Welcome from Anne and Matilda

Dear Past Pupils and Past Teachers,


We hope you are liking the more frequent communication. As usual you will find an update from Paul Enright regarding the school; news from David Sheath about himself and the various past pupils he has met; and some tit bits from past pupils themselves.

Please take some time to review the St Mark’s official newsletter, Veritas. Lots of interesting news to be found there about the progress of the school. Veritas 16, the Autumn 2017 edition will be posted by 20th December.

You can always look up previous PPA newsletter via the St Mark’s website. The School’s main website link is: http://www.st-marks.hounslow.sch.uk/.

Please do let us have any news for the next Spring 2018 issue or any details of events you are arranging locally or friends you keep in touch with or want to link up with and we can add it to the newsletter. Contact: matilda.goes@gmail.com

Don’t forget this newsletter is for you and about you. David, Anne and Matilda are just the conduits.

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Christmas time and a happy and healthy 2018.

With kind regards from
The PPA.
Anne Kearney and Matilda Goes
Dear Past Pupils and Past Staff,

Greetings to you all when the Advent season is upon us and we are fast approaching Christmas and a New Year. The autumn term at St Mark's, despite being the longest term in the School Year, was always my favourite as it marked the beginning of a new School Year and would end with the joyful celebration of Christmas. Returning from the summer holidays in September, I always felt a sense of excitement and anticipation over how the School Year would unfold, and immense pride in telling the staff about our students’ wonderful exam results that had been received in August. Year on year the exam results got better and better, a tribute to a fantastic staff and a hard-working student body. It was always a joy at this time to welcome new members of staff, especially newly qualified teachers who were taking up their first teaching post and were eagerly looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that St Mark's would bring. Every new teacher that I appointed in my time as Headteacher would make a point of telling me that St Mark's was a wonderful experience and that they couldn't have picked a better school to launch their teaching career in.

One of my favourite days in the Autumn term, was always the New Intake day at the beginning of September, when 180 Year 7 pupils arrived at the School in their smart new uniforms and faces full of excitement at joining the "big" school. I used to tell their parents that one in two of the intake in 7 years’ time would be going to University. (That has since risen to almost 2 in 3).

Shortly I shall be visiting St Mark's for the annual Prizegiving ceremony and I will take great pride in seeing the incredible achievements of the pupils over the past academic year. I shall report on my visit in the next Spring newsletter.

I hope that these e-mail newsletters are proving convenient and accessible for you. It is certainly saving us a lot of money in postage - and the quality of the colour photographs is a definite plus.

A number of you have kindly enquired about my health after a rather unfortunate 2016. I am pleased to say that I feel fine and am playing golf regularly, although I could do without the arthritic knees! All those years of playing soccer and road running to keep fit are catching up on me!

As we start the Advent season leading up to the joyful celebration of Christmas, I
pray that you and your families experience the love, blessings and peace that Jesus at his birth brings into the world.

With very best wishes for 2018

David Sheath
Dear Past Pupils,

We returned to School in September with a record breaking set of GCSE and “A” Level examination results. Our School Vision is all about fulfilling God given potential including academic potential and our students excelled themselves this Summer. Our GCSE Progress 8 score placed St Mark’s in the top 1% of Schools in the country. Our “A” Level results were the best in the Borough with 75% of grades A*-B. The Sunday Times identified St Mark’s as the thirteenth best Comprehensive School in the country!

Clearly the School is continuing to flourish. The vast majority of St Mark’s students not only work hard but commit themselves to the wider life of the School – debating, charity activities, School productions, School trips, Clubs, House competitions, theatre visits, Sports teams and much, much more. Five years in the main School go by very quickly and we remind the students that it is important to get involved, to make a contribution, to be challenged and to create some tremendous memories to look back on.

As former students and staff of the School I hope that you have many positive memories of your time here to cherish. Do keep in touch. It is always lovely to hear how former students are doing.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and new year.

Paul Enright

We have a dedicated page for the Past Pupils New and newsletters at:

http://www.st-marks.hounslow.sch.uk/Past-Pupils

Archbishop Myers & St. Mark’s PPA Newsletter Autumn 2017
Save the date! Celebrate the school’s 60th birthday
PPA Reunion on Friday xx July 2020

You can’t say we did not give you enough notice!

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible to help celebrate the history of this wonderful school.

