

ANNUAL NOTICE 2025



King's High School



KING'S HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION



King's High crowned Senior School of the Year – ISA Awards 2025

Welcome to the OGA

A warm welcome to you all and especially to our newest members who have just left King's High and are embarking on the next stage of your lives, whether that be university, gap year travels or other endeavours.

We wish you all the very best and please know that you are part of a vibrant OG community which is ready to help and support you.

At this time in the OGA calendar we reflect on the past year, look towards the next year and read about all your adventures. We are always delighted to share in your celebrations whether that be career or personal – please see pages 4 and 5. You will also find shared memories and meet-ups on page 6, including the return of a number of OGs to speak to our current girls about career choices.

We are delighted to work with our alumni team to offer several events which bring us all together. Highlights from the past year include **The Landor Lecture in January where Sue Moore (KHS 1960-1967)** treated us to an exciting insight into her career both as an Executive Mentor in the business world, and as a Theatre Director. This was followed by the **Annual OGA Lunch in March** where we enjoyed a splendid speech by **Dr Anne Whitehouse (KHS 1980-87)** who discussed her career in engineering and pulling back female power in today's world.

The **Anniversary Reunions** continue to be popular, and our June event saw record numbers from 1955, 65, 75, 85, 95, 2005 and 2015 who came and celebrated their school days. More recently in November, the school hosted a **Landor coffee morning** with the chance to see KHS and WPS archives not normally on display.

We look forward to seeing you at events in 2026 and we are delighted to announce our speakers – for the **Landor Association Lecture in February Sir John Saunders**, retired High Court Judge and former KHS parent, and for **The OGA Annual Lunch in March our guest speaker will be former Head Mistress (1987-2001) Mrs Jackie Anderson**. It would be lovely to see you there. Details on page 3.

We, individually and as a committee, are incredibly proud to be part of the King's High family, a school which has been awarded **Senior School of the Year by the Independent Schools Association 2025**. This national award highlights the excellence of a King's High education and how this is recognised across the sector (please see page 4 for more on this tremendous news).

The OGA exists to unite all who have attended King's High School, Warwick, as students and those who have taught here. We are always keen to hear your views and welcome additions to the committee, particularly from the years 2015-2025. Please do get in touch with us on **KHS-Landor@warwickschools.co.uk**.

Wishing you all the best for 2026.

Nikki Tucker (KHS 1987-1994), on behalf of the OGA Committee.



The 2025 Annual Lunch



The 2025 Landor Lecture



Friends from the class of 1995



The 2025 Anniversary Reunions



“We are delighted to welcome 98 KHS 2025 leavers to the OGA. Being part of the Old Girls' Association is a fun, fulfilling and genuinely heart-warming experience that keeps you connected in a meaningful way.”

Camilla Hatherly (KHS 2005-2012) OGA Committee Member

For details and updates on all events see www.landorassociation.co.uk/events

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Forthcoming events – bookings open

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There are some wonderful events planned for 2026 to which you are warmly invited

The Landor Lecture with retired High Court Judge, Sir John Saunders

Monday 23 February 2026, 19.00 – King's High Hall

Sir John Saunders has kindly agreed to be guest speaker for the 2026 Landor Lecture.

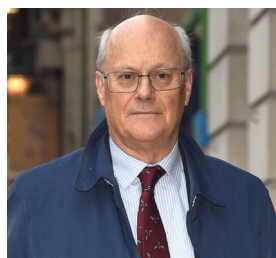
Sir John was called to the Bar in 1972 and developed a distinguished career as a barrister specialising in criminal and licensing cases, becoming Queen's Counsel in 1991. He joined the judiciary in 2004 as Recorder of Birmingham and was appointed a High Court Judge in 2007. During his time on the Bench, he served as a Presiding Judge of the South Eastern Circuit and, from 2014 to 2016, was the Judge in charge of the terrorist list, responsible for the early management of all terrorism cases. He was also a member of the Sentencing Council.

Sir John presided over a number of high-profile trials, including prosecutions of MPs and peers for false expenses claims and the series of cases arising from the phone-hacking scandal.

