for other parts of the Collection with the hope that it will be searchable come January. We have also managed to fill in further gaps in the Collection this year such as with September’s anonymous donation

of the Literary and Athletic Union (LAU) Minutes for the years 1930-1957. If you have anything similar gathering dust in your attic, please do send it on so that other OCs can have a look- it’s amazing where these things end up!

I’ve been working closely with the Alumni and Development Team to add content to Citizens Connect during lockdown and I hope very much that next year I can help them to put on some actual events. In the meantime, do email me any queries you have or memories you wish to jog at archive@cityoflondon.school.org.uk and I’ll do my best to find the answers.

Katherine Symonds, Archivist

From the President

JCC talent pool continues to benefit the School



As I sit here at home today at the end of May I thought about being able to report that earlier this month I had attended the School leavers' assembly as one of the highlights of my duties as President of the John Carpenter Club. Unfortunately, the life of those senior sixth formers, all other students and staff of the City of London School and much of the world has been dramatically impacted, and for some tragically, by the global COVID-19 pandemic. I hope by the time you read this we will be emerging from this seminal event in our history although I suspect the effects will be felt for a long time.

Had I been able to meet face to face with the senior sixth at their last gathering before their examinations I would have spoken to them as I did in my speech at the JCC AGM last November, when becoming your President, about the inspiration for the foundation of this school and namesake of the club, John Carpenter and the time when he was Clerk of the City of London. This was also a time in the reign of Henry V perhaps best remembered by Shakespeare's St Crispin's Day speech on the night before the battle of Agincourt in which he has the king speak the immortal words "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers". The class of 2020, as all preceding leaving classes, is a 'band of brothers' who this summer will join a much bigger 'band of brothers' linked forever to the City of London School via membership of the John Carpenter Club.

I am delighted to report that your JCC has completed the work to forge much stronger links with the School initiated under the Presidency and leadership of John Gee-Grant and greatly advanced by Neil Edwards, my immediate predecessors. The arrival of Alan Bird as Head and Kathrin Ostermann as Director of Development and Alumni Relations was a significant catalyst for this achievement. We have better defined our relationship with the School which, most importantly, recognises that the JCC is an important stakeholder of the School and its largest. This enhanced relationship will also mean that Old Citizens of all generations and current students of the School will continue to benefit from the huge talent pool we represent. As part of better alignment with the School we have made the decision to continue to have the President and other Senior officers of the JCC elected at the AGM in November but have their terms run from the end of each School year to the next. Thus, I will continue to be your President until June 2021 when my successor elected in November 2020 will succeed me. This allows more alignment with the annual planning by the School and JCC and enhanced continuity for the JCC from year to year allowing time for the President-elect to get involved with the many aspects of the role.



Alan Bird, CLS Head (right) at the November 2019 OC Reunion in Israel

We continue to work on improving the use of our social media in conjunction with the School's social media, especially most recently 'Citizens Connect' which I commend to you all, as a way



An OC talking to pupils at the JCC AGM and Dinner

of keeping our membership informed about the School and JCC. Many thanks to Karen Sage for her work on these matters on behalf of your Club and for her work on the Gazette.

I, and others in the JCC General Committee, have been engaged in regular and new initiatives from the Alumni Office, such as the leavers' reunions, facilitating more and more Old Citizens

staying in touch, deepening old and developing new relationships. Many of these engagements and JCC events have unfortunately had to be cancelled this year but we are working with the School to ensure the years impacted will not be forgotten.

Now that we have completed our work on strengthening the relationship with the School, the JCC General Committee is starting to look to its future developing a strategic plan of which you will hear more in the coming months. Our goal is to position ourselves to better serve Old Citizens in the social, professional and sporting realm and to provide a platform to allow sharing of experiences,

mentoring and information about the world beyond school and tertiary education to the students in the School.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the JCC General Committee, with its cross-section of ages and experience. They have given me invaluable support as your President.

"The JCC has completed the work to forge much stronger links with the School"

I would also like to thank the many Old Citizens who have contributed their time and energy towards JCC sports and other events. In addition, we have greatly benefited from the partnership, help and support exhibited by the Head, Alan Bird, and Director of Alumni Relations, Kathrin Ostermann. We have continued to build a strong and mutually beneficial association with the Head and the Alumni Relations Team at the School and this proactive work will have a major impact on rekindling friendships, enhancing career opportunities and assisting fundraising for bursaries, for which the JCC is so important.

I will never forget my time at the School which, despite it only being in the sixth form, was seminal in my academic education, personal growth and ethics. I suspect that is true for the vast majority of us who were students at the School however long we were privileged to attend. As I always say when speaking

about the JCC, we are made up of individuals most of whom spent about a decade at CLS but

are part of a club where our membership continues for many decades. To the senior sixth in the class of 2020, whose final assembly had to be cancelled, I hope you will become now or over time active and engaged members of the JCC. We need your 'band of brothers' to join and be active in a much bigger band linked by attendance at the School.

To all others reading this who left CLS in years past I also ask for your continuing help in growing our Club and serving its community.

**Richard M Oblath PhD CEng
FIMMM FEI (1970 – 1972)**

Alumni Reunions and Events



An update from the Alumni Team

Before the School moved to remote learning in March 2020, we had a happy Autumn and Spring term of class reunions and events welcoming more than 600 Old Citizens.

This year's reunions started in September with a drinks reception in the School library overlooking the Thames. Former and current staff welcomed alumni from the classes of 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1994, before the group headed to dinner on the concourse. The classes of 1989 and 1994 were the best represented years and we were delighted to see video calls to class peers in Australia taking place! Robert Lazarus (Class of 1994) said: "What a really great evening. It reminded me of how privileged we were to attend CLS. Seeing old friends for the first time in 25 years was exhilarating. Looking forward to the next one."

The classes of 1999 and 2004, celebrating 15 and 20 years respectively, came along for a drinks reception on the concourse in October and were thrilled to be given personal School tours by Miss Murphy and Mr McBroom and use the opportunity to reunite and reminisce.

November saw the very first School-run international alumni reunion in Tel Aviv, hosted by Daniel Cohen (Class of 1995), David Brooks (Class of 1994), Michael Khlar (Class of 1994) and Gavriel Lebens (Class of 2003). Our Head, Alan Bird, was delighted to attend and there was even a CLS knowledge quiz! Attendees ranged from Class of 1950 OCs to three 2019 leavers



who were in Israel on Yeshiva. A happy night was enjoyed by all.

At the other end of the alumni spectrum, our most recent leavers, the Class of 2019, had their first reunion at The George Pub, after the annual School Carol Service in December. The event was kindly supported by the John Carpenter Club. There was much comparing of first terms at university and a general delight to be reunited with former staff such as Head of Sixth Form, Mr Emerson.

If your leaving year ends in a 0, 1, 5 or 6, you'll be having a milestone reunion in 2021. Join www.citizensconnect.co.uk to hear the dates first!

You can view photos from all 2019/2020 events in the past events pages of our website <https://www.cityoflondon.school.org.uk/old-citizens>

Networking and Mentoring

Additional opportunities to support each other and City of London School pupils has been most welcome this year. The first mentoring event for Old Citizens who graduated

from Oxford or Cambridge after 2010 and pupils considering applications in September 2019 took place earlier this year.

It was an extremely useful event for our pupils and a chance for alumni to come back to Queen Victoria Street. Alex Reut-Hobbs (Class of 2008) said: "It was an honour to give something back to the School, particularly in such an important area."



Our first Networking Breakfast of the year took place in February 2020 with over 80 alumni, parents and pupils attending to hear Anthony Julius (Class of 1973), Deputy Chairman of Mishcon de Reya, reflect on his time at City of London School and his career, including acting for Princess Diana. Pupils and alumni alike relished the opportunity to ask questions and connect with one another to discuss current affairs in the Law.

Volunteering

Alumni coming back to school, volunteering their time or agreeing to be interviewed by the Alumni Office has been a strong theme in 2019/20. Several Old Citizens have spoken to pupils, both virtually and in person including Raj Ghatak (Class of 1994) Actor, Joseph Ataman (Class of 2011) Video Journalist, Danny Cohen (Class of 1992) Broadcaster, Simon Hill (Class of 1970) Economist, and Professor Paul Klenerman (Class of 1981) COVID-19 vaccine scientist.

Over 40 Old Citizens from the Classes of 2012 to 2019 took part in a video project and live Higher Education Day to support our current Junior Sixth Form pupils with course and university choices, as they were unable to access the usual open day and university advice due to the pandemic.

Plans for 2021

There won't be any physical reunions taking place in Autumn but we will be rolling over all the reunions that should have taken place in this calendar year to 2021.

Join www.citizensconnect.co.uk to be the first to hear dates for your reunion!

With best wishes from Kathrin, Kate, Harriet and James
Alumni Team, City of London School

Jamie Hawkins-Dady and friends rise to the PPE challenge

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Old Citizen, Jamie Hawkins-Dady (2016) and engineering student friends used their design resources to produce thousands of face shields for the NHS, in response to the shortage of personal protective equipment.

“As the COVID-19 pandemic began to spread significantly across the UK, and the scale of the challenge facing the NHS became ever clearer, news stories began appearing about the chronic lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpiles across the NHS,” said Jamie. “Seeing photographs of medical professionals having to fashion PPE out of bin bags made me and a group of friends wonder if we could help out using 3D printing technology.”

Jamie purchased a 3D printer in 2018 to make prototype designs for his MEng degree course in Ship Science at the University of Southampton. The degree

specialises in the study of ship structures and hydrodynamics, as well as the overall design of boats and ships.

“We found a design for a face shield produced by a Czech 3D printer company that was medically approved by the Czech medical authorities and contacted the NHS to see if they would be interested in us producing these for them,” he said.

The answer was a resounding yes, so Jamie and his friends made their first batch of 100 face shields and

delivered them to an A&E unit in Basingstoke and a number of local GP surgeries.

“These were extremely well received and made us determined to push our production as much as possible,” he said.

On 6th April they launched a Gofundme campaign with an initial target of £3,000 to allow them to produce 1,000 face shields and “were absolutely blown away by the response,” said Jamie, “meeting that goal within six hours.” As the funds kept



pouring in they upped their target to £6,000 and then £12,000. “This allowed us to order more printers and significantly expand our operation to the point where we were able to produce 150 face shields per day,” he said.

Although mainly based in and around Southampton, Jamie and his friends were contacted by medical professionals in London with requests for 3D printed clips to hold surgical and oxygen masks and expanded their operation to facilitate production and delivery of these to London.

“In a time where medical professionals are working extremely hard while the most the rest of us can do is stay at home and avoid potentially spreading the virus as much as possible, it is very rewarding to be able to support our NHS workers and give them the protection they so desperately need,” said Jamie.

If you would like to donate to this project, the Gofundme link is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/as3p7-face-shields-for-the-nhs>.

COVID-19 Infographics developed

Other Old Citizens helping out in the COVID-19 pandemic are medical student, Shiron Rajendran and junior doctor,

Venughanan Manikavasagar (both Class of 2014). At the beginning of the pandemic, the Old Citizens started the COVID-19 Infographics project to help provide communities with reliable, easy-to-understand health information about COVID-19 in people’s own languages. The team of doctors, students and translators have created resources in more than 30 different languages, such as Hebrew, Bengali and Arabic, to ensure that health information is accessible for everyone.

Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities have

been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. The COVID-19 Infographics project works very closely with organisations that support these communities to ensure that their resources are tailored to the specific needs of different communities and their members. By providing people with reliable resources in their own languages, they hope to empower people with the information they need to better look after themselves and their loved ones. Their translated resources about COVID-19, including self-care, spread and prevention and myth busters, are available on their website (https://linktr.ee/COVID19_Infographics) and social media accounts. Several Sixth Form pupils are working with the team to help create reliable, engaging and tailored resources.



Nicholas Hulbert directs ‘The Heptameron’

Nicholas Hulbert (Class of 2017), founder of independent film company Raunkiaer, has directed the film ‘The Heptameron’, a loose adaptation of Giovanni Boccaccio’s seminal 1353 work, ‘The Decameron’.

Fiametta, a Renaissance noblewoman, kills her husband and goes to a party thrown as an escape from the plague spreading throughout Florence. She wants to confess to the bishop in attendance, but soon discovers that the disease is spreading inside the villa. She has to juggle her investigation into the plague, her host’s surreal stories, and her burgeoning feeling for another woman, as she comes to terms with her actions.

Nicholas commented: “Our filming coincided with the start of the tragic

coronavirus outbreak in Veneto in February 2020. Though we were not at risk, we could see the impact the disease was having on the community, with the first wave of quarantined towns only a few miles from our accommodation.

We will always be grateful to the hospitality offered us in such difficult times, and hope that our film can in some way help people remember and understand that individuals and communities have a human identity that persists from before crises, and will continue to develop afterwards.”

“The Heptameron” is scheduled for release at a film festival later this year.



The JCC’s Benevolent Fund - helping Old Citizens in need

The John Carpenter Club (JCC) manages a charitable Benevolent Fund whose purpose is to help JCC members in need. This is an important part of the ethos of the JCC and reflects our desire to serve and support our members throughout their post-school life.

Our fund is flexible and although it has limited resources, it can be deployed deftly, subject to approval by its trustees, in response to short-term problems faced by our members and their dependants. Although not an exclusive list, our remit includes assisting with:-

- Financial concerns or hardship
- Physical or mental health issues
- The impact of a recent bereavement
- Practical help to facilitate attendance at JCC meetings or events.

We are here to help you as much as we are able and we can also seek to provide you with additional information or give pointers to places where further information and/or support can be obtained.

Our assistance is co-ordinated through the position of Almoner of the Club, and this is currently Mark Stockton (JCC President 2016/17). Requests for assistance can be sent directly to him at markstockton13@gmail.com, or care of the Alumni Engagement Officer, City of London School, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 3AL.

Please include in your communication, dates of attendance at or employment by the School.

The Big Interview

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky (CLS 1960)

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky came to England as a child in 1948, a Holocaust survivor and an escapee from Stalin’s invasion of Hungary. After leaving CLS in 1960, he achieved a first in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the University of Oxford. Michael went on to have a long career as an academic and political consultant and analyst, working in both the UK and internationally, specialising in human rights, the promotion of democracy and constitutional reform. He is interviewed by the Alumni Team.

How did you come to be a pupil at CLS?

It’s an unusual story. I arrived in England aged four in 1948 escaping from the Stalinist takeover in Hungary and speaking not a word of English.

In 1944, I owed my life to several pieces of unusual good fortune. First I was smuggled out of the Jewish ghetto in Munkacs from which most of my mother’s family were deported to Auschwitz within the following three weeks. In July 1944, a controversial ransom deal between Adolf Eichmann and a Jewish rescue committee resulted in my being one of less than a hundred persons [out of thousands gathered in a brickyard north of Budapest] exempted from the journey to Auschwitz.

In London, I was brought up by my great uncle’s widow, soon to become my much-loved Aunt Brenda. She belonged to a family of Sephardi Jews long established in London. Since she spoke no Hungarian, I totally forgot that language within months.

Aunt Brenda’s brothers had attended the City of London School in the 1890s. In fact, her connection with the School went back to 1837. Her great uncle, Abraham de Sola, had been in one of the very first classes when the School opened.

