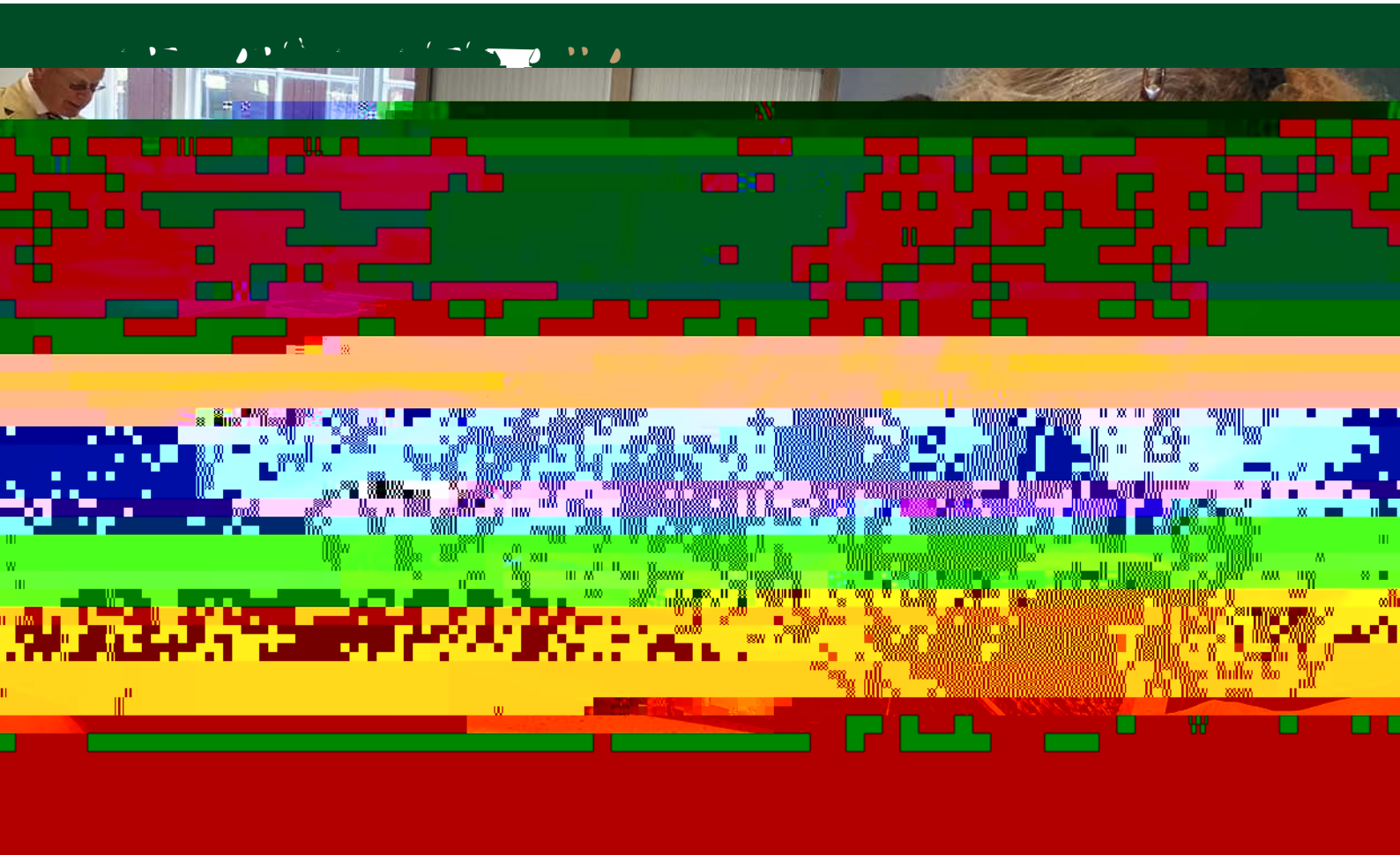


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As you will know from your time here, and indeed from the pages that follow, Bromsgrove School is a hugely busy place. Pupils have a wealth of opportunities available to them, provided by staff who work tirelessly to bring the very best out of the young people in their care. We seek to develop the whole person and since I took up position here in September, I have been so impressed by the energy of the School community, the willingness to take on challenges and the constant desire to do more and do better.

I would like to pay tribute to Peter Clague who, with Sarndra, nurtured and developed the School enormously over the last eight years and navigated the stormy waters presented by the COVID pandemic. It is said that a smooth sea never made a skilled sailor and there is no doubt that Bromsgrove pupils and staff developed new ways of working and making connections across the community, leading the way in the most difficult of times. Peter and Samdra also generously ensured a smooth transition for Gill, me and the family; we could not have asked for more.

