

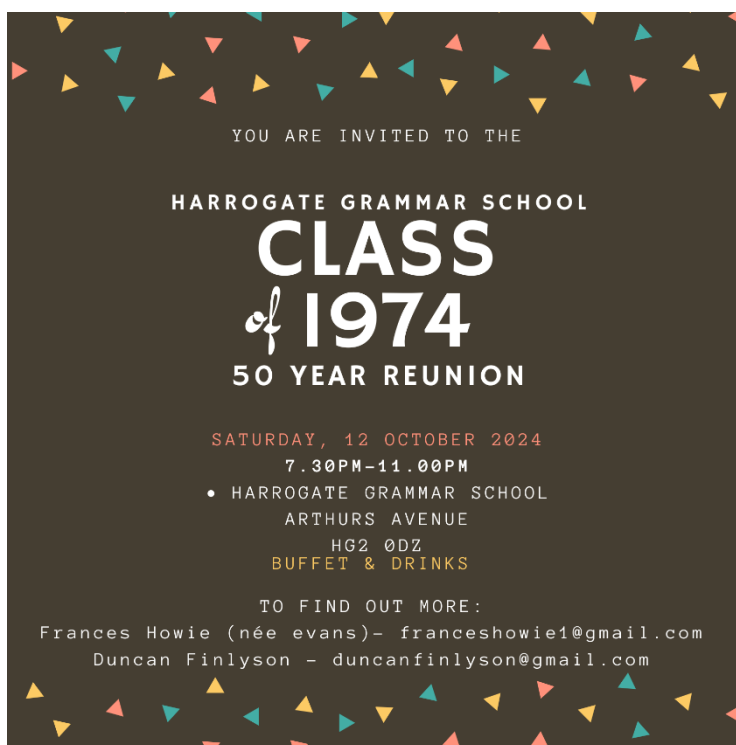
Harrogate Grammar Connect Alumni Newsletter Summer 2024

The 2023-2024 academic year has seen the shift from our old Harrogate Grammar Connect platform to our new online platforms (Instagram, Facebook, X and LinkedIn) and our termly newsletter being published on our website ([Harrogate Grammar School - Red Kite Learning Trust - Alumni](#)). Thank you for your support in moving our Harrogate Grammar Connect community over to our new platforms.

To get in touch with us, please email hgsalumni@hgs.rklt.co.uk or message us via our online platforms (links to platforms on our website).

Alumni 50 Year Reunion Event

Alumna, Frances Howie née Evans is delighted to invite alumni who left HGS in 1974 to a 50 Year Reunion event at Harrogate Grammar School. If you left HGS in 1974 and would be interested in attending, please click [here](#) to find out more. Please RSVP to Frances Howie or Duncan Finlyson by the end of July (contacts details in the link above).



School News and Activities

End of Year Message

Please visit the homepage on the [Harrogate Grammar School website](#) to read the end of year message and newsletter from Mr Renton – Headteacher.

Trust Long Service Awards

We celebrated colleagues with the Trust Long Service awards in May. The CEO of the Trust, Richard Sheriff OBE, gave awards to the following staff:



Ms Reed, Mrs Hinkins, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Putley, Mrs Dale and Mrs Oates.



Mrs Winters, Mr Weston, Mrs Weston, Mr Mungovin, Mrs Bennett and Mr Moore.

PTA Minibus Fundraising Campaign



Thank you to everyone who supported the Minibus Fundraising campaign. Your donations are hugely appreciated, and it was lovely to see some of the comments on the PTA's fundraising page recognising the school and the education alumni received. The PTA raised a total of £9206.

Alumni Talks and Alumni Fair at Sixth Form Progression Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who took part in talks at the Sixth Form Progression Day in July. See some photos from the event below.





A 'Night of Dance' at the Royal Hall



Students, teachers, alumni and parents were part of 'A Night of Dance' performance at the Royal Hall, Harrogate.

The concert had a sell-out audience and included global dance performances with Harrogate symphony orchestra. It was great to see HGS so well represented in the different groups.

Summer Tea Party for Local Senior Citizens

The HGS Sixth Form students hosted a Summer Tea Party on 2 July for local senior citizens. See some photos from the event below.



Mr Mooney in 'Made in



Dagenham'

Mr Mooney, our Maths teacher, performed in the HOPS Musical Theatre Company's production of 'Made in Dagenham' at the Harrogate Theatre in June! Here are some photos of him on stage playing the part of Eddie O'Grady. Amazing performance!



Flexible Working

HGS has worked with the Department of Education this year as an ambassador for flexible working. Click on the links below to read more about Mr Renton's recently published articles:

[Embracing flexible working at secondary level](#)

[Flexible working: When the headteacher decided to flex...](#)

Click [here](#) to listen to a podcast with Mr Renton on school leadership.

Alumni News and Activities

Alumni News



Congratulations to HGS alumnus Barnaby who has been selected for Hong Kong U20's in the upcoming U20's Rugby World Cup. Barnaby is currently at Nottingham University and was part of the HGS Sports Academy.

Spotlights Interviews

Thank you to all the volunteers for the recent spotlight interviews we have received. See an overview of our latest interviews below.

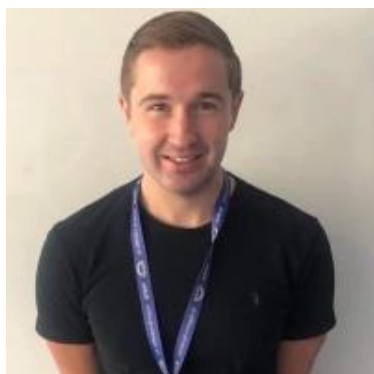
To access all of the interviews in the series, please click on the following link:

[Harrogate Grammar School - Red Kite Learning Trust - Spotlight Interviews](#)

Paul Champion

Time at HGS: 1973-1980

Job Title: CEO of the TRL, the privatised government transport research laboratory.



Jason Hill

Time at HGS: 2004-2011

Job Title: Assistant Headteacher and Faculty Leader for Maths at Harrogate Grammar School.

Jill Ashcroft

Time at HGS: 1977-1980

Job Title: Prince of Wales Fellow in Sustainable Aviation, working with the Aviation Impact Accelerator at the Whittle Lab, University of Cambridge.



Allastair McGillivray

Time at HGS: 1973 – 1978

Job Title: Managing Director, Asia-Pacific Taxation at Royal Bank of Canada.

Can you help?

If you would be interested in joining our Spotlight Interview Series, we would love to hear what you have been up to since leaving HGS. We are looking for alumni from all age groups and backgrounds, so please do contact us if you think you can help. The interviews are an important resource for our careers team, they help inspire students with post-16 and 18 pathway decisions.

Please email hgsalumni@hgs.rklt.co.uk to find out more.

Donate

Past students and parents have often asked if they can donate to the school as a way of giving something back. Whilst one of the aims of the alumni network is to facilitate the giving of inspiration and advice to our current students, we appreciate that this is not always possible. For some, monetary giving is an alternative way of contributing to the school. To find out more, or if you would like to donate, please click [here](#).

Thank you

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our alumni community something to be very proud to be a part of!