De Sola’s father was the minister at Bevis Marks synagogue, the oldest in the country. His confidence in sending his son to the new school doubtless resulted from its openness to all faiths, something very unusual at the time and one of the determining features of CLS to this day.

My first memory involving CLS is of being taken to 4 Hare Court in the Middle Temple to see Neville Laski QC at his chambers. He acted as a surrogate father and was asked to expedite my admission through a member of the Court of Common Council of the City of London Corporation.

Another early memory is of the devastation of the City of London following the bombing during the Second World War. The ruins of buildings stretched hundreds of yards behind St

Paul’s Cathedral. Very close to the School, where the Mermaid Theatre was later built, there was the empty Thames at Puddle Dock. Dusty Miller, whose father worked at the British Museum, would find pieces of eighteenth century clay pipes there.

Which teachers made the biggest impression?

The senior history master J W Hunt had an exceptional intellect.

Le Mansois Field, who had been a teacher since 1918 used pronunciation boards surrounding the walls of his classroom to stretch our mouths so that we pretty well imitated French natives.

The most important for me was the headmaster A.W.Barton. Doc Barton was rather humourless and unpopular among boys and staff, but he did a great deal for me in helping to resolve family problems and in guiding me toward scholarship competitions. Being raised by an elderly single aunt, relief of fees became important. After gaining a Sassoon Scholarship and then a Corporation Exhibition, it was a huge relief

to receive most of the fees through a new scholarship, the Elliott Scholarship, provided by a couple living in Rhodesia.

It’s hard to overstate the human value to financially stretched families of bequests such as the Elliotts’.

My other special memory of Doc Barton was of his calling me as head Jewish boy to discuss which lines of the school song ‘Jerusalem’ were or were not acceptable to the Jewish contingent. We discussed whether ‘the lamb of God’ was a Christian reference.

Which extra-curricular activities did you enjoy?

Along with my friend Tony Rudolf, I was a member of the School’s second pair in Eton Fives - a great game.

Then there was School Society, the debating club which held its meetings under the portrait of HH Asquith, the Old Citizen who became prime minister.

The highlight of the School Society’s year was the impromptu speaking competition. I remember, in the sixth form, being

disqualified from a debate because I accidentally gave a speech in favour of a motion I was meant to be opposing! The next time I was in a debate, mid speech, I realised that I’d done exactly the same thing. How to recover? “That, gentlemen, is the argument in favour of the motion,” I said and then reversed the arguments with no preparation. Winging it and winning the title ‘Mr School Society’ was my triumph.

In my early years at the School, a special pleasure was attending debates on a Wednesday afternoon [the half day for sports] at the House of Commons. The MP for the City of London was the Speaker of the House, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller. If the gallery places reserved for VIPs were not taken, we were allowed to take the seats and - the special thrill - to put our school caps on hooks marked ‘For ambassadors and high commissioners only’.

What impact did the School have on your later life?

Lifelong close friends. A grandstand view of the great public institutions of our country, especially the Houses of Parliament and the nearby law courts. A mix of religions. Intellectual rigour. The grounding in debate at the School Society.

How would you describe your current career and areas of interest to a stranger?

The university teaching parts of my career are in the past. The research, writing and advising parts continue. The common thread in my work is involvement in elections and democratic processes. My doctoral thesis was on the organisation of political parties.

When my doctoral supervisor at Nuffield College asked me to co-author his next general election study, we held interviews with at least half of the cabinet and most of the other leading political figures of the day. What was most striking was the brutal majesty of the democratic process as it operated in the UK.

A month before the 1970 election, we spoke with the supremely confident premier, Harold Wilson, in his study in Downing Street. So confident was he of victory that he had nowhere to live in the event the removal vans came to take his possessions in the event of his defeat.

Two months later, when we conducted a post-election interview, we found him camping out in a colleague’s home while he and his wife looked for a place to live. This made me a believer in ‘removal van government’ and the first-past-the-post electoral system which most allows the voters to oust an unpopular government. This is not a popular view among my fellow political scientists many of whom prefer proportional representation.

While certainly not the most lucrative of callings, scholarly life has given fascinating opportunities to test theories in the

real world of politics. In two general election campaigns in the ‘80s, I entered one of the party headquarters to advise on private opinion polls. I discovered a world of high level nerves, personal rivalries, and dysfunctional secrets held by one department from another and, in particular, from the party leader.

In the week when the Berlin Wall was breached [in November 1989] and the Soviet empire began to crumble, I found myself working for the policy planning staff of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in Bonn - then the capital of West Germany - on plans for promoting multi-party democracy in the Communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe and in dictatorships in Africa and elsewhere. This led to the creation of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Unfortunately, ‘democracy promotion’ has proved very difficult as I was to find when asked to advise governments and international organisations in many countries.

Through my career, I have tried to give particular attention to human rights, something that stemmed from the intellectual knowledge of my early life during the Holocaust.

In 1967, as a temporary reporter for ‘The Times’ employed to cover the presidential election in war-torn South Vietnam, I found it far more

important to spread the word on the ill-treatment of prisoners. I had encountered strong evidence of this. Unfortunately, my report was quashed just before it was due to be published.

In the 1990s, it was a privilege to act as honorary academic advisor to the London-based Campaign for Jewish Slave Labour Compensation. There were extensive negotiations with German ambassadors in London and at the State Department in Washington. I felt that the Auschwitz survivors, who became close friends, were let down by their lawyers, by mainstream Jewish organisations as well as the German Government.

In 2011, I found myself serving alongside Lord Anthony Lester QC, who many years earlier had been a CLS prefect while I was in the Junior School, on the UK Government’s Commission on a Bill of Rights. During an exceptionally important legal career, Anthony had been largely responsible for the passage of the Human Rights Act, 1998. We shared common convictions and I fully supported the rights embodied in the 1998 Act. Where we constantly disagreed was on the question of whether the international court in Strasbourg should be allowed unfettered jurisdiction over British cases including the right to declare laws enacted by the UK Parliament invalid. This brought up basic constitutional issues of Parliamentary Sovereignty which the Commission was unable to resolve.

So, my career as an academic scholar of elections, election funding, democratic theory and practice has not only provided the chance to teach university students who have reached the political heights in several countries, it also made it possible to engage in vital policies and events. Many of the objectives have not yet been achieved. The debates held at the School Society under the gaze of Prime Minister H. H. Asquith started arguments and quests which continue.



CLS named London Independent Secondary School of the Year



City of London School was named London Independent Secondary School of the Year 2020 by 'The Sunday Times' in November last year.

Alastair McCall, Editor of The Sunday Times Schools Guide, 'Parent Power', explained why: "A ranking in the top 20 nationally represents an academic high point for City of London School in recent years. But the School is about so much more than academic success. In an era when independent schools often find themselves under fire for being bastions of privilege and entitlement, City of London School is a beacon for social mobility, its students recruited from across the capital and reflective of its social and racial diversity.

"Boys are taught to be kind and a five-year strategy document enshrines this word alongside 'ready' and 'aware' as the three

pillars on which the school aims to found its future success.

"Our award recognises this approach alongside a long-standing record for academic achievement, which reached new heights with the publication of this summer's examination results."

Congratulating the staff and pupils on this achievement, Head, Alan Bird, commented: "I am obviously delighted by this award, and delighted further by the fact that the citation points so clearly to the values and ethos that make City such a special place."

Further details about the School's record-breaking examination results and recently published Strategic Vision 2019-24 can be found on the CLS website: www.cityoflondon.school.org.uk.

A fond farewell to CLS teachers

City of London School was sad to say goodbye to the following teachers in July 2020. All have played a valuable role in the life of the School and will be missed by pupils and colleagues:

Gerald Dowler – Spanish, French Teacher (and former Head of Sixth Form and Fourth Form) – 1997-2020

Paul Harrison – Director of Music – 2006-2020

Philip Mander – Teacher of History – 2017-2020

Alice McFarlane – Teacher of Geography – 2018-2020

Kristina Murkett – Teacher of English/Anti-Bullying – 2017-2020

Coco Stevenson – Deputy Head of Pastoral – 2015-2020

Sarah Wallace – Teacher of Religion and Philosophy – 2015-2020



CLS pupils rise to the COVID-19 challenge

The City of London School community has been actively helping others to alleviate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A-level pupil Alex joined his brother George, technical director of Augment Bionics to help plug the gap for PPE (personal protective equipment) early in the crisis, by using 3D printers in their classroom to make face-visors for health workers. Using crowd-funding to pay for the raw materials and delivery costs, they fulfilled 500 orders in three weeks.

Sixth Form pupil, David, won the Sixth Form prize in a worldwide competition to conceive and pitch a technology solution to mitigate the economic, social and/or medical impacts of COVID-19. After coming to the competition late, David faced having to complete the project by himself, without any teammates. In spite of all this, David's was one of just three projects chosen to win. His submission was 'HomeMade', a recipe app that minimizes supermarket trips by encouraging more efficient use of ingredients whilst in isolation.

Meanwhile, to raise funds for MSF (Doctors Without Borders), who are providing medical care worldwide to counter COVID-19, Sixth Form pupil Isaac, has self-published his first book - a collection of images and sketches. The book is untitled and comprises 33 individual pieces, forming a cohesive collection of social commentary. Repeating images of people, groups and families fill the book, emphasising unity over division, especially

important in times like these. Isaac is selling the book on his website, <https://isaacandrews.cargo.site> and sales from the book will go to MSF.

The School's science and design technology departments have also been busy collating any spare PPE to donate to local hospitals. They arranged for St Barts and Guy's

and St Thomas' hospitals, along with a local care home, to take safety masks, safety glasses and disposable gloves.

Head, Mr. Bird, said: "We are extremely proud of how the whole school community is coming together and helping others during this difficult time."



Image from Isaac's book, raising funds for Doctors Without Borders

Senior production of ‘Pink Mist’ sells out

The School’s 2019 Senior Production was Pink Mist, adapted for the stage by Owen Sheers.

Performed over four nights in the School’s Winterflood Theatre, this extraordinary play tells the story of three young Bristol teenagers who become soldiers in order to escape the drudgery and monotony of their young lives: drinking to forget in the Thekla bar, parking cars for a living in Europe’s biggest car park and facing a future with few prospects. Staying at home is not an option. Hads, Taff and Arthur leave willingly and hopefully for the rigours of military training and, eventually, for the realities of armed combat in Afghanistan.

In a devastating, relentless ninety-minute production, ‘Pink Mist’ explores

what happens next. It also looks at the terrible struggles of those left behind: Hads’ mother, Arthur’s girlfriend and Taff’s wife and young son. How do the soldiers who make it home alive even begin to rebuild their lives back in Bristol? Sheers’ lyrical work is based on



interviews with ex-servicemen. It was a very bold, original choice of production but it was beautifully realised and profoundly moving. In particular the

use of multimedia and music created an effective backdrop. With a technical team comprising only CLS pupils, this was quite an achievement. The cast was exceptionally well-drilled. The fluidity and originality of Miss Dobson’s direction, the pulse of the action and the engine of the evening. As the line “Who wants to play war?” echoes across the text and recurs as the lights come down, the audience is left to consider the terrible, avoidable consequences of “those three letters.” Yet ‘Pink Mist’ is about much more than war.

It is also a story about the strength of friendship and of family. Congratulations to all involved.

Oxbridge undergraduate offers

Twenty-five City of London School Sixth Form pupils have been offered places at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, in a broad range of subjects. Notably, it is a superb year for Classics at Oxbridge and one boy has received an offer to read Veterinary Science, the first in over twenty years.



Sporting successes for School pupils

In March, the U18 basketball team reached the LISBA (London Independent Schools Basketball Association) playoff finals with a perfect record. The team had won eight out of eight matches in the regular season and were willing to put in their all to win the next two.

CLS started their semi-final scoring with ease and locking down their opposition at the defensive end. They moved the ball well to keep the scoreboard ticking over and managed to beat King’s Colleg School to secure a 55-35 win and book a well-deserved place in the final against Alleyn’s.

In the final, Alleyn’s started very well – still on a high after their dramatic semi-final win. CLS knew they had a tough game ahead of them and their response was emphatic –a relentless effort at both ends of the floor. With one hand on the trophy, the team continued to up their game and were crowned LISBA champions with a 92-55 victory.

Twelve CLS table tennis players competed at the East London Individual Championship in February. In the U11 Tournament, all the City players qualified for the quarter-finals. Yuanxi and Miguel made it to the first semi-final of the day. Yuanxi finally

achieved a 2-1 win and qualified for the final, where he beat his opponent 2-1 in a fantastic game to become the East London Schools Champion.

In the U13 tournament, City was represented by Shinil, Jacob, Abel and Benjamin. Three of these players qualified for the knockouts stages but only Benjamin reached the quarter-finals, where he lost in a close game by 2 sets to 1.

The U16 tournament saw Rocky and Jian Hui representing the School. Jian Hui came very close to qualifying in his group but finally came second. Rocky progressed to the next round and only lost his knockout game by 2 sets to 1.

Elias, Allen and Joseph competed in the U19 tournament. Joseph and Elias qualified for the quarter-finals, where they played each other. Joseph won and finally made it to the final. He performed to an amazing standard and beat his opponent 11-2 and 11-3 to become the Tournament Champion.

In football, Sixth Form pupils Seb and Derry have been selected to play for the England Independent Schools U17 football team. After working through a lengthy trials process, their spots were confirmed last November.

Ryan is Big Bang Finalist

In April, year 11 pupil, Ryan, reached the finals of the UK Young Scientists and Engineers Big Bang competition for his Project ‘AI Noise cancellation classifier.’ Even though he did not win the competition, his project was appreciated by The Worshipful Company of the Scientific Instrument Makers

and as a result, they have offered Ryan the opportunity to join the Livery Apprentice Scheme. This is a wonderful opportunity for Ryan and we wish him the best of luck. Ryan also plans to compete at the event for the next two years - we can’t wait to see what he comes up with.

Raphael elected as City’s MYP

Fifth Form pupil, Raphael, has been elected as the new Member of the UK Youth Parliament for the City of London. Deciding which issues to campaign on proved a difficult task. As a committed competitive swimmer, Raphael is passionate about taking care of our health

through exercise, nutrition and wellbeing. As a result, he chose to focus on improving London’s air quality and promoting healthy living and eating. He aims to make the City of London an even better place to live, work, study, volunteer and visit.

Trade and Connectivity in the Post-COVID-19 World

by Old Citizen (1985 - 1991), Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary-General, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, Singapore and Pascal Lamy, President of the Paris Peace Forum and of the French committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, Paris, France.

On 11 March 2020, the WHO determined that COVID-19 was a pandemic. To try to contain the spread of the virus, governments adopted a range of measures such as limiting public gatherings, stopping travel, closing schools and lockdowns.

Even as some countries begin to relax their lockdowns, it is too early and too much is unknown to realistically assess the economic impact. The consequences of this crisis have been and will be felt across every aspect of human life. Although many uncertainties remain, whether sanitary, economic, social or political, we must make our best efforts to figure out what a post-crisis life might look like and prepare for it.