Since stepping down as a full-time Judge in 2016, he has sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division and served as a Commissioner in Jersey. He is head of the Court of Appeal for St Helena and the Falkland Islands.

Sir John has provided judicial training in Africa, Trinidad, Mexico, and Europe. He was Vice Chairman of the Parole Board from 2016 to 2020 and was Chairman of the Public Inquiry into the Manchester Arena bombing.

Since retirement, Sir John has been able to enjoy more time playing the baroque flute and harpsichord, and occasionally performing in concerts.



All welcome. Tickets are complimentary but need to be booked in advance at <https://forms.office.com/e/v14GZFW4qs>.

If you do not have internet access you can book tickets by calling our Alumni team on 01926 776404.

The 2026 OGA Annual Lunch with Guest Speaker Mrs Jackie Anderson, KHS Head Mistress 1987-2001

Saturday 21 March 2026, 11.00 – King's High Hall

All Old Girls and former staff are warmly invited to the 2026 OGA Annual Lunch and AGM. Catch up with old friends and new, and enjoy a welcome from Head Master Dr Steve Burley, tours of the school and a delicious two-course lunch with wine and coffee.



We are delighted that Mrs Jackie Anderson has agreed to speak at the lunch. Mrs Anderson brought with her a shift in the school that reflected the wider social changes of the time. A graduate of Keele, she was the first married woman to take up the role, and she appointed the school's first male teaching staff. With her modernisation of King's High School came a focus on pastoral care and on encouraging girls to challenge themselves beyond the classroom.

Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful occasion.

Timings

11.00 Meet in King's High School reception for refreshments, tours of the School and a chance to see some of the King's High archives not normally on display

12.00 OGA AGM

12.30 The Annual Lunch in King's High Dining Hall

14.00 Dr Steve Burley and Guest Speaker Mrs Jackie Anderson.

Tickets

£35 to include refreshments on arrival and a two-course lunch with wine and tea/coffee.

Please book now on <https://forms.office.com/e/v14GZFW4qs>.

For those without website access, please call our Alumni team on 01926 776404 and we can complete your booking for you.

Anniversary Reunions – All the Sixes

Saturday 13 June 2026, 14:00-17:30 – King's High School

For those who left King's High School at the end of the Upper Sixth in 1966, 1971, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 and 2016 and those who may have taught them.

Enjoy a relaxed and informal afternoon with drinks, a welcome from the Head Master, tours of the school and complimentary refreshments.

These anniversary reunions are for those who left at the end of the U6 in those years, plus classmates who left earlier.

While there is no charge to attend, please register in advance on <https://forms.office.com/e/v14GZFW4qs>.



The class of 1985 at their reunion in 2025

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Celebrations and news

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Queen for the night – Prom jubilation for Sophie



As millions of 'Last Night of the Proms' fans revelled in a special 50th Anniversary orchestral arrangement of Queen's classic 'Bohemian Rhapsody' – featuring Sir Brian May and Roger Taylor – eagle-eyed alumnae were thrilled to see OG Sophie Bishton (KHS 1996-2003) form part of the BBC Symphony Chorus.

Sophie said: "It was an incredible experience, paired with the usual jubilant and patriotic songs and flag-waving you expect. Who knew the school choir and madrigal group would lead to this!"

Sophie was speaking of her school choir days under the leaderships of Mrs Webster at Warwick Prep, and Miss Crayston at King's High, where, as well as the madrigal group, she also led the Orchestra and String Group. University saw her sing with big band The Donut Kings, before moving to the US to study at Harvard Business School and work in New York for Estée Lauder Companies.

The move stateside allowed her to perform in high-profile events including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and to accompany the NY Pops Orchestra at Carnegie Hall with Essential Voices USA.

Returning to the UK, Sophie auditioned for the BBC Symphony Chorus in 2023, recording for BBC Radio 3, and regularly performing at the Royal Albert Hall, Barbican and Royal Festival Hall. With a career in hair tools innovation, Sophie has held senior positions at Dyson and GHD and will soon move to SharkNinja as their Senior Director of Beauty Global Marketing.