We will update you with more information on the next edition.
Past Pupils’ News

1960’s leavers

We have news of other members of the GARVEY family who attended Archbishop Myers School. JOHN GARVEY IS retired and living near Farnham. He is the dad of Andrew and Anthony.

REG DENNING, (teacher at Archbishop Myers 1961-1963), emailed us earlier this year. Reg says “News of Tony Patterson who joined the staff in 1963, reminds me of my leaving Archbishop Myers probably just before Tony arrived. This would make me one of the last surviving staff. Wonderful to see the school continuing to do so well. Best wishes, Reg Denning, 1961-63.”

1970s’ leavers

FRANCES GARVEY (left 1970) is a widow and lives in Shepperton and works in property.
NICK GARVEY (left 1974) retired this year and was a surveyor with Richmond Council.
TONY GARVEY (left 1970) is married with 1 son and is living in Hampton, working for the local housing association.

1980s’ leavers

GARY EARNER is living in High Wycombe and is married with 2 children (12 and 9) and is working in aviation software.
HELEN MAHER is living in Fleet.
JOHN BOWDEN is living in Walton on Thames and is married with 1 son. He has his own company and offers bursary services to a number of schools.
ANDREW GARVEY is living near Farnham and is married with 2 children. He is working in IT.
MATILDA GOES (nee D’SILVA) has recently set up her own business offering salt therapy for people with respiratory and skin conditions. She opened Spa de Sal in Brentford this November after more than thirty years in the aviation industry.
MARY-ELLEN ARCHER (left 1981) met up in October with GLENN CABRAL, MICHELLE PALMER, DAVID MACAREE, ELENI CHRYSANTHOUS, and IRENE TERRONES.

1990s’ leavers

Mr Sheath met the COUTINHO, BASTIAN and FERNANDES families in a restaurant in Brentford where Mr Coutinho was celebrating his 70th birthday.
MICHELLE COUTINHO lives in Twickenham and works in HR for a Bank.
Brother KEITH COUTINHO works in the insurance business in London and lives in South London at Coulsdon.

ALASTAIR BASTIAN is a software architect for a company in Reading. He is married with 2 children. Younger sister SONIA BASTIAN is a Global Communications Officer for William Grant and Sons. She is married with a daughter and lives in Lambeth.

BRIAN FERNANDES is a financial analyst in the City and is married with 2 children living in Reading. Younger sister TANIA FERNANDES, works for an estate agency and is married with 2 children.

At the funeral of FRED BOWDEN in March (Summer 2017 newsletter), Mr Sheath met a number of former pupils and received news of the following 90s’ leavers.

ANN BOWDEN (now Grech) is living in Mortlake and is married with 3 children.

Sister LUCY BOWDEN is working in banking and has her own company providing IT consultancy.

SUSIE MAHER (now DELANEY is living in Oxfordshire and is a programme manager (IT) and keeps in touch with JOANNA GIRLING.

RICHARD MORIARTY is living in Berkhamsted and works for the CAA. He is in touch with CHRIS MURCH, TANYA ALVARES (former head girl), LUCY BOWDEN, KIERAN HARVEY (married with 2 children) and SUSIE MAHER.

LUKE JOLLIFFE is married with 3 children and is living in Whitton. Sister REBECCA JOLLIFFE (now BROWN) is married with 2 children and is teaching at St Edmund's.

OONAGH BRETT is an assistant head teaching in London. OONAGH is married and living in North-west London.

LIZZIE O'CONNELL is married with 3 children and living in Whitton. Brother JOE O'CONNELL is married and living in Windsor.

TANYA ALVARES and is living in Ealing with 1 child. Tanya is an optometrist.

2000s’ leavers

Sadly, we have just heard of the tragic death 4 years ago of KEITH COUTINHO (2000 leaver)- no relative of the Coutinho family of the 1990s.

We have news of the HILL family. CHRIS HILL (left 2004) works at the R. F.U.

SARAH HILL (left 2006) teaches in Hounslow.

LISA HILL (left 2010) is a teaching assistant. All 3 live in Hanworth.

CHRISTIANNA GOES (left 2012) is in her final year of Finance and International Banking at City University, London.

ARIANE GOES (left 2013) completed her degree at Manchester University in Material Science with a First and is currently working for Oxford Instruments.