A challenge for global and domestic institutions alike

An underlying risk is one of narrative, that COVID-19 may be interpreted as a crisis of globalization rather than that of domestic institutions. While there is no doubt that the ability of the virus to spread so quickly was amplified by hyper-globalization, it is not the WHO that provides hospital beds, doctors and nurses, nor is it the World Trade Organization (WTO) that buys medicines, ventilators and personal protective equipment. Those duties lie with our domestic institutions. We live in a world of sovereign states that determine their own policies. International organizations can provide early-warning mechanisms, technical assistance when needed and, through mutual agreement, disciplines on state behaviour – such as the WTO dispute settlement mechanism.

Trade risks from path dependence

The WTO expects the volume of merchandise trade to fall between 13% and 33% in 2020, and even worse for trade in commercial services. At the time of writing (May 2020), the IMF's forecast of a 3% contraction of the world economy in 2020 looks optimistic. The depth of the drop is as unprecedented as its genesis. Never before have governments had to step in and effectively put a stop on almost all economic activity. The risk on the trade side is path dependence. Once governments set down a



Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary-General, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, Singapore

certain path, it will be very hard to turn course.

Of necessity, the movement of people has been restricted. As the virus spread, limited measures that helped prevent infections gradually became ubiquitous. More questionable has been the use of export restrictions. In 2020, as of 27 March, 60 governments had placed some form of export curb on medical supplies, with accusations that some of these actions are tantamount to piracy and hijacking. There are risks that more countries adopt this approach, not only to medical supplies but also food. In this context, government crisis-response policies need

to be separated into those taken to stem the spread of the virus, and those taken to bridge the gap between supply and demand of key products to fight the disease. While the problem of path dependence applies to both of these, gauging 'when' the first set might be lifted is harder. As Anthony Fauci, Director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has said most articulately: "The virus makes the timeline."

Unlike normal protectionism on imports, actions being taken now on the export side need to be monitored closely and removed as quickly as possible. G20 trade ministers agreed that "the emergency measures designed to tackle COVID-19, if deemed necessary, must be targeted, proportionate, transparent and temporary, and that they do not create unnecessary barriers to trade or disruption to global supply chains, and are consistent with WTO rules." The point that these measures should be temporary is absolutely critical.

Others have gone further; for example, the Joint Ministerial Statement on Supply Chain Connectivity from a group of Asia-Pacific economies in which signatories commit not to impose export controls, tariffs or non-tariff measures and to continue removing trade barriers to essential supplies. Moreover, this initiative goes beyond trade policy to ensure connectivity by opening the supportive infrastructure that allows trade to flow. The value of this approach is that the more countries join, the greater its value. This initiative has been gaining momentum with more members joining. If even more economies were to

join, it would provide a major confidence boost to businesses seeking to invest in productive capacity in the very sectors that the world so badly needs.

ASEAN leaders endorsed this approach when they met on 14 April 2020, instructing their ministers and officials to explore "an arrangement to preserve supply chain connectivity". These initiatives are at an early stage, but their success is critical to ensuring the supply of COVID-related products. While there is no doubt that government support and intervention are required, national security should not be equated with self-sufficiency – they are far from the same thing. The same applies to restrictions on food trade which, if they were to proliferate, may cause as many victims as the virus in developing countries; a possibility that was recognized by a coalition of WTO members including Brazil, China, the EU and the US.

Win-win alternatives to protectionism

Notwithstanding the fact that export controls could be necessary to secure domestic supply, they risk backfiring in the form of retaliation from trading partners, who, in turn, are suppliers of other necessary products and services. Moreover, such measures disincentivize private investment in productive capacity. This might be made up with public investment, which would be a poor use of public funds at a time when finances are limited and need to be used to help people directly, rather than subsidizing otherwise efficient industries. Public stockpiles and other safety measures can be used without distorting international markets.

The initial restrictions on international trade that were put in place were not export restrictions but travel bans. Under the circumstances, this was understandable, but as domestic lockdowns are ended, international travel must restart. This is an issue the international community should begin to address. The idea of an immunity passport needs to be taken seriously, at least for international transportation workers (pilots, air crews, sea crews). A digital-age equivalent of the WHO Yellow Card, which uses blockchain technology to ensure the robustness and accuracy of the data, should also be explored. This could be a public private initiative that includes the WHO and the International Civil Aviation Organization, using the APEC Business Travel Card as a pilot. Such an initiative would provide a medical and scientific (rather than a political) basis for facilitating travel.

Paving the road ahead

Stimulus packages totalling trillions of dollars are being spent to support businesses and people across the world, but without clear rules, they could distort the playing field and lead to trade friction. WTO disciplines on state aid are presently too shallow to provide guidance on how to minimize distortions. They should be reviewed to address exceptional circumstances. Should governments seek to pursue policies not necessarily of

outright protectionism, but of precautionism, distortions may be compounded. The world currently has insufficient understanding for managing the international ramifications of such policies in an unprecedented crisis, but we should disabuse ourselves of the notion that none is needed.

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis it had proved difficult to move discussions forward on reform of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. Now, with massive state aid across many economies, one can hope that common sense will prevail, governments will come to the table and have an honest conversation on this difficult subject – without the finger-pointing that has made this so difficult in the past.

While best practices in supply-chain management have long warned against over-emphasis on speed and efficiency, for many reasons these admonitions were all too often ignored or swiftly forgotten. To avoid such a repetition, the business community, governments, workers and consumers need to consider the alignment of risks in supply chains in the aftermath of the crisis. Options to address fragility range from accepting more inventories to diversification and to reshoring. All carry a cost.

It should also be clear to everyone that the lack of clarity on WTO rules on export restrictions does no one any favours. As we move from a world of growing protectionism to precautionism, this will also be an area ripe for discussion.

Multilateral action is imperative

Prior to the pandemic, globalization was in crisis. Today, with borders shut, planes grounded and ships in harbour, it may seem as though the integration that has lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty is coming to a sharp end. However, as a counterpoint, more than any other episode in the history of humanity, this is a shared experience.

The enemy is a virus that can only be defeated by concerted multilateral action. No matter how successful one country is at 'flattening the curve', unless we flatten the curve globally, there is always the risk the virus will re-infect our populations. This is the absolute and clearest argument for multilateral cooperation.

Out of every major crisis, new institutions have been born. The League of Nations came out of the destruction of the First World War; out of the Second World War the UN and the Bretton Woods institutions; from the Asian financial crisis the ASEAN+3; and after the global financial crisis the G20 was elevated to the summit level.

There are clearly gaps in the international institutional architecture for dealing with emerging risks. A new international organization in charge of precaution is needed, one that takes charge of risk assessment, monitoring and notification. Such an institution could also include governance of strategic buffers, removing the need for overly precautionary policy on the part of nations. At the risk of sounding cynical, we should not allow this crisis to go to waste. To come out of these events and learn nothing would be a disservice to our and future generations.

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Winning a place at City of London School changed my life

Lawrence Anfo-Whyte grew up in Hackney and came to CLS on a bursary as an 11-year-old in 2001. He went on to be captain of the CLS football team and to study at the Ivy League University, Dartmouth College. Now 28, he works for JP Morgan in London. Here he talks to the Alumni Team.

How did you come to be a pupil at City of London School?

I was born and raised in Hackney – Dalston. It was a pretty rough neighbourhood. Maybe it has come up a little bit since the Olympics, but East London can still be a bit hit-or-miss. I went to a normal Church of England primary school just opposite my house.

My mum is a teacher herself so she was super keen that I got into a good school. She ran into a friend who had seen the advert for bursaries to City. We had never heard of City of London School before. The deadline was the next day so my mum spent 24 hours researching it and putting the application together. I vaguely remember the exams and the interview: I remember saying that the person I would most like to meet was Nelson Mandela.

Getting into the School was probably the biggest single life-altering thing that has happened to me.

Did the bursary have benefits beyond the financial side?

Yes, there was a mentoring aspect too. The donor was an alumnus of the School who had received a scholarship himself. By sponsoring someone else to go through the School, he was repaying a favour, as he saw it.

I would meet up with him regularly to talk about my progress and I benefited from that. For instance, he had studied at Cambridge after leaving CLS – for the 11-year-old me to hear someone like that talk about his own experiences broadened my horizons; it helped me see what might be possible.

Knowing the kind of opportunities that are out there can be half the battle, I think, when you come from a background like mine.

Can you remember your first day at CLS?

Not really but I do remember how big the blazers were on us! Other than that, from my early years I just remember being amazed by all the stuff going on in the School – all the technology. And I remember going to Grove Park for my first time, seeing the great facilities there. I couldn't believe it. I told all my friends about it.



Did you have any nerves, coming from a non-private school background?

I don't remember any issues. All the City boys and teachers were very welcoming. People's different backgrounds were never really mentioned.

Early on, I was probably closest to other boys I knew who were on bursaries – our parents were closer and we all came from the same areas: me and my friends Ronnie and Jacob all travelled in from east London. But as we got older, my friends became based around my interests. I'm still friends with a lot of them.

Which extra-curricular activities did you enjoy?

A bit of everything: I was captain and centre-forward in the football team; I played basketball; I played water polo, not very well. I did judo and won some regional championships and then I was heavily involved in the Debating Society and the Politics Society.

I wanted to do everything. I knew I had more opportunities than I might have had at a school in Hackney. In Politics Society, we had incredible speakers coming in. George Galloway was an interesting one; David Davis; Vince Cable; and we went to see Boris Johnson speak, just as he was starting to run to be Mayor of London.

We travelled to competitions all over the country with the Debating Society and we ended up going to South Africa to compete in an international Model UN competition.

South Africa was an amazing experience. We had the chance to spend time on Freedom Island. As an exercise, they locked us up for an hour and a half with no phones! It felt like we had been there 24 hours, but it was a very brief glimpse into what Nelson Mandela had been through. And we had a talk from a political prisoner who had spent a similar time to Mandela in jail – it was fascinating, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

What is your best memory of school football?

My final game for City was a cup final. We were leading 3-1 with seven or eight minutes to go, but managed to lose 5-3 in injury time!

The journey had been incredible, though. In football, my year were really bad for the first two years. We would get beaten 6-0, 7-0 every other week. But we stuck with it and got better and by the end we were a pretty good team. So, to get to a final, even though we lost like that, was great. Even though I mostly play rugby, I still run the Old Cits football team.

Which teachers inspired you?

Mr Bracken and Mr McBroom were two who helped me realise that politics was my passion. They were History and Politics teachers. Mr Griffin, Mr Keates and Miss Bennet were also amongst my favourite teachers; Mr Tolhurst and Miss Murphy who didn't teach me, but whom I had so many interactions with were huge in helping/guiding me when I was perhaps a bit troublesome in my earlier years. They are always names that I remember and am always thankful to. I was always close to all the sports staff. Mr Cornwall, Mr Kerr, Mr Smith, Mr Silcott...

What was your first experience of work?

The summer after I left school, I worked with one of my school friends in his dad's office. The company was selling space in malls across Southeast Asia. It was a good first foray into the world of work, learning that you have to get up every morning and make some money – though I realised that sales was not going to be for me.

How did you decide to go to University in America?

One of the boys who joined City when I was in 6th Form was Jacob Portes who was American. He told me there were real opportunities for scholarships and bursaries at US Universities, even for an English applicant. After that, I started looking into it.

I was drawn to the breadth of education there: in American universities, you take a range of subjects before deciding on your 'major' – it was a wider approach than the system we have here, with lots of extra-curricular stuff too.

I had to do exams in my year out, write essays and applications. I went back into School all the time, talking my teachers through what they had to do – reports and references for me.

At the end of it all, I had the opportunity to go to Dartmouth on another bursary.

What did you major in?

What they call 'Government' – we'd say politics. I had always been interested in American politics and I got to see the 2012 election campaign close up: I worked for the University radio station and spent a lot of time interviewing candidates and insiders in the primary race – New Hampshire happened to be one of the key battlegrounds in Presidential politics.

I also started playing rugby out there, which has become a huge part of my life. I spent five years out there. It was a huge adventure, a big part of my life and I still go out there a lot now, visiting friends, going to weddings.

What did you do after graduation?

I moved to San Fran, working at a start-up, a 35-employee company producing bespoke digital prints and gifts – something like Snapfish. Another incredible experience. Living in San Francisco was one of the best years of my life.

After that, I came home and worked as a paralegal at a law firm, contemplating doing a law degree and becoming a lawyer, before opting against. I did that for two-and-a-bit years and after that I came to JP Morgan.

What does your current job involve?

I work for the project management team at JP Morgan. We lead all projects involved in global taxation for the firm. So that's big ticket items such as CRS [Common Reporting Standard] and [US tax law] FATCA [Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act] which relate to the worldwide exchange of information between banks and tax authorities. I help sift through the legal aspects and make sure we are abiding by all those regulations.

What do you like about your job?

Dealing with people. In my previous roles, it's been a lot more data focused, analysing data and passing it along, whereas this role involves me having to convince people of what I think is the best course of action. It is all based on analysing and understanding policy and regulations, which I have always found interesting and even read about in my own time.

How would you sum up your experience of CLS?

I honestly believe it changed my life. It broadened my horizons but more generally, whatever your background, it's a very egalitarian place where you learn to deal with people for who they are; there's a good mix of people that maybe some other private schools don't have – so it prepares City boys to deal with the world out there.

I've been all over the world and all the opportunities I've had, I think, have been as a result of going to City. It's an incredible school and its scheme of bursaries and scholarships is one of its greatest assets. The people who support the scholarships are changing kids' lives.

David Toubé (Class of 1986)

David left City of London School in 1986 and went on to Southampton University and Brasenose College, Oxford. After 25 years in law, he joined Quilliam, the anti-extremism think tank, as Director of Policy in 2018. He was interviewed by the School's Alumni Team.

How would you describe your current job?

I'm director of policy at Quilliam, the world's first counter-extremism organisation. We look at issues of extremism in different faith communities but also the growth of conspiracy theories, political polarisation and other forms of extremism.

We have a lot of research projects bubbling along at any one time. One of my colleagues, Usama Hasan, another CLS alumnus, is looking at Islamic law of the 13th Century, researching how scholars have been misinterpreted by Isis and other Jihadis.

A lot of what I do on a daily basis is governed by what's happening in the news. Every night, I read the news and try to predict what will catch the eye of the news media the next day – things we might be asked to talk about. If you have something to say, you need to say it within the first two or three hours of a story coming out – then you help frame the debate.

So, for example, when the [so-called 'ISIS bride'] Shamima Begum affair hit the headlines, we discussed it internally within Quilliam and found we all had a similar perspective: basically, we can't export Britain's problems to Syria. We got that message out and I spent the next couple of days in TV and radio studios.

How long have you been involved with Quilliam?

I've been working here full time for a year but I have been involved since the launch.

My interest in this area actually started at City. I had a couple of friends who had a detailed knowledge of fringe politics on the far right and I was interested in fringe politics of the far left. I don't mean as a sympathiser – I mean in an almost trainspottery way: why do people get involved? Why do they come to these sorts of disturbing conclusions about the way the world works, or should work?

When we were 16 or 17, my friend Philip and I would go to fringe anarchist bookshops and buy publications that you could only get there. Philip was especially interested in Irish loyalist politics. One day he bunked off school and went to Belfast and hung around the Shankhill Road and went to the UDF offices. He

ended up chatting to the leaders! City was a place full of people like that and, as far as I can tell, it still is!