King's High crowned Senior School of the Year – ISA Awards 2025

We're absolutely thrilled to share that King's High has been named Senior School of the Year at the ISA Awards 2025.

This prestigious national award recognises excellence, innovation, and impact across the independent sector, and to be chosen as the winner from so many exceptional schools is an outstanding honour.

Dr Burley, Head Master, said: "This is a moment of celebration for our whole community – pupils, staff, parents, governors, and alumnae – whose collective commitment and spirit have made this possible. Remarkably, it's the second time we've won this accolade in the last four years, highlighting the excellence of a King's High education and how it's recognised across the sector."

"The award reflects so much of what makes King's High a very special place. Most importantly, it celebrates the values at the heart of King's High – kindness, curiosity, courage, and integrity – values that guide our pupils to become confident, compassionate young women ready to make a difference in the world."

Find out more about the wonderful achievement at [#ISA Awards 2025](http://www.kingshighwarwick.co.uk/latestnews) #SeniorSchoolOfTheYear King's High School, Warwick



Dr Philip Seal – Senior Deputy Head (Academic), Ms Lisa Whittington – Deputy Head Pastoral and Wellbeing, Mrs Kirsty White – Deputy Head (Co-curricular and Operations) and Head Master Dr Stephen Burley

Baby joy for Alice



Alice Chandler (KHS 2009-2016) shared the wonderful news of the safe arrival of her son Laurence (Laurie) who was born on 15th December 2024 at Warwick Hospital, weighing 'a whopping 9lb 8.5oz!' Congratulations from the OGA community!

Alice said, "Laurie has just learned to walk, so is enjoying the freedom that brings. He loves throwing balls and reading books – Where's Spot is a big favourite – which delights me as an English Literature and History graduate! He's also extremely clumsy, which is going to give me grey hair..."

"I'm going back to work in January as a manager in the Business Strategy team at Innocent Drinks, so looking forward to unlimited juice and smoothies once again."

"Martha Hayes and I are still inseparable, even though she lives 5000 miles away and is an O'Brien now. We still live by the life lesson, "What would Dr Gifford do?"

Felicity recognised for 50 years' volunteering for Guide Dogs

Felicity Bunker (KHS 1953-60) has been recognised for half a century of supporting Guide Dogs, first as a Puppy Walker, and latterly as a Treasurer.

Felicity said she had been interested in sight loss even as a child as her grandmother had glaucoma. This, coupled with a love of animals, saw her volunteer to raise seven puppies while her children were growing up, five of which went on to qualify as working guide dogs.

"It's been great doing it," said Felicity. "One of our puppies, Ulla, was featured on a Guide Dogs' television advert. He qualified as a working guide dog and I'm still in touch with his guide dog owner – I hear from her every Christmas."

Asked to be an honorary member of Kenilworth Guide Dogs fundraising group, Felicity soon signed up as their Treasurer, a role which she still does today.

Miles Northwood, local Community Fundraising Manager for Guide Dogs, said: "Felicity has dedicated 50 years of her life to supporting our charity, which is an incredible achievement. We're extremely grateful to her, and her family, for their contribution."



Lucy celebrates 20 years of championing creativity



Lucy Byrne (KHS 1991-1998) is celebrating 20 years of her business dot-art which she founded in Liverpool in 2006 with a mission to support visual artists and champion art as an integral part of everyday life. Over the past 20 years, dot-art has become a key organisation within Merseyside's arts and culture sector, supporting local artists,

working with businesses to put art in the workplace and public realm, running art classes, selling locally sourced, affordable art, and working with schools and community groups in the city region.

Reflecting on her career, Lucy said that her time at King's High was transformative, though not in the way anyone expected. Initially steering away from creative subjects as an "academic" student, she started Business Studies A-level. But just six weeks in, *"made a decision that horrified my parents and teachers alike – I switched to Art!"*

Studying Art alongside Maths and English proved to be the best decision she ever made. It provided crucial balance, a creative outlet, and taught her that creativity and business acumen aren't mutually exclusive – they're complementary forces that would shape her entire career.