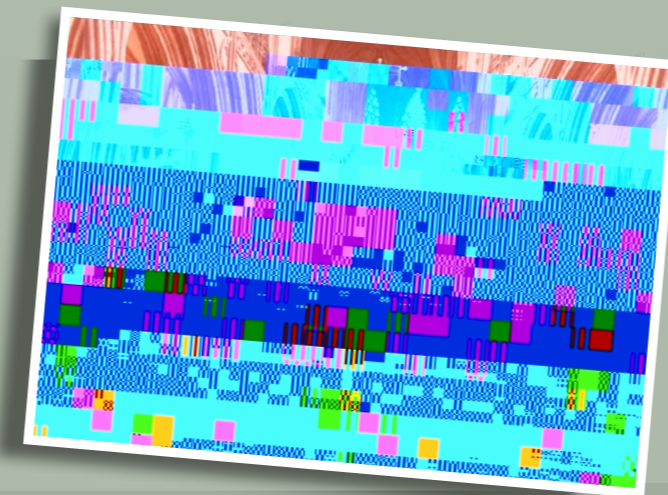
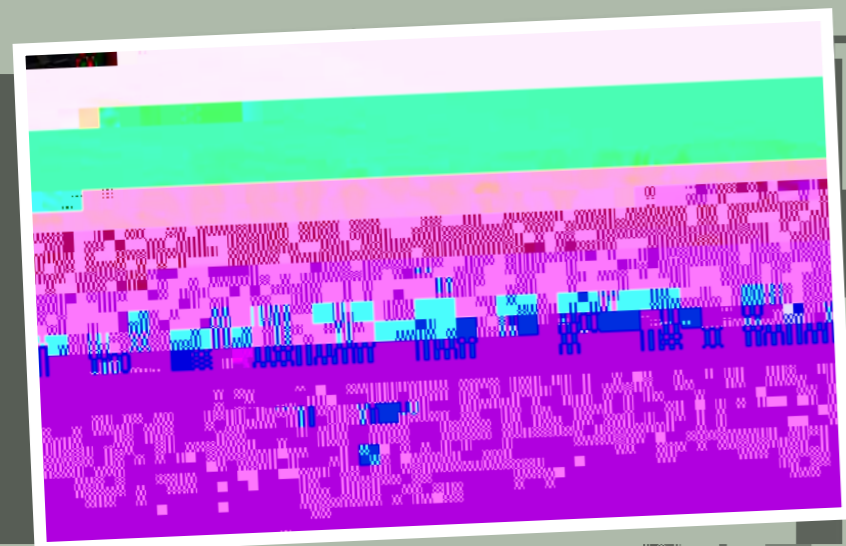
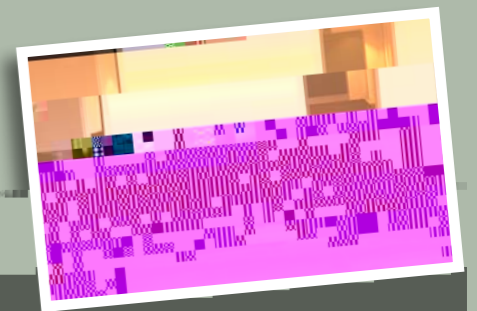
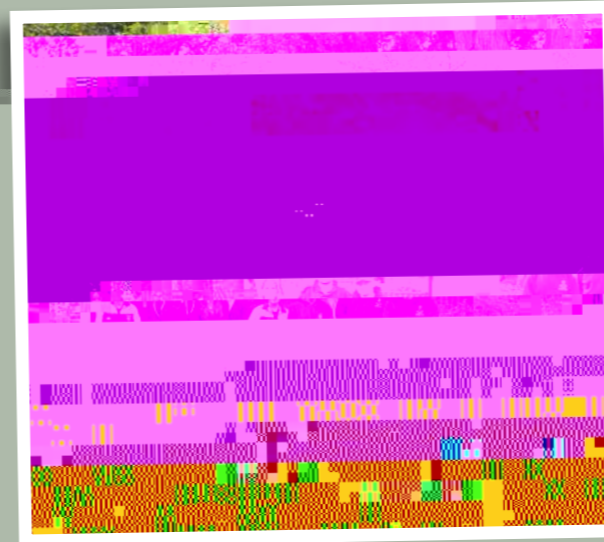
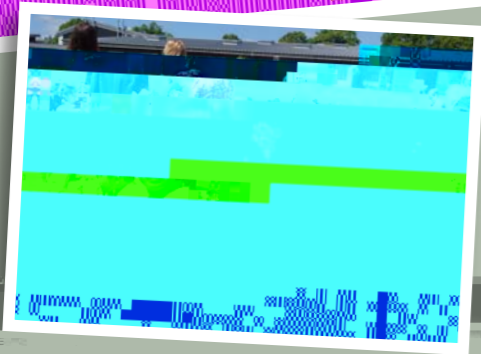
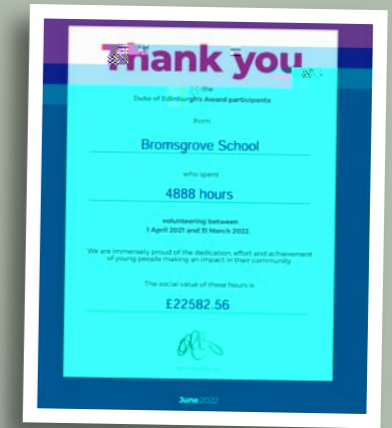
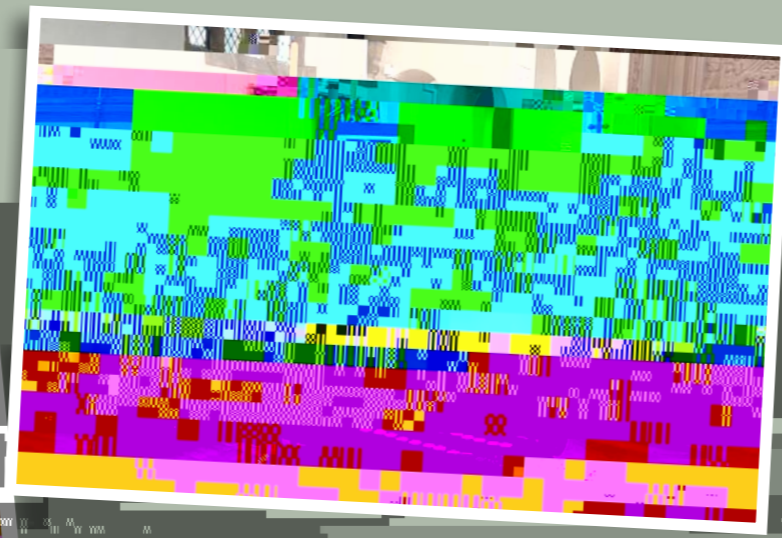
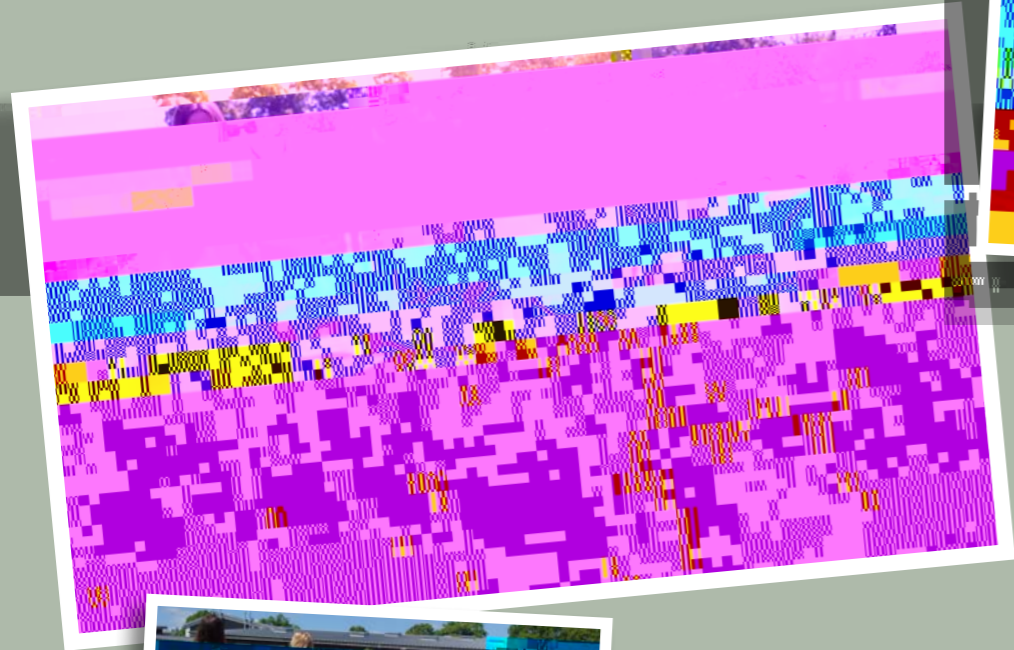
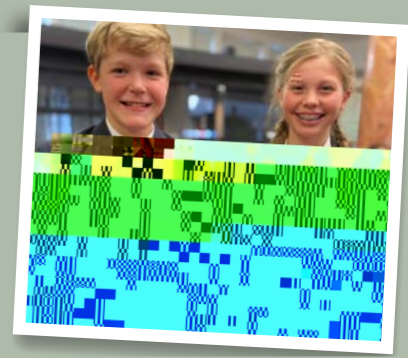
I am very conscious of the long and successful history of Bromsgrove School and our values draw on our past. Equally, it is vital that we prepare young people to flourish in the modern world and to rise to the challenges they will undoubtedly face in the future. We always enjoy meeting Old Bromsgrovians who are able to share their experiences of life beyond School, both when they visit and/or when they return for OB events. You are always welcome back and I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months.