The thing that directly brought me into Quilliam was 9/11. I found I had personal connections to both sides: a friend from Minneapolis was the first person listed, alphabetically, as a victim. Then, a few days later, I saw this guy on TV praising Osama Bin Laden, and I realised he'd been a drinking buddy of mine at Southampton University. It was Anjem Choudhry, who went on to become a nexus of the majority of terrorist attacks that have occurred in Britain.

I wondered when someone was going to do something about all this... and then, at a certain point, you realise no-one is doing anything and then you think: 'It should probably be me...'

What are your early memories of life at CLS?

I came to City on a scholarship. I was put up a year and I was completely at sea, socially, academically, everything. Then I was lucky enough to have Jonathan Keates as my English teacher in the Second Form; Jonathan both invented me and saved me! I still speak to him on Facebook pretty much every day.

Every teacher had a subject with which you could distract them but with Jonathan you didn't need to do that. He would digress at the drop of a hat. We did not do the syllabus for the whole of the fourth year but every single student got an 'A' at O-Level. We just had a broad education in the wonders of English poetry and drama, instead of the sort of limited exposure to literature that the O-Level (and now the GCSE) syllabus provided.

The friendships I made at City defined me. I was incredibly lucky to be in a year of people who were basically geniuses: so many of my contemporaries are now professors at universities around the world. I was taught by some very great teachers, but it was my peers who challenged me and made me justify what I thought and exposed me to things I had no idea about. I would not be the person I am now were it not for that.

How did you come to go to the school?

I sat scholarship exams for a range of schools. I remember my

interview at City with the legendary head teacher Jim Boyes. He was a tiny man, followed through the corridors by the smell of whiskey and pipe tobacco. He had served on the North Atlantic convoys in WW2 and his mere presence inspired respect and obedience. When he interviewed me, he asked me what I'd like to be when I grew up and I said "An 18th Century gentleman".

I suppose that he was very taken by that and they gave me a scholarship!

Can you remember your last day?

I was in the last year to go completely through school in the old building. On the last day, everything was in packing cases. I remember walking around this very empty building. It was like the Morrissey song – perhaps his best one – Late Night Maudlin Street.

Which extra-curricular activities did you enjoy?

I liked music, though I am an indifferent musician. I would lose my clarinet and fail to turn up to rehearsals and belatedly realise there was a concert that my parents were coming to and I'd desperately try to get back into the choir or orchestra at the last minute, basically sight-reading stuff at the concert. Or miming.

I did quite a lot of drama, though I wasn't a great actor. I was always cast in cameo roles. Probably the great production that everyone remembers, was The Captain of Kopenick by [German playwright] Zuckmayer. There was a dance number - Monsieur Chocolat and his Girls - inserted into it by Jonthan Keates, or more probably, Nick Byrne with a boy called Mark Cadogan and girls from City Girls.

They did a routine which was – pre-internet, you must remember – the most erotically-charged thing we'd ever seen! Every time it was rehearsed the entire cast would rush out to watch, from the back of the auditorium. For about five years after that, the girls school headteacher wouldn't let her girls take part in joint productions!

What were you like when you were at CLS?

I was a very eccentric kid. My thing at that time was insects and reptiles and amphibians. I'd bring them into School on random days and get into trouble. I had a snake that I put in the swimming pool during a water polo match. I'd never seen a water polo team move so fast. I meant to put it in one corner but it headed quickly towards the swimmers. I wasn't expelled.

Which 'A' Levels did you do?

English, history and biology. I did the things I was interested in and knew that I would be motivated to work in. And I got three 'A's.

I went to Southampton, and then did postgraduate at Brasenose, Oxford. I taught law at universities for a while and then practised law for 25 years.

Which personal qualities did working in law bring out in you?

My focus was on bank regulation. As a person naturally interested in the trainspottery side of things – how do organisations work? What are the rules and informal practices that govern them? That was an interesting thing to do.

How many times have you been on broadcast media in the last month?

It's been a bit quiet. But the month before that was maybe 30. It depends what's going on. I had a lot to say during the Christchurch massacre, because it played to my knowledge of the far right. I also chimed in on the issue of returnees and the Syrian conflict but for the last month there's not been anything so demanding. So it can be very seasonal.

Is the challenge of fighting extremism getting harder?

We are living in fantastically polarised times, where the centre has collapsed and institutions that were bulwarks against extremism have disappeared or shown themselves incapable of providing political or moral leadership. The key example is the Labour Party – although we are seeing a similar process on the right. On both sides, you see similar motivations: a belief that elites and cosmopolitans are in control and that 'we' have been marginalised.

One of the most precious things that we have lost is the ability to stay friends with people with whom you disagree.

That's taken place in

tandem with the decomposition of journalism. To actually go to a place and work out what's going on is very expensive. So now many newspapers, instead of having foreign correspondents, use writers with an opinion who then shoehorn the facts into their thesis, to make them fit.

There's been this assumption that a liberal social democracy is like water or air – it will always be there, and it doesn't need to be protected or defended. The important thing is that we take these challenges to it seriously. To rebuild a movement that values a liberal social democracy – but we need to acknowledge that we are starting from a near-standstill.

Which personal qualities would a CLS pupil need to follow in your footsteps?

The ability to get an overview of an issue and quickly cut through to a solution. This applies to both law and campaigning.

The most important thing is being able to write clearly.

At some point, I've given every person I've worked with, senior or junior, a copy of George Orwell's 'Politics and The English Language'. It's an interesting thesis in itself but also a valuable guide to how to write well, and persuasively. If you can communicate difficult ideas to people who know nothing about them then you are an absolute asset to any organisation.

Old Citizens Arjun Ghosh and Daniel Morganstein share their frontline experiences

Less than two months after being redeployed to the Royal London Hospital as an acute medical consultant, Old Citizen Dr Arjun Ghosh, Consultant Cardiologist, Barts Heart Centre and UCLH, woke up one morning with a fever.



January
'Novel corona virus' was a term that entered the mainstream in January 2020. The first images that beamed into our living rooms came from China. The initial feeling was that it was another respiratory viral

illness potentially similar to the SARS corona virus from the early 2000s. However, things then seemed to take a turn for the worse with reports of Chinese medical staff being censured for alerting local colleagues via a chat service about this new and deadly virus. Dr Li Wenliang, a young ophthalmologist, became one early face of the disease – he had been one of the doctors warning colleagues. He died soon after, having contracted the novel corona virus himself, the first of many healthcare professionals across the world to die helping patients infected with the virus.

At the time, like most people, I was uncertain of the magnitude of what was to come. I was doing my normal day job as a consultant cardiologist at the hospital closest to CLS – Barts Heart Centre, St Bartholomew's Hospital and also at University College London Hospital. I specialise in cardio-oncology (the cardiac care of cancer patients) which is a highly specialised new area within cardiology. However, my day-to-day work routine would soon change into something very different.

February

The disease had started spreading across the world. Confirmed cases were in the tens of thousands and the death toll in China was rising. There was clear evidence of spread in Europe. We knew that something was coming, but, at that stage it still

seemed to be an event that was distant and somehow remote to us. Perhaps as healthcare workers, we felt or maybe hoped that the novel corona virus outbreak would be a regional epidemic rather than a global pandemic.

Doctors on the whole are an inquisitive lot. This situation was no different. We tuned into webinars (then a novel way to discuss contemporary events, now seemingly ubiquitous) from Chinese cardiologists on how COVID-19 affected the heart. It was doing strange things – mimicking heart attacks but the coronary arteries were actually clear on examination. The cardiologists explained how they had to change local practice and shut down routine and elective cardiology work to enable hospital capacity to be freed up for managing COVID-19 patients.

March

This was the month that we realised things were about to change in a big way. Harrowing reports from Italy showed how quickly a health service could be overwhelmed. I spoke to cardiologists in Italy who confirmed that things were as bad as depicted in the media.

Massive planning was underway across the NHS on how best to reconfigure services to deal with the expected explosion of cases in the UK and increased health care demand. These were uncertain and unsettling times for most healthcare workers. We were seeing what was happening elsewhere and we realised that we were just two weeks behind mainland Europe. A lot of staff were volunteering for a crash course in managing patients in the ITU (intensive therapy unit) setting given that the most seriously COVID-19 patients ended up on ventilators in ITU. I was told that I would be 'redeployed' to one of the other Barts Health NHS Trust hospitals – the Royal London Hospital. However, I would not be doing cardio-oncology and not even cardiology! I was to work as an acute general medical consultant seeing any patient admitted via A & E (Accident and Emergency/Emergency Department) with any medical (as opposed to surgical) problem (the expectation being that these would nearly all be COVID-19 patients). I,

along with many colleagues, were definitely being thrust out of our comfort zones and being asked to do a type of work some of us had not done for many years. For me personally it would be a big challenge – the last time I had seen general medical patients was in 2008.

My feelings at this stage were mixed, which was a recurring theme for many of my colleagues throughout this experience. I was apprehensive of what was to come but also proud that I would be involved in the global effort against COVID-19.

Lockdown was announced on 23rd March. More facets of normal life changed for me – a cardiology conference that I was due to attend in Chicago was converted into a virtual event. I also started driving in to work which was a novel experience and also a lot quicker than my usual underground journey. The roads were quiet on the drive in and made driving in central London a very different experience to the norm. I would still see the odd person or couple out and about especially on sunny days. I used to wonder if their behaviour would change if they saw what was happening to people of all ages affected by COVID-19 in hospital.

April

The apprehension started increasing. The death toll was rising dramatically. Doctors, nurses and allied health professionals were also dying in rapidly increasing numbers. Startlingly, while the majority were older than me, the vast majority were of a BAME background. This really brought home the literally deadly effect of a lack of PPE (personal protective equipment). The rules regarding what was sufficient PPE were regularly downgraded in the UK, seemingly in line with diminishing supplies of PPE. Far less PPE was being mandated in the UK than compared to most other countries or the World Health Organization. The daily bombardment of negative news was amplified by numerous medical WhatsApp groups I was a member of. Similar tales of woe were coming in from across the UK. This had a significant impact on the collective mental health of the healthcare workforce. Hearing of people you knew getting infected or worse, dying, just while doing their job had a big impact. Many hospitals and Trusts including Barts Health rolled out wellbeing services. A relaxation room (see pictures) was created for staff as an oasis away from the rest of the hospital which had been consumed by the pandemic.

NHS Nightingale London also opened in April. Staff at Barts NHS Trust who were not already allocated to COVID-19 rotas were asked to help cover the new hospital. It was inspiring to see the hospital come up so quickly and being staffed by colleagues.

It was also interesting to recognise the same sequential range of emotional responses that I had to COVID-19 in friends

and colleagues abroad who were some weeks behind the UK pandemic trajectory. The initial dismissal or ignoring of my warnings of what was to come was followed by apprehension and then an acceptance of the new reality. Again, it was interesting to note that despite evidence of a dramatic situation elsewhere there was a real lack of appreciation of what was to come. Maybe this was a normal response to something that none of us had faced in our lifetimes – a global pandemic which would change everyone's lives.

I completed a COVID-19 ward week in April. This meant overseeing a ward where all the patients had COVID-19. While I took the mandated PPE precautions (gloves, sleeveless plastic apron, simple surgical mask and goggles) I felt very unprotected compared to doctors in China, Italy and elsewhere who were wearing full 'hazmat' style PPE for all patients. My normal routine changed in many other ways. I bought new clothes to wear to and from work which were to be washed on a daily basis. I showered after changing out of scrubs at work.

Once I reached home, I would put my clothes into a bag and then hop into the shower again all the while maintaining a suitable distance from my wife and children. After my shower

I would put my clothes in the washing machine and also wipe down the bag I put my clothes in as well as my work bag, belt and shoes.

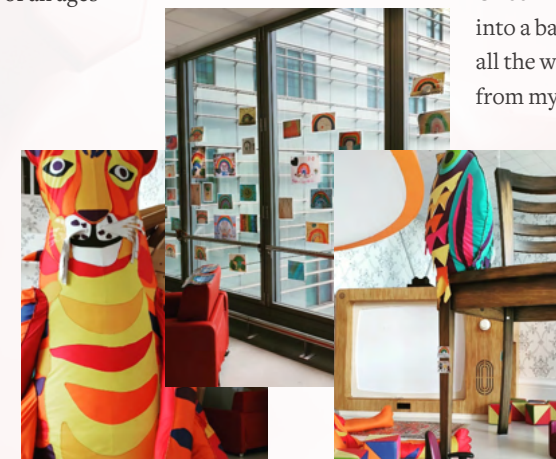
It was a stressful week not knowing if I was going to get infected or if I was going to pass it along to my family. Some colleagues had decided to move away from their families

temporarily to prevent spreading the disease as to many it seemed inevitable that you would get COVID-19 as a healthcare worker.

There was some good news towards the end of April – the number of admissions of COVID-19 patients seemed to stabilize. Patients with non-COVID-19 related problems were attending hospital again as emergencies. Cardiology patients were returning albeit in small numbers. Many patients had unfortunately been staying away from hospital as they feared contracting COVID-19.

May

Saturday 2nd May. I thought I would have a bit of a lie-in after another week on the wards. I woke mid-morning and was burning up. Like many doctors, I am a bit blasé about my own health and the only thermometer we had at home was an old baby thermometer which did not work. Despite the lack of measurement, it was clear on touch that I had a high temperature. Additionally, I felt very weak. I ran through the other COVID-19 symptoms in my head – I didn't have a cough and wasn't short of breath. I fell back in bed. I remained more or less bed-bound for the



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next 10 days. The first few days were the worst – I was delirious but strangely aware enough to know that I was delirious! I was having vivid dreams about a television series we had recently been watching but had not finished. I was imagining what was going to happen next, but it seemed that I now had a role to play in the story. I had never been delirious before and I was conscious that if things worsened, I would need to go to hospital. At this stage, I was worried enough to ask my wife to check in on me every couple of hours while I was banished to a bedroom to quarantine in.

Early on, I developed a pain in my chest on breathing. While this can sometimes be a sign of a clot in the lungs, I did not feel short of breath and thankfully this pain disappeared after a couple of days. While I was not able to find a thermometer on the internet, I did order a pulse oximeter (to measure oxygen levels which typically fall if COVID-19 affects the lungs) as well as flight stockings to prevent clots in leg veins associated with immobility. While my oxygen levels remained normal, I never got to use the stockings. My feet and legs swelled up and

became discoloured on around days three to four. This was then followed by exfoliation of the epidermis (superficial layer of the skin) of my hands, legs and feet. While this can happen in some florid bacterial and viral infections, I had never seen it in a patient myself. This brought home how strange a disease COVID-19 was and how little we knew of the myriad clinical presentations.

Although I was too unwell to drive down to a nasal swab testing site, I gradually improved over the course of around two weeks.

It was hard on my wife, working full-time from home and looking after me and our two young children. My 7-year-old had a better comprehension of what was happening than my 3-year-old who just wanted to come and play with me.

I finally came out of quarantine 14 days after I first came down with symptoms. I was still not fully back to normal and worked the next week from home and even managed to do a webinar for cardiology trainees!