"That rebellious choice at King's ultimately led to founding dot-art. It's extraordinary to reflect on how that teenage decision to follow my creative instincts has evolved into a business and social enterprise that has supported more than 750 local artists, delivered 30,000 hours of art classes and inspired over 20,000 young people to embrace creativity."

"Building a dedicated team of six, we've created something truly special. Our dot-art Schools programme, now in its 14th year, remains a particular highlight – ensuring young people aren't steered away from creativity as I once was. The growth of Liverpool Art Fair, now taking place annually at the Royal Liver Building and showcasing 200+ artists every summer, has also been incredible to witness and nurture."

"This milestone isn't just about looking back; it's about looking forward. My experience at King's taught me that sometimes the path less expected leads to the most rewarding destinations. Here's to another 20 years of championing creativity and proving that art isn't just a 'soft' subject – it's a powerful force for change, business, and community."

It's 'touché!' for Anne as she scoops University Sports Award



Anne Mynors (KHS 2016-2023) is celebrating after winning the 'Cerys O'Boyle Club Sport Member of the Year' Award for her dedication and impact towards fencing and sport in general at the University of Sheffield.

A keen fencer at King's from Year 7, with Nick Chapman as coach, Anne rose to captain the fencing team in Sixth Form. In her final year she helped the school team to win the 'Graham Langton

Cup' for 'Most improved Girls School' at the 2023 Public Schools Fencing Championships.

Fresh from her school success, Anne was elected Sheffield's Fencing Club Captain for the 2024-25 academic year, in charge of a committee of 12. By the end of the year she had been recognised as 'a club sport member who, over the academic year, has shown exceptional dedication to their club, the University and sport as a whole. It is presented to someone who has been influential within club sport and has gone above and beyond what is expected of them.' A feat even more impressive given that The University of Sheffield has 59 sports clubs and had nearly 6,000 club sport members during the academic year 2024-2025.

Anne said, *"I enjoyed making a real difference to the King's fencing club as well as being there for the younger students and helping pass on my love of fencing. This inspired me to encourage others in the sports and, since joining university, I have led the coaching of 'give it a go' and wellbeing sessions, held competitions in a new venue to enable lower entry fees and reintroduced volunteer coaching at a local primary school. I am also keen to make the sport more inclusive and have laid the groundwork for the introduction of a SwordSeat, an affordable wheelchair fencing alternative, that is currently being implemented by this year's committee."*

'Handel by Candle' a treat for audiences



Joan Hypher (née Taylor KHS 1957-1964) and her husband James, have been recognised by the Institute of Amateur Cinematographers for their music video 'Handel by Candle', scooping the award for best sound and photography, with four stars overall. The series of videos delves into the inner workings of beautiful instruments including a spinet.

Joan, whose career highlights include appearances on CNN, BBC One's Heaven and Earth and a Radio 4 documentary on her work training a choir, said she loves to create performances for people to enjoy. She was awarded the Freedom of the Borough of Southwark for charity work with the choir in her community.

Joan credits her success to being immersed in music from an early age. *"My mother played the piano at night, and my father was a tenor in Saint Mary's church choir. We heard every style of music at home and, aged four, I knew I wanted to teach and play piano when I grew up. At the age of nine I won a prize at the Leamington*

Spa Music Festival, awarded by English composer Herbert Howells.

"Miss Wallace was Head of Music at King's High as I arrived aged 11, and later Miss Hare suggested I read music at Oxford, which I eventually did. Aged 15 I played the Mozart Coronation Concerto with the Midland Youth Orchestra in the Shire Hall, Warwick, and at 16 I gave a solo recital in Saint Mary's Church. I then studied with Lilian Niblette at the Birmingham School of Music where I won 'best pianist' and played the Mozart concerto once again, this time in Birmingham Town Hall. I have been lucky to have had so many wonderful experiences."