MICHAEL PUNT  
HEADMASTER





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It was lovely to welcome **Mrs Iglehart** back to Bromsgrove School to see the oak tree she had planted in memory of her brother, **John David Thomas** (1948-1952). He was a keen cricketer, so it is fitting that his tree overlooks the pitch.

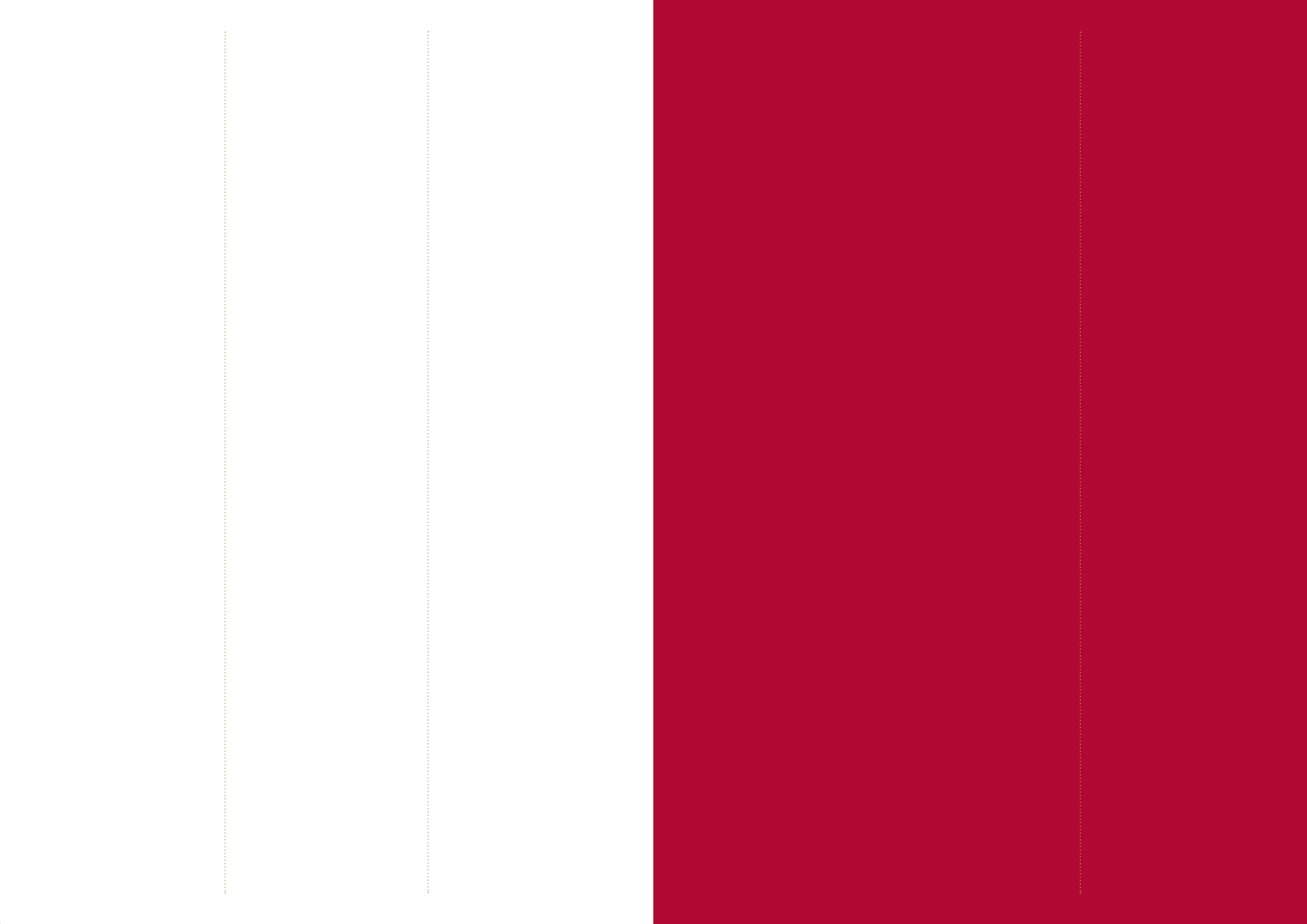


Philip Hill (1942-1947) visited the School with his family. He was proud to have his photograph taken in what is now the Wendron-Gordon Common Room, spotting his name on the honours boards as Head of House. Philip's brother, Edwin, was also at the School from 1934-1938.

L-R: Jane Southwell, Richard Southwell, Philip Hill, Jan Hill, David Hill.

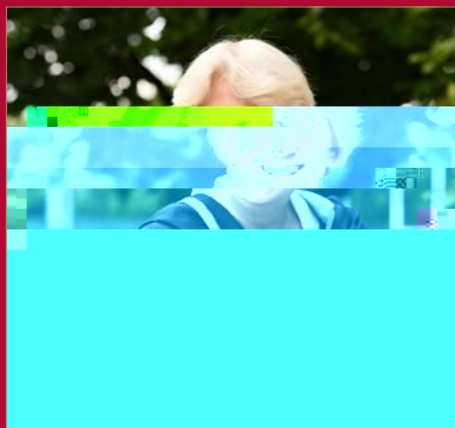


Mrs Fallows and Miss Heard had a lovely surprise from some former



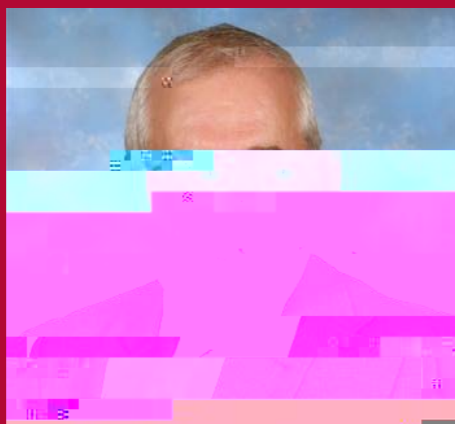


At the end of the Summer Term, we sent our retirement best wishes to some longstanding members of the Common Room including **Dr Tony Johns** (1997-2022) and **Claire Turner** (1989-2022).



Other staff members who left the School after the Summer Term include:

- Peter Clague**
- Dave and Louise Fallows**
- Jane Fraser**
- Rob Higgins**
- Sue Keynes**
- Roberta Keys**
- Amy Knight**
- Liz Lally**
- Calum McDonald**
- Alison Scheppel**
- Gill Scutt**
- Eleanor Shaw**
- Edward Smith**
- Richard Vernon**
- Other staff me22) 813--**
- Rachael Whitbread**