“The emotional aspects rather than the complexity of the medicine still resonate”

Old Citizen Dr Daniel Morganstein, Consultant Endocrinologist, Chelsea and Westminster and Royal Marsden Hospitals, reflects on how his role changed overnight at the height of the coronavirus crisis, and the positives to emerge from the pandemic.



Many of us remembered SARS (or SARS 1 as we now need to call it) when we watched with alarm as news arrived of a deadly respiratory virus spreading around the far east, and then Canada. As a medical registrar at the time, at the front door of admitting unwell patients to hospital, we

rapidly relearnt the importance of travel history. However, to every one’s relief it petered out and transmission in the UK did not occur.

In 2009, by then a consultant physician but still ‘on the front door’ for unwell patients attending hospital, I recall driving into work on a Monday morning, at the start of a week on call, to reports of a new ‘flu outbreak in Mexico – what we came to know as swine flu. This time it arrived rapidly in the UK (we were admitting patients by the end of that week), but we were familiar with ‘flu, we knew how to treat it, and most importantly we knew a vaccine would in all likelihood be only weeks away. Although medical admission units and ITUs became busier,

the world carried on without major disruption to the rest of the hospital.

So, when, in January 2020 reports started to filter out of China about a new viral pneumonia, the medical world watched with interest and some degree of concern, especially when it became apparent how easily it was transmissible, especially to healthcare workers. However, even as it spread around South East Asia and then Iran, we did not know if it would be a trickle of imported isolated cases in the UK or a full-blown health emergency. I vividly remember looking at the news at the end of a half-term holiday in Yorkshire in February and seeing there had been an outbreak in Italy and towns were being isolated. At that moment it seemed obvious there was no way the UK would escape, but still the scale was unknown. With a weekend on call coming up in mid-March I correctly predicted it would be just when things started to pick up here and started reading up more about the presentation and management [of the virus]. We watched with increasing alarm as hospitals in Northern Italy started to collapse under the strain, and at the numbers of doctors and nurses becoming unwell and sadly dying.

However, many still held to the hope that we would escape the worst. After one of the most unusual weekends at work in my career, with more time spent in planning meetings than with patients, I watched the government advice to avoid bars

June

Work has not yet got back to normal. We have changed a lot of working practices and hopefully some of these changes may be sustainable. We have managed to drag parts of the NHS IT system into the 21st century. Videoconferencing has now become the norm and seems to work reasonably well. More patients are being seen via video and telephone appointments than face-to-face visits to decrease the risk of spreading COVID-19. The feedback regarding this has been good and clinicians who are often reluctant to change working patterns have on the whole embraced this new way of working. The downside has of course been many patients having their routine appointments and investigations either delayed or cancelled. While this was unfortunately an expected outcome of freeing capacity for COVID-19 related work, we are slowly trying to get back to pre-COVID-19 levels of routine activity.

We do still however need to remain cautious about a potential second wave of infections later in the year and this will mean retaining some slack in the system to allow for re-configuration of services once again if required. The future

and restaurants, and with increasing levels of frustration, the large number of people ignoring this advice. I spent several days drawing up detailed plans as to how we would keep a diabetes department working remotely, but as the numbers of patients admitted to the hospital kept increasing, far faster than original predictions, it seemed clear that we were dealing with something unprecedented. At the end of that week the decision was made to divert all resources to in-patient care, and all consultant physicians were placed on an emergency rota. I spent an emotional afternoon working out how to try to suspend very specialist services that I had spent the previous decade building up, followed by a fortunate weekend off after working 12 days continuously, and then on the Monday morning started a whole new world.

Through the height of the epidemic, as the hospital filled up, I alternated between responsibility for a 28 bed ward of patients with COVID-19, and looking after all the diabetes in the hospital – which became increasingly important as we learnt how big a risk factor diabetes was and how unusually complex patients with COVID-19 and diabetes were to manage. As someone with 20 years’ experience of general medicine and looking after patients a step or two removed from the highest intensity areas, it was the emotional aspects rather than the complexity of the medicine that still resonate. As general physicians, we are well used to caring for patients at the end of their lives, but to have multiple patients on a ward at the same time in this situation was certainly unusual. To have only one relative visiting for short periods of time, knowing they would then have to self-isolate and not see any family after their relative’s death was certainly an added strain.

The changes to the ward, including no visitors, rapidly erected partition doors between areas of the ward, and everyone wearing PPE (who would have thought I would not

in terms of COVID-19 unfortunately remains uncertain. The infection continues to rage in parts of the world (e.g. USA) as I write this. A vaccine is not immediately on the horizon and its efficacy on release will be unknown. Antibody-testing is not infallible and of uncertain significance with many colleagues having negative antibody tests despite positive swab tests while infected.

We have all been though a whirlwind of emotions in the midst of this pandemic. I have seen things from the viewpoint of a healthcare provider and patient. We have seen the worst of human nature (hoarding, medical staff being assaulted for their ID cards to allow preferential access to supermarkets etc.) but also the best. Some of the most uplifting stories have been the small acts of kindness that have happened on a daily basis across the country and world. Captain Tom’s efforts to raise money for the NHS touched us all. I personally got through things only with the help of my family.

I hope that at some point we can say that the pandemic is over. I will be grateful and proud at that time to say that I played a part in the fight against COVID-19.

need to define that abbreviation) were stark reminders of the new world. Elderly patients, especially those with a degree of dementia, suffered – not understanding why their family had apparently abandoned them, struggling to hear us talk through masks and visors. We had to adapt to having difficult conversations with families, often telling them their loved one was dying, over the phone, and really struggling to do so without any of our usual armoury of face to face communication skills. Two low points stick out in my memory. Firstly having to tell an elderly lady that her husband had passed away on the same ward (but at least we had managed to get them on the same ward to say their goodbyes), and secondly a phone call to the wife of a dying patient, who obviously wanted to come and say her goodbyes, but having to spell out the significant risk that would mean. We held on to the happier moments such as seeing other patients walk off the ward on their way home.

However, we got through, and gradually, imperceptibly at first, the number of new admissions started to fall, and in time our ward gradually emptied out as patients went home. We are now grappling with what is in many ways the even harder question of how to get back to some semblance of normality, reinstating all the non-COVID care safely, all the time not knowing when the much discussed second wave is going to hit and scupper plans again.

There were some clear positives. The re-emergence of teams and the ability to actually get to know one’s junior colleagues was a big plus. The close co-operation between clinicians and managers, many of whom also took on unofficial cheering-up roles was a bonus, but the biggest plus was seeing that the NHS really could spring into action and transform itself successfully. Hopefully this new-found sense of ‘can do’ will persist and perhaps many problems previously falling into the ‘too complex’ file will now be resolved.

Variable results in 2019 cricket season

In many ways 2019 was a bit of a mixed season, with weather, teams, and results all variable. Our team suffered from a lack of players who were available on a regular basis, with several of our younger players getting engaged and married. Congratulations to Richard Saldanha, Jack, and Saad, and in the case of Callum, congratulations on becoming a dad! These are great happy events, but do not help the availability for playing cricket of course. In addition, we had a couple of injuries to older players, Dick Bardsley with tennis elbow, and an injury to the not so old Mike Knight which handicapped his ability to bowl.

However, it was good to have Jake Pittman and Patrick Bennett make their debuts for us. Jake made an immediate impression with scores of 44, 70, 89 and 48 in his first four innings. When

he scored 89 he also took three wickets. Patrick took three wickets and also scored 32 on debut. Other players became available more frequently, such as Kirtiman Singh and Paddy Dillon-Hatcher, whilst we welcomed back Shahil Somani and Dan Grendowicz after a short hiatus. Suhail Shaikh returned to



Mike Knight, Richard Saldanha and Jack Malnick

play against the School and won family bragging rights when he dismissed his nephew.

Meanwhile the stalwarts carried on their merry way. Jack

Malnick and Callum scored heavily and put on 154 for the second wicket against Oakfield Parkonians. Richard Millett bowled the most overs and was leading wicket taker with 17, closely followed by Mike Shannon. Richard Hillman was our usual wicket-keeper again, but seemed to be unfortunate in having umpires who failed to see not just an odd catch, but stumpings too!

v. Eastcote – May 12 – 40 overs
Eastcote 284-9

Old Citizens 141 (Malnick 71)
We finally got our season underway at the lovely Eastcote ground. The hosts batted first and there was an early success when Mike Knight got a wicket by dismissing the opener with his fourth delivery. It turned out to be their club professional who had retired unbeaten on 217 the previous week. They still set a stiff challenge and bowled accurately, and only Jack broke their stranglehold on the game.

Golf

Old Citizens golf has, like all sport, been put on hold for 2020. The Spring meeting at Fulwell Golf Club, near Twickenham, had to be postponed, and we may try for a date in September if possible. The Summer meeting at Woking Golf Club was cancelled, and at the time of writing (late May) we remain hopeful that the Autumn meeting at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club on 10th September can proceed.

The Halford Hewitt was cancelled for the first time since WW2 and the expectation is that the Cyril Gray tournament at Worplesdon in late June will also be cancelled.

Whilst it is possible to adopt social distancing on a golf course, the social and food arrangements are impossible to organise. The current travel restrictions are also an issue. We hope to return in September, but if this is not possible, we shall look forward positively to resuming a full programme of golf in 2021.



v. Essendon – May 19 – (timed)
Essendon 231-8 dec. (Bennett 3-33)
Old Citizens 115

Another nice setting. Patrick Bennett and Patrick Dillon-Hatcher struck early blows but Essendon batted for 41 overs. In the limited time chase left only Callum looked to give us an outside chance of a win at one stage, but Tony got a dubious lbw decision ending our effort to play for a draw in a good spirited game.

v. Oakfield Parkonians – May 25 – 35 overs
Oakfield Parkonians 219 – 5
Old Citizens 220-9

(Malnick 107, C Hopkins 44)
In our first home game the opposition got off to a fortunate start, but then batted quite well. Jack took a liking to the bowling, and his quick century included some towering sixes, supported by Callum with 44. We won with 7 balls to spare.

v. Eltham – Jun 15 – 40 overs
This match had to be cancelled after a very wet week, meaning the square could not be prepared for a sunny Saturday.

v. Penn Street – Jun 22 – 40 overs
Penn Street 191 (Millett 4-26)
Old Citizens 107
Penn Street batted first at this picturesque ground. Mike Knight opened the bowling with Dinesh, and struck an early blow, and was unlucky not to get more wickets. Barley got a wicket with the help of a running catch by Mike K. Birdseed bowled well to take four wickets. Bill and Richard added 37, before Bill fell for a tidy 27.

v. The School – Jun 25 – 35 overs
Old Citizens 238-8 (Grendowicz 65, J Pittman 44, Dhabi 40)
City of London School 188 (Shannon 3-30)
We visited Grove Park, batted first, and opened with Dan Grendowicz and Jake Pitmann. Both batsmen had to be watchful against some accurate

bowling. Jake overbalanced on 44 and the wicketkeeper made an excellent stumping. Ash started with two sixes but was stumped for 40. Dan reached his half century before being given out caught behind. Allan Saldanha and Paddy Hatcher added quick runs before Allan also fell. Ameer, Callum, Richard and Suhail added to the total before Suhail became the fourth victim for the 'keeper. The school batted quite well. Jake restricted scoring until Mike Shannon broke a fifty partnership and took three wickets. Neil Cornwell and the Team Physio aimed for victory, but ended up short.



Tony Sawell and others at the last game of the season

v. Waxlow – Jun 29 – 40 overs
Old Citizens 154 (Hillman 38*)
Waxlow 156-4
Hot and humid conditions prevailed in this home game, where Saad and Dan opened our innings. Saad rushed to 18 before falling to a dipping full toss. Wickets fell and our skipper was supported by Junky as he tried to get to a decent total. Jack had to bat in a lowly position, and fell for 29 with a ball that kept low, and Richard was still there at the close. Waxlow cruised home.

v. Arkley – Jul 6 – 40 overs
Arkley 174-8 (Millett 3-15)
Old Citizens 66 (C Hopkins 31)
At Arkley the home side got off to a quick start before slowing to a trickle. Birdseed captured 3-15 from ten overs and Nic took 2-29 from his ten. Callum batted well, but our other batsmen collapsed badly.

v. Penn Street – Jul 20 – 40 overs
We had assembled a good side for the return game at Penn, but the weather saturated the pitch in the morning, and Paddy, Callum and Kirtiman joined Jake for some net practise instead.

v. Storrington – Aug 2 – 35 overs
Storrington 215-5
Old Citizens 148-7 (O. Hatteea 87)
Storrington batted first and when Saeed and Mark were replaced by Omar and Jamie, the home side survived in uncomfortable fashion. Birdseed Millett and Junky Shannon were initially greeted with some aggressive shots,

but they soon brought the batting under control. Set 216 to win, Omar set about the bowling with some hard hit sixes included in his good knock of 87. Dick Bardsley joined captain Richard and they compiled an unbeaten partnership of 54. We enjoyed Mark and Helen's hospitality and Indian meal.

v. Ashridge Coopers – Aug 4 – 35 overs
Old Citizens 103-9

(Millett 42*)
Ashridge Coopers 104-3
The Ashridge venue provides a pretty setting for cricket. We were put in to bat on a green pitch which offered help to the bowlers. Jack was undone by the pace and bounce of the pitch and their off spinner took 3 for 7 from his seven overs. Birdseed batted well and found support from Tony, and 40 runs were added in ten overs, before they ran out of overs. Junky and Patrick opened the bowling and could have had more wickets with a bit of luck and better catching in the field. Nic and Birdseed bowled well, and the latter was very unlucky to have a plumb lbw turned down, which made sure Ashridge won.

v. Waxlow – Aug 10 – 35 overs
Old Citizens 293-8 (J Pittman 70, C Hopkins 81)
Waxlow 234-9 (C Hopkins 3-26)
We got revenge against Waxlow in a

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high scoring return game. Jake scored 4 boundaries in the first over, two either side of the wicket. Jake reached 50 in 35 balls, with Richard giving him most of the strike. Jake was out for 70 as the total passed a hundred. Steve hit a quick 18, and then Bevan was joined by Callum. Callum hit some great shots between midwicket and long on. Bevan scored 47 in a stand of 86. Callum got a personal best of 81. Set a huge 294, Waxlow had a go for it. Bevan bowled tightly but Shahil struggled with his length, but got a wicket when Jake took a catch at mid wicket. Ameer came on and got impressive turn. Waxlow are a friendly bunch but tempers flared as one batsman refused to walk when the umpire did not hear the snick off Paddy’s bowling. Then he hit a 6 and a 4, earning a sarcastic congratulation from our mild mannered captain. It was not helped when their umpire started calling balls wide ridiculously. Shahil took a good catch off Callum, who then got two more wickets on the way to our deserved victory.

v. Arkley – Aug 24 – 35 overs
Arkley 158-8 (Shannon 3-39)
Old Citizens 159-5 (Malnick 66)

Our last home match of the season was the return game with Arkley. Could we reverse the earlier result? Richard Hillman was captain. We restricted the visitors to an achievable target with Junky taking 3-39, helped by Birdseed whose 7 overs cost only 11 runs. Dinesh bowled well, and Mike took a good low catch off