To hear Joan's music please visit YouTube channel Periklavier – <http://www.youtube.com/@periklavier9483>

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Meet-ups and memories

Knitting for the Navy



We were delighted to hear from Maisie Fretwell (née Thurston KHS 1940-1946) in response to our request for news

"After receiving your letter and The Ilex, I thought you might be interested in the following.

"I was born in 1929 so spent my school days all during the war. One of the things we supported was the Navy. During this time we knitted socks, scarves and sea boot stockings. When knitting the

latter we had to wear an apron as the wool was oily. My older brother painted a poster at that time with a picture of ships on the sea and a note saying "Help the sailors on the sea, buy your wool from Lower III".

"I remember the fees at that time were £3.6/8 a term if you lived in Warwick, payable to Heath & Blenkinsop in New Street."

Legal eagles share top career tips

We were delighted to welcome to King's High trainee solicitor Mia Perrins (KHS 2017-2020) to meet and talk to current students about a career in Law.

Mia studied Law at Exeter University and is now completing a Graduate Degree Apprenticeship with Feldon Dunsmore Solicitors in Warwick. She spoke about different routes into Law, what life is really like working in a legal firm, and how to make valuable connections.

The talk was one of a series of events organised by Caroline Gilbert, Head of Futures at King's High, who runs an exciting programme of career speakers and workshops, which often feature OGs. Other alumnae have included Jo Ciriani (KHS 1991-96) from the Spaghetti Agency who spoke about a Career in Marketing and setting up your own business.

If you would like to offer to speak to current students about your life experiences, school days or to offer career advice, please contact us on KHS-Landor@warwicksschools.co.uk or 01926 776404.



Caroline Gilbert (left) with Mia Perkins (right) and colleague Bethan Harvey Blackburn

A special catch up for Sally and friends

Sally Shorthose, née Peters (KHS 1974-1981) shared *"A number of 'girls' from UVA from 1978/9 got together at my home recently. The get together was prompted by the visit by Andrea Slark from Australia, and girls came from all corners of the country to join. Although some of the group had not met each other for 40 years, we enjoyed an incredibly relaxed, happy and fun few hours together. There was SO much news to share but we did a good job of successfully exchanging it all. It was really special and we are determined not to leave it so long another time. A few brave husbands joined – Mike Shorthose and Bill Aldridge were flying the Old Warwickians' flag and Richard Rees and Andy Beckett were also there. We were joined on Teams for an hour by Yvonne Walker (Seaton). We missed Jo Evans who was sadly ill on the day."*



Standing L to R – Richard Rees, Mandy Dawson, Andrea Slark, Laura Jacobs (Martyrossian), Kate Johnson (Barnes), Gill Parrett (Humphreys), Suzie Steady (Whittington), Mike Shorthose.

Sitting L to R. Sara Thorne, Gill Aldridge (Ford) Sarah Rees (Howarth), Sally Shorthose (Peters), Andy Beckett, Bill Aldridge, Charlotte Beckett (Balfry).

60 years of friendship for Mary and Angela

"On September 15th Angela Aguiar, née Clarke, and I (Mary Farrell, née Anderson KHS 1965-1972) celebrated exactly 60 years after meeting in Upper 3B.

"We enjoyed an evening at the Wolseley restaurant in London, kindly hosted by my husband Kevin, who over the years has endured many hours (and much hyperbole) of Tales from King's High School. Perhaps the one he has heard most often (and I can vouch for its authenticity) is the one about the cat that appeared at Red House Garden during break, was fed on scones freshly made in a cookery lesson, and was brought into a classroom inside Angela's blazer in order to rescue it from the cold. The poor animal appeared from the blazer in an English lesson being given by the wonderful Mrs Hall, who dealt with it as if it were something that happened every day.

"Happy KHS memories to all of you who started there on Wednesday 15th September 1965.

"Best wishes, Mary"



Mary (left) and Angela

In memory of former King's High School students and staff

Marjorie Grace Russell, née Spooner (KHS 1948-1954)

Marjorie Grace Russell née Spooner, died in February 2025 after a short spell in hospital. She leaves two children Claire and Robert (former pupils of King's High and Warwick School respectively).