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We were all “back to normal” in 2022 and had a very enjoyable season with a variety of fixtures. There was good support from the Bromsgrovian Office and this certainly helped to put together teams for various School competitions; we understand other schools without such support have had to reluctantly drop away. It was very much appreciated and we trust and hope that this will continue for 2023.

Our annual match v School was played at Blackwell in late March and ended in a very close draw, so the School retained the Webb Cavill Cup. This has continued to be a highly anticipated event by both the School, who fielded some excellent female golfers, and us, the Old Bromsgrovians. And it always ends with a convivial dinner.

Having held our OB meeting in May for many years at Edgbaston Golf Club, we

**James Busby** (Lyttelton 2002-2008)



### **'Keeping cool in the Prep School pool'**

I have fond memories of the Prep School swimming pool in the late 1970s, mainly as a way of cooling down on scorching summer days. My first term (known by all as Cobham House in those days) was summer 1976, which of course was the start of the famous heatwave and National drought. Towards the end of the term we all gazed longingly at the pool and couldn't wait to jump in, probably at the end of lessons but before pick up time. As ever, it was not just about swimming, but ensuring you were wearing the latest variety of Speedo

Our OB Dinner, in honour of the Bromsgrovian Club 1899-2021, took place on the evening of Tuesday, 20th September. It was held at Worcester College, Oxford, and kindly hosted by Matthew Taylor (Cookes/Walters 1968-1973, Chairman of the Foundation).