Mike Knight

Jack’s bowling. Mike and Callum opened the batting, but 9 for 2 was not a good start. Jack and Steve do not believe in prodding about, and their method was a success, particularly for Jack, who hit 66. It still needed Birdseed and the captain to guide us home, with Richard finishing on 29 not out.

v. Chingford – Aug 26 – 40 overs
Chingford 232-9
Old Citizens 65
Chingford batted first on a hot day, and we opened with TJ and Bevan. The batting side reached 97 for 1 at the drinks break, but it should have been better had Bevan not had a plumb lbw decision turned down. The score then reached 102-4 when Birdseed had a decent lbw decision turned down but Junky got batsman in the next over.. The number six was caught by Jack to give Nic a wicket, and Chingford made a fair declaration. Our reply started badly, and we were 9 for 3 against a good off spinner. Against a strong Chingford side although we did not play badly, their good bowling saw us slide to a heavy defeat.

v. Mayfield – Aug 31 – 40 overs
Old Citizens 276-2 dec. (Pittman 89, Knight 64, Malnick 78*)
Mayfield 162
(Millett 3-18, Pittman 3-15)
Mayfield put us into bat on their ground, and Jake got off to a great start by hitting the first ball for six. On a poor wicket Mike was struck by a rearing ball in the neck, but we reached 43 without loss after ten overs. Jake reached 50 off 43 balls and we passed 100 in the 18th over. Jake was caught at square leg from a long hop

OCCC's top dozen runs accumulators							
Name of batsman	Innings	Not out	High score	100/50	Average	Runs	Dates
Steve RINGER	613	75	104*	4/55	21.58	11608	1972 -
Frank HAWKER	394+	26	124*	14/--	30.93	11381	1921-1967
John PETZOLD	463	52	112*	5/47	27.04	10794	1954-1987
Freddy PEARSON L/H	358+	39	179	12/--	31.28	9978+	1923 - 1963
Geoff BATES	528	49	102*	2/31	17.32	8297	1961 - 2004
Mike KNIGHT	288	51	143*	3/52	34.54	8187	1983 -
Peter (Peg) SAWELL	583	106	97	0/16	16.30	7777	1962 - 1992
Roger RADFORD	374	46	100*	1/28	22.17	7273	1962 - 2003
Gary ISRAEL	257	38	122*	7/45	33.21	7272	1976 - 1999
WG (Dad) WAINWRIGHT L/H	332	29	114*	5/35	23.71	7185	1968 - 1981
Bruce TODD	272	38	112*	2/29	27.52	6462	1973 -
Martin LEWIS	205	25	122	9/39	35.53	6395	1972 - 1984

OCCC's top dozen wicket takers								
Name of bowler	Action	Overs	Maidens	Runs	5 for +	Average	Wickets	Dates
Peter (Peg) SAWELL	RSM-M	7486.1	1780	22377	59	16.32	1371	1963-1996
Mike SHANNON	RS	5993.1	1527	17846	43	15.24	1171	1972-
Bill LEWIS	RM	4430.4	1298	12575	--	13.77	913+	1920-1946
Tony SAWELL	RSM	4244.4	813	13427	28	15.85	847	1962-
John BOWDEN	RFM	3635.0	755	10218	--	14.98	713+	1930-1967
Mark SIGNY	RF	3869.4	801	11707	31	16.68	702	1970-
Graham HARGRAVE-SMITH	LSS	3064.5	592	9946	25	15.64	636	1968-1996
Freddy PEARSON	LS	28951	366	9244	--	14.98	617+	1923-1963
Richard MILLETT	RM	3139.2	499	11697	19	19.05	614	1986-
Saeed HATTEEA	RF	2483.2	602	6537	31	11.91	549	1968-
Phil GAYFORD	LFM	2157.2	554	5524	26	11.56	478	1977-1992
Steve RINGER	LSS	1944.0	257	8283	12	19.13	433	1972-
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for 89, and Jack then came in to face some of his least favourite slow bowling. A final flurry from Jack and Steve, then we declared after 38 overs. When we bowled Paddy extracted some alarming bounce from the pitch. Nic found some turn, and John’s off breaks produced aerial shots which eluded the fielders, but Jake and Jack ensured a comfortable win.

v. Ilford Catholic – Sep 7 – 40 overs
Ilford Catholic 224-5
Old Citizens 144-9 (Pittman 48)

We chose to field first with Shahil and Jake opening the bowling, each struck and the opposition were 26 for 2. Ameer and Richard Millett replaced them, and Ameer got a lot of turn, some of which were unjustly called for wides by the umpire. Luck did not seem to be on our side as Birdseed had what looked like a good lbw appeal rejected, and Steve appeared to run out the number five, which was also turned down. Kirtiman and new player Gajan Raveendran failed to take a wicket, but Dan bowled quickly and

accurately. Jake and Dan opened and were approaching fifty when Dan went for 15. We lost a couple of wickets, Gajan joined Jake who was out two short of his 50. Gajan and Kirtiman added 42, and Gajan got a useful 38.

v. Pacific – Oct 12 – 35 overs
Plenty of rain prevented us playing a proper game, but both sides were keen to play a few overs each in memory of James Gleadow, known as Nugget by Pacific CC.

OC football season curtailed

The OC football club is in a bit of a limbo at the time of writing this report. COVID-19 has brought things to a halt of course.

Until recently we were well placed in division two of the Arthurian League and hoping to gain promotion to division one, however we were then forced to withdraw

from the league for playing an unqualified player. When we played a match against Old Harrovians one of their players heard that we had someone in our side

OCFC match results - Arthurian League 2019 (Division 2)				
Sep 7	Old Citizens	5	3	Old Merchant Taylors
Sep 14	Old Citizens	3	1	Old Sennockians
Sep 28	Old Aldenhamians	0	4	Old Citizens
Oct 12	Old Foresters II	0	6	Old Citizens
Oct 26	Old Etonians II	3	2	Old Citizens
Nov 9	Old Chigwellians II	3	0	Old Citizens
Nov 16	Old Harrovians II	0	1	Old Citizens
Nov 23	Old Sennockians	0	3	Old Citizens

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Footballing gem uncovered in archives

The fact that the Old Citizens Football Club reached the final in the 1930/1931 Arthur Dunn knock-out cup is well known and recorded in the Gazette, and referred to at various times over subsequent years. We lost to Old Wykehamists on that occasion, having knocked out Carthusians, Foresters, and Malvernians on the way. Reading contemporary accounts in 1931, writers all assumed it was the first time we had reached that position, although some acknowledgement was made of the Old Cits in the semi-finals in the early twenties.

What seems to have gone unnoticed is what was discovered reading a book about the history of the Arthur Dunn Cup. In fact, we got as far as the final for the first time eighteen years earlier in 1912/1913.

In the first round we beat Wykehamists (the team that beat us in the 1931 final). In the second and third rounds we knocked out Westminsterers and Reptonians, and then beat Aldenhamians in the semi-final. Old Brightonians got the better of a close final against us by 2-1. In that season we scored an impressive 19 goals in the competition.

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that had not gone to the City of London School, and complained to the league. We admitted the transgression, and had to resign from the Arthurian League as it was against their rules. To show this in its true light, a number of the sides play guest players fairly regularly, but do not admit to doing so. For example, some years ago,

when Citizens did not have a football side, the writer played for Cholmeleians on many occasions, as did another Old Citizen and two people from another school. In order to keep the club going, since then, we have entered a seven-a-side league, where we were unbeaten until the

virus brought all football to a stop. For general interest, the table on page 29 shows what happened when we played in the Arthurian league. We also played in the AFA Cup, where we were beaten 3-2 by Blackheath Wanderers.

Goals galore for OC water polo club

Just like all sports Citizens Water Polo had the season curtailed by the virus. Fortunately, we had completed our February programme of three matches, which meant we finished with a flourish.

Here are the results:
February 10 --- Won --- Citizens Mens 1s - 10 Otto Mens 2s - 4
February 20 --- Won --- Otto Mens 2s - 8 Citizens Mens 1s - 13

February 24 --- Drawn --- Citizens Mens 1s - 9 Croydon Amphibians Mens 2s - 9
We wound up February with plenty of goals to the good, having totalled 32 goals and conceded only 21. In the season's first game we lost by one goal and in the second went down to Croydon Amphibians 14-12, another close match.

Thameside Water Polo League - Division 1 -2019/2020 (early results only)									
Pos	Team	Pts	Plyd	Won	Drwn	Lost	GF	GA	Diff
1	Croydon Amphibians M2s	10	4	3	0	1	52	43	9
2	Polytechnic Purples	7	3	3	0	1	36	34	2
3	Citizens M1s	2	2	0	0	2	22	25	-3
4	Otter M2s	1	1	0	0	1	6	14	-8

(Source: Thameside League website)



Old Citizens Eton Fives Club hosts Nigerian team for EFA

OC Eton Fives Club continues to thrive, playing matches at home and abroad, despite the truncated season.

One of the highlights was being asked by the Eton Fives Association to host a charming team from Nigeria in December (see photo above), who picked up the version of fives we play very quickly despite the (for them) bone-chilling weather.

Eton fives is played enthusiastically in several states of Nigeria – indeed there are more fives players there than in England. The organiser of the tour estimated there were some 200,000 fives players in the country.

FIVES IN HAMBURG.

The club made a trip to Hamburg to play on a world-first: a temporary court erected in an art gallery. This was a court made out of plywood and plaster board with dimensions and advice from John Reynolds. The court was in existence for a couple of months, and a programme of events meant it was

enjoyed by scores of locals and visiting Brits, including two current national champions, both of whom happen to have German mothers.

The court was in a gallery sited in a

former first-class waiting room inside an active railway station. The artist, Fion Pellacini, had learned about the game from a friend who had seen the game at his school in the Swiss mountains, the only school in the country with courts.

Fion and the exhibition curator Rebekka Seubert visited London in the summer to research the game and were introduced to it by some Old Citizens.

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND

A group of eight of us enjoyed a six-day trip to stay with our Swiss friends - the entertainment featured brief exposure to a blizzard on a freezing mountain-top, a visit to the annual local cattle market said to be the highlight of the community's year, and some excellent fives. Many thanks to Dieter Buchi and family for their extraordinary hospitality.



Roman Heindorff and John Reynolds with Rebekka Seubert in her temporary fives court in Hamburg

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The dramatis personae for the season-opening Wood Plate, centre. It was eventually won by Abi Jones and Chris Lumbard .

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OCEFC IN DURHAM

Three of us visited Durham to take part in the City Of Durham Fives Club's second birthday.

We played Rugby fives on the club's courts by the Wear River, which the club shares with the city's university, and also played a game against the club on the Victorian ball courts built at the former Catholic seminary at Ushaw.

Tomos Bliss made the short journey from Newcastle, while Jivan Navani and John Reynolds made the trek from London. For the record, Tomos and John held their own in a game of doubles on the enormous sandstone ball courts, but Jivan and John were humbled on the Rugby fives courts (which were much smaller but seemed as large).

We are very grateful to City of Durham's organiser Julie McIntyre and her husband Geoff for their immense hospitality, helping



Jivan Navani in action in the Wood Plate

to arrange our matches, meals, accommodation and even a tour by Geoff of Durham Cathedral. Thanks, both.

ANNUAL OLD VERSUS YOUNG MATCH ENDS IN DEADLOCK

We mounted a five-pair Old Versus Young match just before Christmas (and were very proud to muster 20 schoolboys and Old Citizens more than 30 years after we lost our home courts).

For the record:

1st pair: John Reynolds and Ralph Morgan beat Sam Inigo Packer and Jacob Greenhouse 3-0.
2nd pair: Spencer Chapman and John Gee-Grant lost to Nicholas Gill and Tomos Bliss 1-3.
3rd pair: Les and Mark George Jacobs beat Alex Nice and Louis Gringras 3-2.
4th pair: David Cooper and John Robinson lost to Saajan Shah and Carsten Oven 0-3. Saajan Shah and four others also attended.

CLUB REPRESENTED IN VARSITY MATCH

The season's Varsity match meant a second Cambridge half-blue for Nick Choustikov (the club's 18th half-blue player) for playing on an occasion which also featured two other Citizens in the Pepper/Penguin match: respectively Edwin Gosnell and Jivan Navani. Oxonians Sam Packer and Jacob Greenhouse took part in the former Varsity clash that day.

OLDEST FIVES PLAYER EVER WINS LEAGUE MATCH

David Cooper, who had just celebrated his 80th birthday, played and won a Division Three match with a guest partner, Emily O'Mally. Surely that makes him the oldest ever league player. And surely, surely the oldest fives player ever to win a league match.

Remember, David was one of those who visited Zuoz with the Old Citizens in the 1950s. So, he's notched up more than 70 years of fives!

COMPETITION

A group of six of us played in the EFA Trophy at Eton, battling our way through six 15-point sets, winning some and losing some against very civilised opposition

and coming third equal out of a group of seven – which meant we didn't progress to the semi-finals.

The OCEFC entered two pairs into the Turnbull tournament – designed for

of our pairs reached the final stages. We reached the semi-finals of the plate competitions.

In the Barber Cup, the fives world's equivalent of the FA Cup, we were

tonked by the Old Berkhamstedians. Last year's CLS captain Edwin Gosnell and his veteran partner Stephen Kelly rescued some consolation by edging a five-set match in nearly three hours long after John Reynolds and Bobby Friedman at first and John Gee-Grant and Spencer Chapman at second had failed to make much impression on the home side.

WOOD PLATE

At the start of the season the Wood Plate was competed for by some 18 players and ended up in the hands of Abi Jones and club guest Chris Lumbard.

They beat last year's CLS fives captain Edwin Gosnell and club captain John Reynolds in the final.



Our Barber Cup team lost 1-2 to the Berkhamstedians

schoolboys and old boys to play in the same teams.

Sam Packer and Jacob Greenhouse partnered Avi Langdon and Louis Gringras respectively.

Matches were won and lost but neither



We won back the Hawken-Garrett Cup from the Old Zuozers in a four-pair match in Zurich in autumn 2019



Marlborough: 80 years on

by Katherine Symonds, CLS Archivist

Eighty years ago at the start of the 1940 academic year the entire City of London School, pupils and teachers alike, were evacuated from wartime London to the relative safety of Marlborough College in Wiltshire. The numerous reflections in the School Magazine of this time are testament to how formative an experience it was for those who experienced it. Now more than ever perhaps it is time to look back at the resilience and resourcefulness displayed by both the staff and pupils during a time of great uncertainty, fear, and world-wide upheaval.

Under the looming threat of air raids Headmaster Francis Dale had, since 1938, started looking for ways to evacuate the whole school

and eventually came to an agreement with the Headmaster of Marlborough College and the Mayor of Marlborough. It was argued and agreed that the pupils of CLS would be a more

cohesive body of evacuees than might otherwise be expected to descend on the town.

In total 694 boys went to Marlborough from a roll call of 801, three weeks before the College was due to start back in September 1939. These included 110 who had enrolled that year, some as young as nine owing to their parents' eagerness to get them away from the dangers of London.

By January 1940 some students had left as their parents simply couldn't afford the additional fees. To prevent further losses Dale successfully asked the School Committee for extra financial relief. In



March 1940, adverse weather and the effects of rationing contributed to an outbreak of flu followed by German Measles which led to the gymnasium being used as an overflow for the Marlborough sanatorium, many boys recounting a preference for the indulgence of the matrons over the indifference of their landlords.