A prize-winning school prefect, Marjorie excelled academically, and was good at sport, particularly tennis and hockey (pictured on the front cover front row left with the school teams). Born at 15 Stratford Road in Warwick, she lived in Leamington most of her adult life with husband Mike, before they moved into Leycester House care home, Warwick, for the last two years. Mike died in 2024.



With a strong work ethic and a determination to keep learning, she begged her father to send her to school early. She attended Squirrels, later joined by her younger siblings Elizabeth and David.

"She was such a clever little girl and always top of the class," said sister Elizabeth, another former KHS pupil. Marjorie was put in a class for older children but as you weren't allowed to take the 11+ early, it was decided she would go to Kingsley in the interim and join King's High School a year later.

Once at King's, she was again put in the class for the year above, but was unable to take O Level exams with her older classmates, instead taking them whilst studying German, French and English A Levels which entailed extra study, a clash of classes, and missing break times.

At Maria Grey Teacher Training College in Twickenham, Marjorie studied astronomy as her special subject and achieved rare distinctions in all her final subjects. She didn't have her heart set on becoming a teacher but felt her options were limited because her A Level results didn't reflect her full potential. Otherwise, she might have chosen a career in astronomy or research sciences. She maintained an interest and knowledge of the stars and planets for the rest of her life.

She taught at Milverton and St Paul's schools, before moving to Cashmore Junior School in 1970 where she remained for 25 years until her retirement.

Marjorie was a great believer in keeping your mind and body active – even in retirement – enjoying foreign travel, getting involved in U3A, hosting French conversation classes and book clubs, and taking up golf.

Mairi Ella Challen (KHS 2009-2014) sadly passed away on 16th November 2024.

Lynn Davies (KHS 1967-1974) After qualifying as a teacher, Lynn spent all her life in education, teaching juniors and then as a supply teacher and invigilator. She was an avid history buff who spent many holidays with a trowel in her hand on various archaeological digs around the UK.

Sheila Fennell née Hands (KHS 1950-1955) passed away 27th November 2024. Her family say that attending King's High School was something she was very proud of throughout her life. A keen private pilot, she spent many hours flying a Tiger Moth and many other aircraft in the skies of Warwickshire and competed in air races in an era when female pilots were still a rarity.

Anna King (KHS 1983-1988) died on 27th May 2025. Much loved daughter of Rosemary King/ Frau Koenig, née Paget, Anna was the youngest of three generations of OGs – her grandmother, Edith Stanley, was at King's in Miss Doorly's time (1920s) and her mother was a pupil 1951-59, before returning to teach in 1978.

Vanessa Karin Jane Lewis née Jeffrey (KHS 1974-1981) died 20th December 2024 aged 61 after a battle with cancer. After school, Vanessa studied French with Spanish at the University of Hull, and then took a Bilingual Secretarial Course at the Oxford and County Secretarial College. She worked in Spain for several years before returning to Warwickshire, where she lived in her family home with her husband, Ian, her adored black labs, and sundry chickens.

Gillian Malsbury (KHS 1937-1947)

Christine McCulloch (KHS 1966-1973)

Barbara McLaren née Greenough (KHS staff 1974-1987)

Hilary Moore née Pullen (KHS 1946-1952) died peacefully in February, the last remaining of the three Pullen girls who attended King's High in the 1940s. Hilary attended the school with her elder twin sisters, Dorothy and Kaye. She always spoke fondly of her school days, remembering Miss Hare among others and keeping in touch with old friends.

Mary Tew née Hackett (KHS 1940-1945)

Margaret Nance Whitnall (KHS 1943-1948) Margaret enjoyed a long and happy retirement following a satisfying and successful career in education. Before Margaret retired, she was Head of the Junior School at Nedham House, Queen's School, Chester.