Worcester College shares a connection to our benefactor, Sir Thomas Cookes,



A special lunch was held at Bromsgrove School on Saturday, 5th March 2022 to coincide with the 45th Anniversary of Bromsgrove Junior School Choir recording the album,

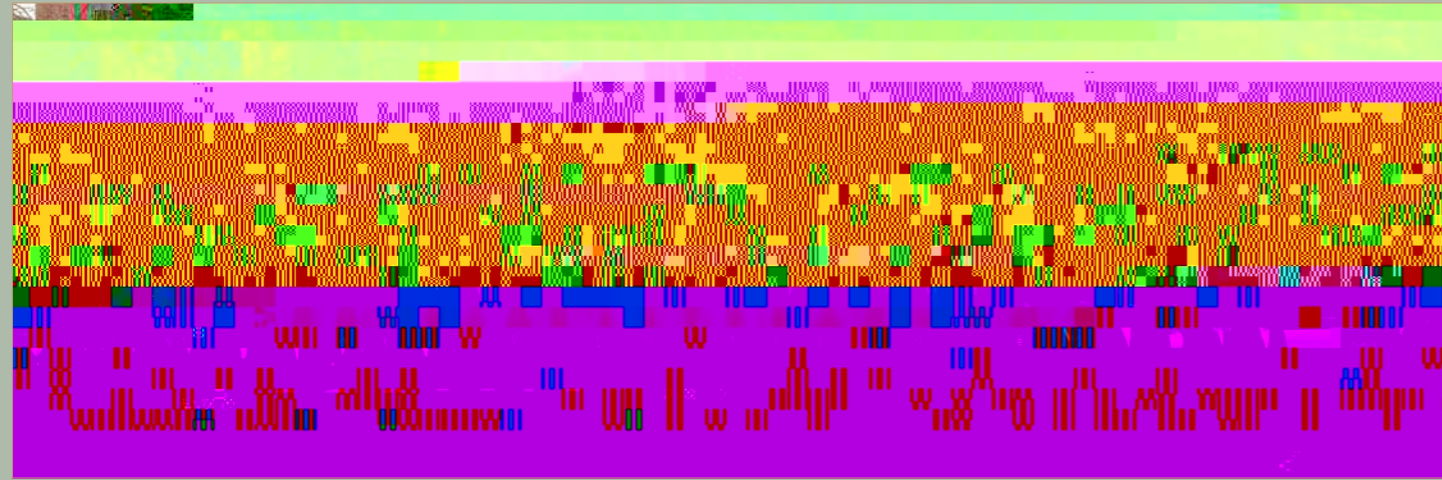
With thanks to Robin Fletcher (Junior School 1976-1979) for prompting us with the idea of bringing everyone together to celebrate this anniversary at the School.

The day began with welcome refreshments in the Old Chapel, followed by a tour of the School, including the refurbished Routh Concert Hall, a venue that most of the attendees hadn't set foot in since the 1970s.

In addition to the Routh Concert



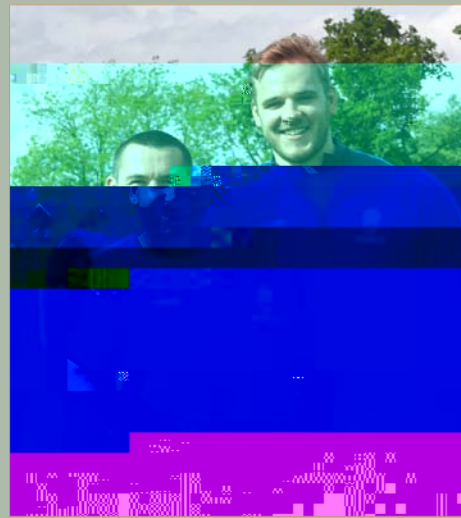
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A warm welcome to our most recent leavers, the Class of 2022, who we look forward to welcoming to OB events in the near future.

The Headmaster gave an OB tie or label pin to each Upper Sixth leaver in a special ceremony during the final Routh Assembly of the academic year.

We urge all leavers, if they haven't already, to log on to Bromsgrovians Connected and update their contact details, particularly with a personal email address so that we can stay in contact.



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Thank you to Justin Clegg (Lyttelton 2004-2015) and Beck Cutting (Wendron-Gordon 2008-2017) who led a rugby training session with a group of Prep pupils. It was a great opportunity for the pupils to learn and look up to two former pupils who had been in their shoes at the School, and it was equally rewarding for Beck and Justin.

If you are interested in returning to the School to lead a session on a specific

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On Friday 27th May 2022, history was made when the Whole School - Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior - came together to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with a special drone photograph. More than 1300 pupils and staff are shown in the image below.