CLS boys and staff were billeted throughout the town, staying with local people, often with several sharing a room. Reporting to the committee Dale noted that 'conditions in billets are in some cases rather primitive'. Some boys found this experience so bad they returned to London, while others got along so well with their hosts that they remained in contact for decades afterwards. Many ended up in makeshift dormitories overseen by teachers.

The timetable was complicated given the two schools utilising the same buildings, with CLS having lessons before breakfast then piling into the cafeteria once the Marlborough students were finished eating, and each school taking turns to use the sports grounds and classrooms. In 1943 parents were instructed to send their sons back with cutlery as the numbers had depleted so badly. In a Report to the Committee in November 1939 Dale states, 'The food is good though unimaginative' and by January 1940, 26 students were lobbying for a kosher offering from the canteen.



Aside from the trials of being away from home CLS students suddenly found themselves in an unfamiliar rural environment, described by Kingsley Amis as 'a whole new world of illegality to explore'. Reminiscences in the Gazette often return to tales of cycling through the country and roaming through the Savernake Forest. Makeshift water pistols were devised using ear syringes, and adversaries soaked on their way back to their billets. One pupil of the time fondly remembers Mr. J.P. Stephenson (staff 1931 - 1968) showing Will Hay films.



Despite oft-repeated claims that there was no integration between the schools there was certainly some interaction. In March 1943 a unit of Sea Cadets was formed with boys from both schools and many of the staff took an active part in the life of the area, with George Irwin-Carruthers (staff 1928 - 1964) performing as one of the Marlborough players and Biff Vokins (staff 1926 - 1968) volunteering with the local Home Guard.

The School returned to London in April 1944, student numbers having dwindled by around a third. It was perhaps a

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little too early judging by reports of doodlebugs landing during the exam season, but numbers steadily crept back up to their pre-war strength.

Despite initial reservations from all sides, in the end the evacuation saved both schools by adding to the reasons to compel the Ministry not to requisition the school buildings for the war effort in 1942. The fiftieth anniversary of the school's

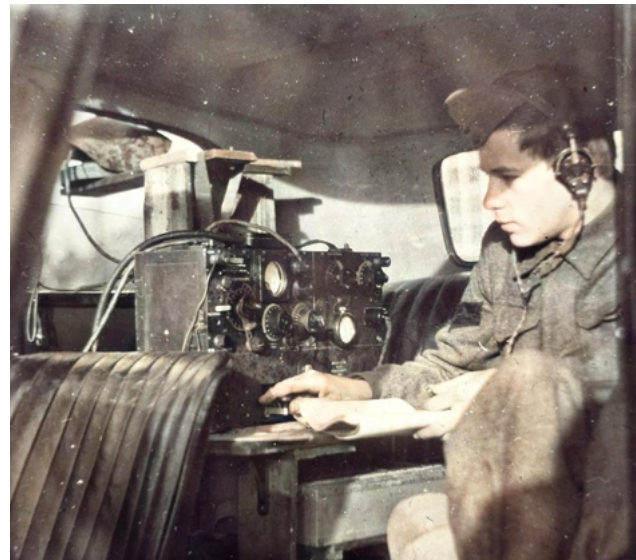


return to London was marked by an unveiling at Marlborough of a commemorative window, attended by many of those that had been there. Circumstances have meant that we couldn't arrange a similar reunion this year but hopefully it will be possible in the not too distant future; any OCs who went to Marlborough are encouraged to get in touch.

This is but a brief overview; it is perhaps more evocative to hear from those that witnessed the evacuation first-hand. If you want to hear some personal accounts, the following alumni (and once evacuees) discuss their experiences:

Gordon Dearing CLS: 1941-1944 <https://vimeo.com/374915662/cd06fc34e2>

Patrick Lawrence CLS: 1943-1950 <https://vimeo.com/374916809/78d57e44a5>



John Thompson CLS: 1936-1943 <https://vimeo.com/374916617/8ea987fa2d>

Frank Helyar's out of print book 'The City of London School at Marlborough' is available on our digital archive, as are many later recollections - search Marlborough in the title box: <http://cityoflondonschoolheritage.daisy.websds.net/FindAll/Main>.



Images of CLS at Marlborough College recently digitised from lantern slides in the Archive. Image p.34 bottom: The Porter's Lodge at CLS during WWII.

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Taken near Barnet by L.M. Lichtenstein, 17th May 1905

Souvenir Book of the Modern Side Saturday Club

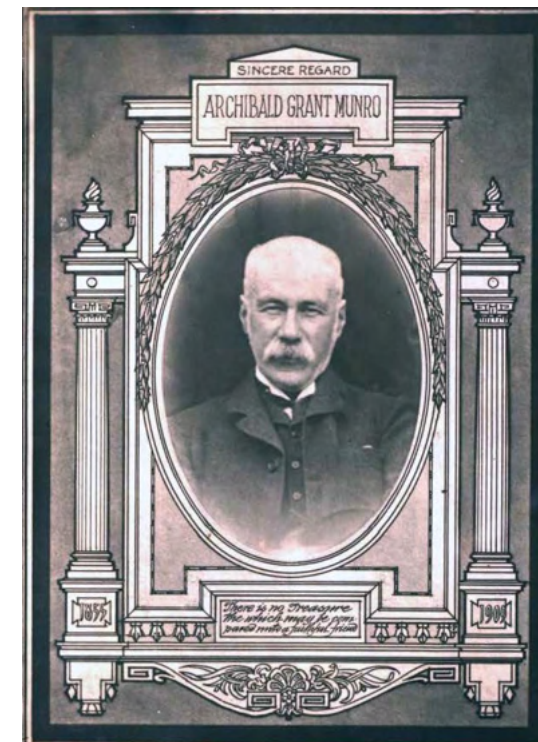
Another item added to our online Archive this year is the Souvenir Book of the Modern Side Saturday Club. The book is a commonplace book, containing cuttings, programmes, photographs, and written accounts of trips which was rescued from the wreckage of a house by one of the Club's members during the Blitz.

Run from 1904-1909 by Archibald Grant Munro (CLS Staff 1883-1909) the Saturday Club arranged weekend outings around London and further afield.

'The object of the club is to stimulate the boys' powers of observation and criticism, and to increase their general knowledge by conducting them to some place of interest each week, such as the Tower of London, the Mint, an ocean liner etc' (The Teacher, 25th May 1907)

Visits were also physically active with football games in Epping Forest

and bicycle trips as far away as Chatham. Insights into the boys' opinions of their adventures can be gained from the accounts,



containing critiques such as 'we also visited the southern gallery of the Victoria and Albert Museum, but it was not very interesting!' The book also contains programmes for the Modern Side Debating and Swimming Clubs, both also organised by Munro. Munro, with his dedication to offering his pupils an all-round education, was so well beloved that after his death the A.G. Munro Club was formed, organising reunions as in High Beech in 1911, photographs of which are included at the end of the book. Doubtlessly this item is one of the treasures of our Collection, offering a detailed view of what our pupils at the beginning of the last century did outside their curriculum, shortly before the shadows of two World Wars were cast.

DIGITAL ARCHIVE

If you would like to remind yourself of events or people during your schooldays here, you can browse and search a huge repository of documents including School Magazines, Prize Day lists and Gazettes in the online CLS digital archive: www.clsarchive.org.uk

Dr Amit Bhasin 1967-2020

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Dr Amit Bhasin (CLS 1979-1985) in June.

Amit joined the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2002 and played a key role in establishing the Gates Malaria Partnership as an innovative research capacity development programme. He became its manager in 2006, and then of its successor, the Malaria Capacity Development Consortium, and other successful research consortia including MenAfriCar and the FIEBRE project.

These consortia involved multiple partners in Africa and Asia and much of their success was due to Amit. He was a brilliant administrator but, more importantly, hugely skilled in bringing people together effectively and making collaborative working fun. His ability to gain the trust and friendship of all categories of staff, from director of a research centre to an entomology field worker was remarkable.

Amit left LSHTM in 2019 to join the University of Cambridge as Programme Manager of Cambridge-Africa, a University initiative to support African researchers and promote equitable partnerships between Africa and



Cambridge. Amit brought his energy, enthusiasm and experience to his new position, expanding both the strategic thinking underpinning Cambridge-Africa and expanding the size of the network.

Before joining LSHTM, Amit obtained a PhD in entomology at the University of Aberdeen. Subsequently, he held a post-doctoral fellowship at Hadassah University, Jerusalem, undertaking fieldwork in Mali where he developed his love of Africa and made many lasting friends.

Amit was a keen sports fan, music lover and dedicated family man. He was enormously generous with his time and skills and always willing to support others.

Amit Bhasin made an impressive contribution to capacity development for African science and scientific management. We will seek opportunities to celebrate Amit's memory in the near future. For now, our deep condolences go out to Amit's family and to his friends around the world.

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Maurice H Banbury 1944 - 2020

We have heard the sad news that Old Citizen Maurice Banbury (CLS 1953-1962) has become a victim of COVID-19 after contracting the disease five days previously.

He was a regular third eleven batsman playing for twenty years from 1970 to 1990. In the seventies he also played fives for the Old Cits.

Most of us will remember Maurice as

a regular attender at the sports dinner which he never missed, and where he was called upon to say grace.

Maurice also ran an occasional Sunday cricket side for his church, and it was for that team he scored a half century, his highest score. As a non driver he became expert on travel in the London area, always arriving on time for matches, and socialising after the game.

Maurice had a career in the health service and lived in Putney prior to retiring. For many years he lived with his mother who was a huge cricket fan with considerable knowledge of the game.

He will be remembered as a friendly, kind and gentle man with a sense of humour. Our thoughts are with his brother and family.

John Kenneth Iliffe 1931 - 2020

John Iliffe was a notable early pioneer of computer science, a mathematician and a sportsman, who attended the City of London School between 1945 and 1948.

Born in Chingford in 1931, he gained a first-class degree in the Mathematical Tripos at St John's College, Cambridge in 1952 and served in the Royal Navy from 1953 to 1956. His first encounter with computers was with the University of Cambridge's Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Calculator (EDSAC), and after his naval service he learnt more about the machines by running IBM's service bureau in London. In 1958 he accepted an invitation to join the team building the R1 computer at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he took responsibility for the operating system and language design and implementation. Among his innovations was the introduction of a data structure used to implement multi-dimensional arrays, now known as Iliffe Vectors and implemented in languages such as Java and Python.

Over the next 30 years he put into operation four computers demonstrating and evaluating new concepts in design, working mainly with Ferranti and ICL. He held visiting academic appointments at Rice, Syracuse, Stanford, UC Davis and Imperial College, London. In 2000 he was awarded the Harry Goode Memorial medal by the IEEE Computer Society in recognition of his work.

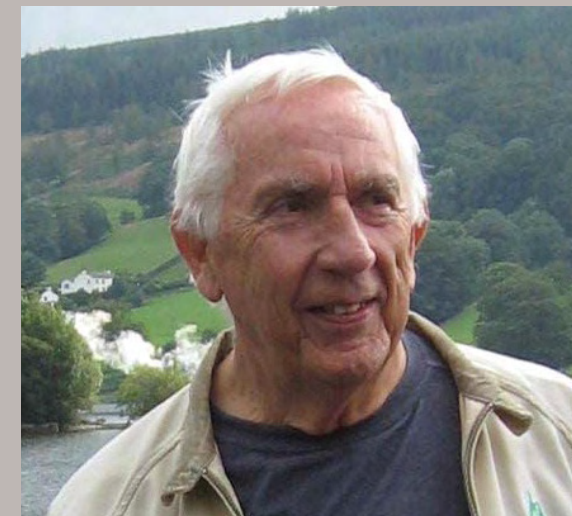
John was a keen sportsman, notable at the School for his rugby (later having a few games for Saracens and playing for

Combined Services Dartmouth) and swimming (later winning his half blue for swimming and water polo at Cambridge). Whilst still at the school he began training with Otter Swimming Club, and in later years played water polo with them. He was a regular at their annual open water races, and served as club president from 1990 to 1996. At the age of 74 he completed the 11-mile swim of Windermere in the Lake District.

Having initially attended Chingford High, John came to CLS on winning a Carpenter scholarship. He was quite clear that his education at the School (far more than at Cambridge) was the significant event in determining the course of his career. In particular, he recalled C. G. Nobbs (Head of Maths and Second Master) and J. P. Stephenson (Head of Physics) as the two people who had had a more lasting influence upon his life than anyone before or since. Both assumed, without further discussion, that he would proceed to university - following Nobb's example, he won a scholarship to St John's.

John was happily married for over 60 years to Dorothy, with whom he had three children, Louise, Jonathan (CLS 1969-1976) and Kate. In the days when CLS masters routinely spanned two or more generations, he was still remembered and spoken of when his son started at the school some 20 years after he left. Being referred to as "Iliffe, son of the Iliffe" took a certain amount of getting used to.

He was a much-loved man - quiet and thoughtful, but with a dry wit - and will be sadly missed by his children and grandchildren.



P.F. Lacamp 1941-2019

P.F. Lacamp entered the School in 1951, becoming known as 'Pip' rather than 'Philippe', a hint to a pedigree that may have influenced his later choice of modern languages as his sixth form specialism. But it was in sport that he excelled, particularly boxing, fives, cricket and rugby. He always offered a strong lead, as any contemporary meeting him across the boxing ring would well remember. This extended to broader activities, becoming CSM in the army section of the CCF as well as Captain of the School.

While captain of rugby he certainly enjoyed winning the 1958 Kent schools seven-a-sides, celebrated at the home of the coach, staff member and Welsh trialist Chris (Mr.C.D.) Young. In his final term (1959), he would have been captain of cricket but stood aside in favour of a younger player,

Michael Brearley.

Pip pursued an early career in the fast-emerging world of IT. He then started and developed several small businesses, while supporting his wife in running their school in the village in Kent where they had settled. Entirely in character, he became a natural and much-loved leader in that community. In his retirement years, he became heavily involved with the church and community of Canterbury, stepping up to relaunch the Canterbury Guides and leading tours of the city, often in German and French.

In appreciation of all that he had contributed, the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral offered the use of the Quire for his memorial service. At the well-attended event, members of the several choirs that he had conducted in his later years came together to perform Fauré's Requiem.

Obituaries

Dr Mark Erik Victor Petersen FRCP 1961 - 2019



Mark Petersen (CLS 1972-1979) was a wonderful family man, loving husband to Victoria and father to Joshua and Freya. He was a loyal and always hugely entertaining friend to many, and a brilliant, highly regarded and compassionate physician and cardiologist, as well as a seriously good cricketer.

At CLS Mark excelled at sport, particularly cricket, and relished the opportunities to play rugby, water polo and almost everything else and always to a high standard. He was never anything less than academically excellent and comfortably navigated his way through the tough pathway to medical school at St Mary's, London, winning the school A-level biology prize on the way.