Mrs Josephine Grant, former Head of Biology at King's High



Originally from North Yorkshire, Jo Grant moved to Warwick in 1996 and joined King's High in 1997. She taught at all levels and her pupils said that during Mrs Grant's lessons, time speeded up and passed quickly. In addition to the subject matter there were often other activities including the creation of models, large scale sweeping diagrams and play-doh! Jo influenced and encouraged so many over the years and this was recognised with her appointment as a Fellow of the Landor

Association and, later, with the award of an annual pupil prize in her name for Achievement in Adversity.

Outside the classroom, Jo was a cheery and supportive colleague and later came regularly back to school as a supply teacher. She was often seen at Old Girls' and former staff gatherings including Canticum, all of which she supported most actively.

Emerging Talent Award helps OG highlight working conditions on Africa's highest peak



Annaliese interviewing expedition cyclist Nick Sanders for the Wired For Adventure Podcast



Annaliese with an elder of the Datoga Tribe, Tanzania



Kilimanjaro Mountain Guiding students before their final climb

We were delighted to hear from Annaliese Smith (KHS 2011-2018), recipient of an Emerging Talent Award, who was awarded funding towards a project in Africa.

Annaliese says, "Through the generosity of the Emerging Talent Award I was able to go to Tanzania to investigate the issues and the lives of the guides on Kilimanjaro, resulting in articles in *The Independent* and *More To Her Story*, and another on how cycle safaris are aiding human/wildlife cohabitation in protected areas. There isn't a huge amount of money available for big international trips for new/small name freelancers and these articles simply wouldn't have been feasible without the support of the OGA".

Annaliese worked with the charity Robertson Outdoor Bursary, which provides training bursaries to Kilimanjaro porters so they can become guides and benefit from the often life-changing pay rise that accompanies the role. She was invited to the 'sustainable guiding summit' in Tanzania, which is the only opportunity porters and guides get to speak to higher-ups and advocate for their working rights. Having researched the roles of guides and porters on Kilimanjaro, Annaliese found that there are a lot of issues in the industry that clients and international stakeholders rarely get to hear about. She said: "I hope in particular my report on sexual exploitation on the mountain will have a direct impact on the welfare of the female porters and guides. Being able to platform their voices has been an amazing privilege. I would also be happy to talk to anyone interested in climbing Kili about how to do it ethically!"

At school, Annaliese loved English Literature and writing and was involved in editing the student magazine, *Mentis*, for the Shine Media Awards – which was her first 'attempt' at magazine journalism/feature writing. She went on to study English at King's College London and there wrote for the King's Business Review, reviewed London Theatre for a local theatre website, and interned in the media department of anti-torture INGO REDRESS.

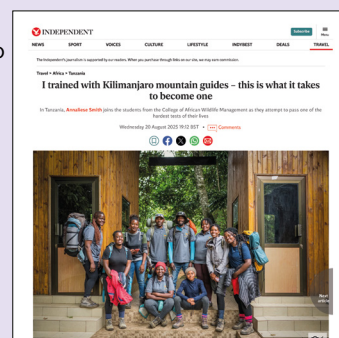


Speaking to a member of the College of African Wildlife Management at the 2024 Sustainable Guiding Summit in Tanzania

After graduating she took a year off and travelled around Europe and Asia before landing a position as a staff writer at an adventure travel magazine, as well as sub-editing for *The Sun*. She worked her way up to become the editor which was "a bit of a baptism of fire having never technically worked as a journalist before!" She now freelances to pursue stories that really excite her and causes which are important, primarily writing features on culture and wildlife.

To see more of Annaliese's writing, please visit her website: <https://annaliesejamie.wordpress.com/>

A feature on what it takes to train to become a Kilimanjaro guide in *The Independent*.



Emerging Talent Award – Applications welcome

The generous legacy of former OGA Secretary Josie Watts (née Hewlett, KHS 1950-1955) enables the enrichment of the whole OGA community. We understand that career change, academic, altruistic, or personal interests may emerge at any time or age, whether in the early steps of a career, or in enriching retirement. We invite Old Girls of any age to apply for the award to support a project or initiative of their choosing, for the advancement of others or for their own academic or practical projects.

Please email KHS-Landor@warwickschools.co.uk for an application form or call 01926 776404 for more information.

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