It has been wonderful to finally be able to regularly open the Heritage Centre to our alumni community and to reintroduce our programme of events for them and the wider school community.

In February, we welcomed the Prep School Choir from forty-five years ago to join us for a reunion which included a visit to the Heritage Centre to view the collections we hold from that time and to donate more photos and record memories of their time in the Choir and at School.

Alumni engagement has continued with individual visits by Old Bromsgrovians to the Heritage Centre to view their own place in the archive and to donate to the archive their memories and their memorabilia. Oral history interviews, which form a key part of reunion events, make a connection across generations of Bromsgrovians, current and past, and gives value to the Old Bromsgrovian community through the sharing of their experiences with current students. Their recordings, along with those of staff leavers enrich the archival record. We now hold over a hundred oral history recordings from former staff and students with memories spanning eighty years of school life. Of course, this year we recorded the outgoing Headmaster Peter Clague and his wife Sarndra on their experiences during a very challenging time in School.

May and June 2022 in the Archive were spent in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in School, drawing on the memories of Old Bromsgrovians who were invited to share their reminiscences of the Queen's Coronation when they were at Bromsgrove. This invitation elicited many interesting responses from former pupils and gave

One of our volunteers Pat Weller, through her careful note taking of the School's oldest book '1693', has discovered what we think is our earliest scholar, known as a 'Blue boy,' to go to Oxford. The School Book presents the annual accounts but includes additional information, and in May 1704 it is recorded that William Bradley is to go to Oxford to be tutored and an allowance of £2 is given.

Communications with archivists at Oxford Colleges has given us further information. Fosters' 'Alumni Oxonienses' shows that William went to University College, received his BA in 1708 and his MA at New Inn Hall in 1711/12. He then moved to Worcester College where he obtained his BD (Bachelor of Divinity).

The University College Admissions Register is signed by William Bradley on 22nd March 1704/5 and records that he was the son of William Bradley of Bromsgrove. The register notes he was 'Serviens Dris Hudson' and his Tutor was Dr J Hudson, Fellow of the College 1686 - 1711, and was Bodley's Librarian 1700/12.

He was tutored by William Bradley at New Inn Hall in 1703 but k





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The Sir Thomas Cookes Legacy Society acknowledges and thanks all those who have made a gift in their wills to Bromsgrove. Members are invited to an annual lunch and a new legacy board listing those who have made bequests over the years will be erected around the School.

If anyone is interested in making a gift in their will to Bromsgrove, please contact [thee@bromsgrove.org](mailto:thee@bromsgrove.org)

#### Cookes

Kim Daniels (1960-1965, also Lupton)  
Digby, Lord Jones of Birmingham Kt. (1969-1974, also Walters)  
Matthew Taylor (1968-1973, also Walters, Chairman of the Foundation)

#### Elmshurst

Philip Baldwin (1954-1958)  
Richard Cariss (1956-1959)  
Hugh Furber (1952-1957)  
Philip Hobson (1948-1952)  
Dick Noake (deceased, 1959-1964)  
John Ruck (1950-1953)  
Simon Skelding (1954-1962, also Oakley)  
Topper Webb (1972-1973)

#### Gordon

Barry Dumughn (1950-1955)  
Nevil Malin (1948-1953)  
Graham Sim (1969-1974)  
Tony Spackman (1944-1949)  
John Vine (1945-1955)

#### Housman Hall

Funbi Akinsanya (2015-2017)  
Haotian Cui (2015-2017)  
Robyn Davies (2016-2018)  
Tam Dinh (2001-2006)  
Becky Foster (2017-2019)

#### Lupton

Richard Brookes (1961-1965, President of the Foundation)  
Kim Daniels (1960-1965, also Cookes)  
Frank Dunne (1960-1965)  
David Dutton (1956-1961)  
Paddy Firminger (deceased, 1943-1947)  
Kelvin Morris (1976-1981)  
Hayden Owen (2009-2018)  
Christopher Porter (1958-1963)  
Philip Powell (1962-1967)  
David Reeve (1950-1954)  
John Steveni (1975-1980)

#### Lyttelton

Justin Clegg (2004-2015)  
Nik Gour (2007-2021)  
Will Lockhart (2005-2016)  
Gareth Morgan (1953-1958)

#### Oakley

Ellie Birch (2008-2017)  
Emily Evans (2016-2018)  
Adele George (née Williams, 1992-2002)  
Simon Skelding (1954-1962, also Elmshurst)

#### Otilie Hild

Lauren McLean (2017-2021)