Many OCs will remember him as a vital member of the OC cricket side in the early 1980s - a very strong and successful side which Mark and his close friends Ben Webb and Simon Hylson-Smith, contributed to immensely, batting very vigorously in the early order and bowling his heart out for long, exhausting spells. He was one of the best gully/slip catchers any of us had ever seen at any level. And he was also the life and soul of the team on wet cricketless days which seemed to occur all too often - on one occasion he taught most of us to play a strange game he called Zoom-Schwarz-Profigliano, which required consuming large quantities of beer.

At the same time he was progressing rapidly through medical school and then the highly competitive world of hospital cardiology. With an extensive research portfolio, terrific clinical skills and a lovely bedside manner, he sped

Jonathan Goldstein 1968 – 2019

Jonathan Goldstein (Class of 1986), his wife Hannah and infant daughter Saskia all passed away in a light aircraft crash in Switzerland in late August 2019.

Whilst at School, Jonathan was an accomplished musician and was remembered regularly playing the organ.

Jonathan started out as a Music Director and Composer for the Royal Shakespeare Company and National Theatre, working on productions including the RSC's 'Othello', starring Sir Ian McKellen in 1989, and the National's 'Primo', featuring Sir Antony Sher in 2004.

Jonathan won a D&AD for Outstanding use of Music, an IVCA Award for Best Music and two British Television Advertising Awards (BTA) Craft Awards for Best Original Music, as well as receiving nominations for two further BTA Craft awards. He was also nominated for an Ivor Novello Award in 2007. Jonathan was Chairman of PCAM, the Society for Producers and Composers of Applied Music from 2005-2012.

Jonathan's wife Hannah had previously been a peripatetic teacher at City of London School teaching the saxophone.



through the ranks and was appointed as a consultant to Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospitals where, with some great colleagues and friends, he developed a cardiology service which is admired by all of us, and most importantly by his patients to whom he gave so much.

Mark was a genuinely lovely man, full of passion, excitement and talent, and was taken much too soon. He will be terribly missed by everyone who knew him.

Martin John Ellis 1943 - 2020

Martin was born on 23 September 1943 in Ealing, London. Whilst a pupil at City of London School (class of 1961) he became a chorister at the Temple Church under Sir George Thalben-Ball. When his voice broke he assisted Sir Thalben-Ball in the organ loft and thus began his love of



choral and organ music. He held the Royal College of Organists' R.J.Pitcher Scholarship at the Royal College of Music where he studied with Sir George Thalben-Ball and Sir John Dykes Bower.

Martin taught in a number of preparatory and secondary schools including Taunton School and Reigate Grammar School where he was Director of Music for thirteen years. His last appointment was on the visiting music staff of Epsom College where he was Chapel Organist.

During the Reigate and Epsom period Martin was also Director of Music and Organist at St Martin's Church, Dorking. He was a Methodist Local Preacher and had been very active in the Methodist Church Music Society and the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Martin retired to Suffolk in 2014 and threw himself into many activities. He has given organ recitals around the UK for over 50 years including twenty-four in 2019. He continued to lead worship regularly and became Ecumenical Officer for the Ipswich Methodist Circuit. At the time of his death Martin was President of the Suffolk Organists' Association for the second time.

Martin died peacefully at home on 30 January 2020 after a short illness. His legacy lives on in the countless young people he has taught and encouraged.

Christopher John Garrod 1953 - 2019



It is with deep sadness that my father, Christopher John Garrod, passed away in late August 2019. He was a keen student at CLS from the age of 13, until he left after sixth form in 1971. He was in the fencing team and won many tournaments, of which he spoke fondly, as he did of many contemporaries, notably John Diamond. He was a talented writer and artist who wanted to go to film school, securing a place through the kindness of his English Master. Unfortunately, his father wouldn't let him go, and so he joined the family printing business J.D Garrod in Plumstead Road, Woolwich. He attended the London College of Printing and completed an HND in Business Administration in 1973. In 1974 he married my mother Christina Deighton at Caxton Hall, Park Lane, London.

He later became globally well known in the hotel and hospitality industry for his renovation projects in exclusive hotels such as the Ritz and Lanesborough, with his companies Garrod Hotel Services, The Chris Garrod Partnership and Chris Garrod Global.

Christopher was a passionate, intelligent, kind man who gave his best efforts in everything he did. He was a wonderful husband to my mother and a fantastic father, always encouraging me towards achieving my goals and leading an honest life as well as being conscious of others' struggles and how I might contribute towards supporting them. He loved the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and Cream. He loved food and literature, theatre and art and all things that brought humans alive.

In recent times, he spent more time at home with his family as he become

Geoffrey Metliss 1929 - 2020

Geoffrey (CLS 1938-1947) was born in London in 1929, just around the corner from Smithfield Market and within the sound of Bow Bells. He was given a scholarship to the City of London School, and was evacuated with the School to Marlborough, a town that he came to love, and where he was afterwards to live and work for some years. He remained grateful to the School throughout his life for his excellent grasp of the French language, which he spoke fluently and without accent.

Geoffrey was conscripted at the age of 18, and after leaving the army embarked on a career in credit management, specialising in the meat, timber, building and licensed trades. In 1974 he was instrumental in originating the idea of Trade Credit Circles, and lectured on debt and insolvency for many years, principally for The Gower Press and the Chartered Institute of Credit Management, of which he was a Fellow.

He became a Freeman of the City of London, taking Livery of the Worshipful Company of the Art or Mystery of Butchers in 2005.



more affected by Parkinson's. He wrote poetry mostly about his illness and his difficulties in coming to terms with it.

Thank you to everyone who remembers my father and who knew him as a friend or colleague. I feel privileged to have been his only daughter and certainly proud of the person he has made me, in being able to help others as a consultant psychologist.

by Dr Harriet Garrod
Daughter

Robert Mundy 1948-2018

Robert came to CLS in 1960, into Narbo Taylor's N2A. Having spent time on crutches in childhood he was not best cut out to be a sportsman, but he swam and rowed regularly in the Beaufoy Rowing Club from LRC at Putney. He became a Prefect and was active in school internal politics as well as organising talks from various Westminster politicians at the School. He went up to St Catherine's College Cambridge in 1967 from Joe Hunt's History Sixth to read Economics, switching and graduating in English.

Always at the vanguard of developments in popular culture, he was an aficionado of blues music in the early sixties, when The Marquee and other clubs were hosting the first wave of the British R&B revival on the back of discovering the original American artists. As one example, he was playing Rufus Thomas's original 'Walking the Dog' in 1964, well before The Rolling Stones recorded it in homage.

Film was his other passion. After Cambridge, where he was a founder of his college's film society, he started a new film magazine, made various short films and ran the University Film Society (CFS), before leaving the UK for Hollywood. Starting at The American Film Institute with a brief to record the memories of the older generation of movie directors and actors, he interviewed and made television programmes featuring, among a very long list, Billy Wilder, Woody Allen, Lee Marvin, Peter Bogdanovitch and Don Siegel. He worked as a writer for nearly 40 years for many of the major studios.

On his return to England Robert indulged his passion for the game of bridge. He became a regular at the Acol Club in West Hampstead. His style was one of old-world bonhomie and courtesy. On more than one occasion he won the club's 'player of the month' accolade.

Robert suffered a stroke and died in hospital on 6th November, 2018. His cutting wit and dry humour will be missed by all who knew him.

Ernest William Denham 1922-2019

Ernest William Denham (Class of 1941) or Denny (as he preferred to be known) was born on 16 September 1922 and grew up in Dalston, east London. He attended Wilton Street Primary School, where he already showed his academic qualities, winning a scholarship to the City of London School. He was a contemporary of the writer Kingsley Amis and, as prefects together, they were responsible for organising the pupils’ social concern projects. His sixth form years at CLS were spent in Marlborough following the school’s evacuation there at the outbreak of war in September 1939.

Denny went on to win a Classics Postmastership to Merton, where he took an outstanding first in shortened Honour Moderations in 1942 and was then recruited to naval intelligence. After a course in basic Japanese at Bletchley Park, he worked as a translator alongside the codebreakers first at Bletchley and then at HMS Anderson in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Needless to say, he kept his specific duties a close secret until the role of Bletchley Park and its codebreakers became public knowledge in the mid-1970s, and even then remained reluctant to discuss them.

On returning to Merton after the war he switched to law and after graduation he worked briefly as assistant secretary with Plant Protection Ltd (a subsidiary of ICI) before entering the civil service examination, after which he was posted to the Public Record Office. Like many of his generation he spent the rest of his working life in the same



organisation, rising to be Deputy Keeper of Public Records in the years before his retirement in 1982.

His work colleagues saw him as a realist with an ability to get to the nub of any problem and to ask awkward questions, but always with the intention of helping to find an appropriate and viable solution. He could be extremely kind while at the same time deliberately provocative (in Who’s Who he listed his hobby as ‘armchair criticism’). Outside the day job, he returned to academia part-time as lecturer in palaeography and diplomatic on the archives course at UCL from 1957 to 1973.

In 1957 Denny married Penelope Gregory, with whom he set up home in Hertfordshire, where they brought up their two children, Giles and Julia, in a very stable and secure family environment. The family moved later to Northwood, where Denny lived for the rest of his long life. Unfortunately, Penelope suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for over forty years and as the disease progressed Denny patiently took on the responsibility of being her carer until her death in 2009.

Denny retained his enquiring mind well into his nineties and was always capable of springing surprises. Despite doubting the value of computers in his working life, in retirement he took to the internet, making use of the opportunities offered by email, online banking, and social media. After many years as a sceptic, late in life, he embraced the Christian faith. He is survived by his children and five grandchildren.

Neil Farrell 1953 - 2020



Neil (Class of 1970) was born in South London and came to CLS in 1963. He was in Mortimer. He played Eton Fives and rugby and swam throughout his time at School, and also won prizes.

His career began in his father’s business, which was a large-scale painting and decorating

contracting concern. He worked with major organisations: theatres, hotels - notably The Berkeley and Savoy Groups – and

took the business over when his father retired. He met Jenny in his thirties, and, after they married, he moved into the same business she had run successfully. He became a print broker and latterly also undertook surveys.

Neil’s principal interests throughout his life were music and Freemasonry. An active member of several of the orders within the umbrella of masonry, he was Master of the CLS Old Boys’ Lodge, John Carpenter, and its associated Royal Arch Chapter, and a senior Surrey mason.

He was a kindly and generous man, devoted to his adopted family, and easy-going. Two hundred or so gathered for his funeral in Wallington in November last year, many of them Old Cits. Neil died young and will be sadly missed by his many friends.

by John Emerson (Class of 1967) and Jenny Farrell

In memoriam ...

- William Saxton (Class of 1939)
- Peter Moore, OBE (Class of 1941)
- Richard Butcher (Class of 1945)
- John Evans (Class of 1946)
- John Kersey (Class of 1946)
- Professor Neil Cooper (Class of 1948)
- Gordon Pope (Class of 1948)
- Gold, George ‘Anthony’ (Class of 1951)
- David Lines (Class of 1952)
- David Pyne (Class of 1953)
- Brian Shephard (Class of 1953)
- David Cohen (Class of 1955)
- John Ireland (Class of 1955)
- Dudley Shaw (Class of 1955)
- John Shrapnel - Class of 1960 (obituary in The Guardian online)
- Richard Squibb (Class of 1961)
- Stanley Charles (Class of 1967)
- Brian Jeffrey Roberts (Class of 1968)
- Martin Joyce (Class of 1970)
- Clive Lewis (Class of 1975)
- Arthur Carter (Former Staff 1974-1981)
- Jeremy Josse (Class of 1986)
- Bilal Thiam (Class of 2012)

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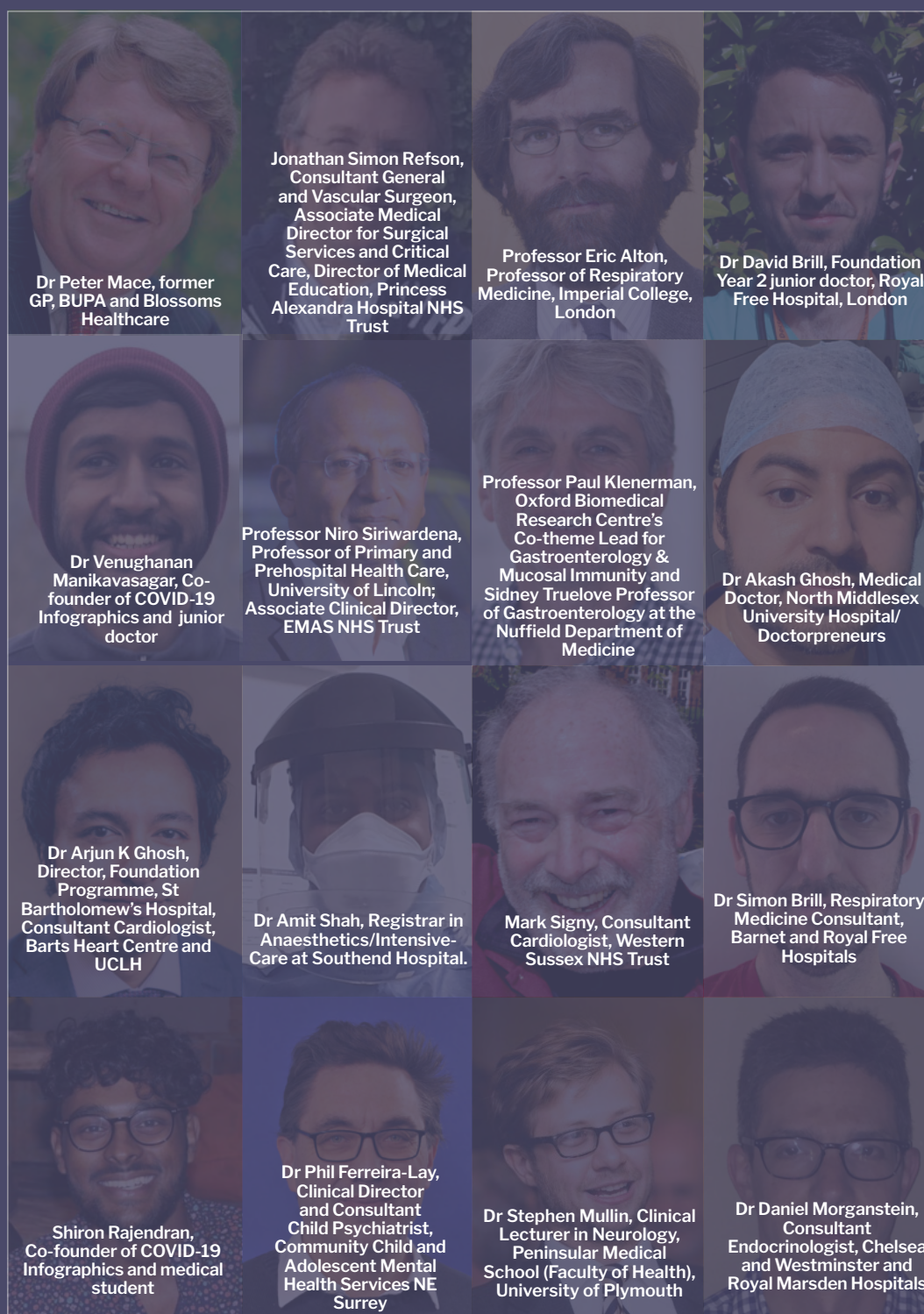
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