



SPRATTON HALL

Old Sprattonians News

Autumn Term 2021

How quickly Christmas seems to have come around! We are delighted to report that, despite our first flurries of Covid cases, Autumn term has seen a return to school as we know it.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sporting Success

It has been so fabulous to have a full list of fixtures this term and, almost as importantly, there has been a return of the famous Spratton match teas! Our oldest pupils enjoyed their first experience of a Sports Tour as the Rugby team headed to Yorkshire and the Hockey team to Shropshire for a successful weekend of competition and fun. And to cap off a super term of sport our 1st XIII Rugby Team came second overall in the School Sports All Comers League. A spectacular season.



Residential Trips

Residential trips have also returned to the calendar much to the delight of the pupils. Year 7 ventured to the Peak District, where blue skies and sunshine greeted them. The weather wasn't quite so kind to our Year 6s who travelled to Snowdonia, but there were no damp spirits amongst the pupils experiencing their first school trip staying away from home.



School Productions

Autumn term would not be Autumn term without a selection of performances and productions to conclude this busy period. Our youngest pupils in Reception and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed performing to parents and grandparents in the 'Not Now Nativity' and the Year 2s put on a rib-tickling performance of 'It's a census, get me out of here'. Some of you will remember the Year 5 production 'Reflections of War' which is somewhat of a tradition at Spratton Hall and was presented with humour and poignancy by the pupils. And of course it would not be Christmas without the Prep School annual Christmas Concert, awash with festive favourites.



Waiting Lists

It has been another busy term of new pupils joining us, both at the start of the academic year and during the term. Prospective Parents enjoyed the chance to visit our Open Morning in October and we are delighted that so many would like their children to join us. We currently have a waiting list for Reception 2022 as well as for one of our current year groups with several others nearing capacity.



A Big Birthday

Any hopes Mr Clarke had of keeping his 'big birthday' a secret were well and truly foiled as staff, pupils and parents alike took the opportunity to decorate the school and wish him well. Balloons and banners adorned the entrance hall and his study, and the whole school community came together to sing Happy Birthday. The regard in which Mr Clarke is held by parents was evident in the wonderful birthday gifts each year group presented. A happy occasion indeed!



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70th Anniversary Celebration—Saturday 21st May 2022

More details will follow but we are delighted to announce our plans for a Garden Party for alumni and connections of Spratton Hall to celebrate the school's 70th Anniversary. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

Social Media

We are pleased to announce that the Old Sprattonians social media is up and running. A forum for us to share Old Spratts news with you, but also, we hope, for you to engage with one another. You can find us at @oldsprattonians on Facebook and Instagram.

Developments

You will find accompanying this newsletter a letter from Vice Chair of Governors' Robin Green as we embark on the initial stages of expanding our alumni network. If you usually receive these newsletters you will already be registered, but if not please do share your details for us to add you to our database for future communications and please do share with any fellow Old Sprattonians with whom you are in contact.



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ALUMNI NEWS

Michael Ellis QC, Old Sprattonian and MP for Northampton North, was appointed as Her Majesty's Paymaster General earlier this term. We send our Congratulations and best wishes to Michael as he embarks on this new role.

Ollie Graham, who left Spratton Hall for King Henrys, passed out as a Royal Marine Commando in September joining 43 Commandos at Faslane in Glasgow. A proud moment indeed.

Max Graham, Ollie's younger brother and former Spratton Pupil, recently joined Wofford University in South Carolina on a Tennis Scholarship following on from a enjoying time in Spain where he had a scholarship to the Soto Grande Tennis Academy. Max will now study Business alongside playing tennis for the university. A fabulous achievement.

Congratulations to Old Sprattonian **Liam Walsh** for winning his first pro fight in Belfast on the 2nd October, followed by another win in Newark, England on the 28th November.

Francesca Moorhead, left Spratton Hall for Uppingham before moving to the University of Manchester to study Midwifery. In between Fran took a gap year where her interest in Médecins Sans Frontières developed. She is now the Co-President of the student led Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières Manchester and has co-written and publishes an ebook 'The Roadmap to a Career in Humanitarianism'. This ebook is a deep dive into a career in humanitarianism and international aid. When looking for advice, a roadmap even, of how to prepare for a career working with an NGO such as MSF, we were left with many questions... Realising such a document wasn't readily available, members of FoMSF Manchester, set out to create a concise and comprehensive document to help students and young professionals to achieve their dreams. The ebook is free and available following this link: https://issuu.com/fomsfmanchester/docs/msf_digital_high_res_ebook_v3_single_page

All that is left, this edition, is to send you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas. With very best wishes.



As ever, please do share with us your news. We would really like to start to share more details of what our alumni are doing now; enduring Spratton friendships, adventures and achievements, marriages, births, career developments etc.

Please get in touch - we love to hear from you. Please also follow us on social media and Linked In. Sarah Church

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