#### School

George Archer (1954-1959)  
Andrew Clark (1947-1952)  
John Cutler (1956-1961)  
John Denby (1956-1965, Foundation Trustee)  
Geoff Godsall (1956-1959)  
Roy Hughes (1945-1950)  
Sam Ison (2013-2018)  
Jim Page (1945-1949, also Headmaster of Junior School 1961-1989)  
Christopher Price (1939-1944)  
Richard Pyatt (1972-1974)  
David Roberts (1953-1958)  
Haydn Stanney (2013-2020)  
Chris Tan (1961-1966)  
Robert Williams (1963-1968)  
Christopher Woosnam (deceased, 1950-1954)

#### Thomas Cookes

Lucia Goodwin (2005-2021)

#### Walters

Digby, Lord Jones of Birmingham Kt. (1969-1974, also Cookes)  
Matthew Taylor (1968-1973, also Cookes, Chairman of the Foundation)

#### Wendron / Wendron-Gordon

Beck Cutting (2008-2017)  
David Harrison (1947-1950)  
Jeff Lomax (1949-1954)  
Alex Moskalevskyi (2015-2020)  
Christopher Stiles (1990-1995)

#### Cobham (Junior School)

Charles Barwell (1976-1979)

#### Friends of the School

Old Bromsgrovian Lodge  
Judy Dennison  
Chris Edwards  
Anthony Finn  
Stanley Nicholls (deceased)  
Paul Pittaway  
Rachel Scannell  
James Sommerville  
Ann Taylor  
Tim Taylor  
Patricia Whistance

#### Parents

Mr Alberth and Mrs Rohde  
Mr and Mrs Bello  
Mr and Mrs Bulleid  
Ms Cosh  
Dr Chan and Ms Lai  
Mr and Mrs De Gouveia  
Dr and Mrs Edger  
Mr and Mrs Goebbels  
Wg Cdr and Mrs Goldstraw  
Mr and Mrs Gurung  
Mrs Hill  
Mr Hui and Ms Wong  
Barbara King  
Mr Krimmley and Mrs Mackie  
Mr Kruglov  
Mr and Mrs Lamidi  
Mr Lo and Ms Ten  
Mr and Mrs Morozov  
Mr and Dr Odeghe  
Mr Peng  
Mr Rieger and Ms Streyl  
Mr and Mrs Sievert  
Dr Sturz  
Mr Tsui and Mrs Wong  
Mr Vaughan and Mrs Ainsworth

#### **The Twelfth Annual Foundation Lecture**

Date to be announced

Venue: London

An announcement will be made during the Lent Term.

#### **Appreciation Lunch**

Thursday 18th May 2023

Venue: Bromsgrove School

Donors from the current and last academic year and members of the Sir Thomas Cookes Legacy Society are invited to a special lunch with the Headmaster. All eligible Old Bromsgrovians, parents and friends of the School will be sent invitations in the Lent Term.

#### **Commemoration Day**

Saturday, 1st July 2022

Venue: Bromsgrove School

Old Bromsgrovians and their families are warmly invited to the OB Marquee on Lower Charford between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. Information will be emailed in the Summer Term and posted on our OB Facebook Page. OBs are encouraged to sign up to register their attendance.

#### **OB Cricket Day**

Friday, 7th July 2023

Venue: Bromsgrove School

After a hiatus in activity, Will Glover (Wendron-Gordon 1990-1995) is planning to relaunch "The Martlets" – the Old Bromsgrovian cricket team named after the small birds in the school crest. It will take time to regenerate the team and networks, so 2023 will focus around just one day of cricket.

The day is open to all OBs and their families and will feature a highly competitive game between two Martlets teams. If you're interested in playing and/or attending, then please contact Will for more information - [wglover@macdonaldandcompany.com](mailto:wglover@macdonaldandcompany.com)

We will need volunteers who can score, umpire and play, and many other roles too.

There is a core group of OBs who played for The Martlets before, but their School playing days were all pre-1995. We are very keen to find some representatives from more recent eras who can help us to spread The Martlets gospel.

#### **1980-2009 Leavers' Reunion**

Saturday, 9th September 2023

Venue: Bromsgrove School

Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm

If you left School between 1980 and 2009, this reunion is not to be missed. Invitations for eligible OBs will be sent out during the summer.

#### **Speaker's Lunch**

Date to be announced

Venue: Routh Hall, Bromsgrove School

Time: 11.45am - 3.00pm

The Speakers' Lunch is open to anyone who has a connection to Bromsgrove. The cost is £25 per person, which includes a welcome drink and buffet



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