Dear Old Blues,

The School has been advised by Sussex Police that a former teacher - Roger Martin, 82 - has been served with a summons to appear at Crawley Magistrates Court on 18 July. The full police statement is below:

A former teacher at Christs Hospital School, Horsham, has been charged with a sexual offence against a pupil at the school 42 years ago.

Roger Martin, 82, retired, of Palgrave Rd, Great Dunham, Kings Lynn, has been served with a summons to appear at Crawley Magistrates Court on 18 July to answer a charge that while a teacher at the school he committed an indecent assault against a 10-year-old boy pupil there between September and December 1976.

This is a separate case to those of five other former teachers from the same school, who have already been subject of separate criminal proceedings - three have been convicted and sentenced and two have been convicted and await sentencing.

The prosecution follows an investigation by officers from the Sussex Police Complex Abuse Unit after information was received for the first time in November 2017.

Police have had full co-operation from the School throughout the investigation.

As criminal proceedings are active, we are unable to share any further information at this time. Christ’s Hospital is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and continues to provide its full support to the police in their investigations. We continue to encourage anyone who has been a victim of abuse to come forward. A report can be made in a number of ways:

- Our dedicated email address – safeguarding@christs-hospital.org.uk – which is staffed by a small team of specialists who can respond to your concerns or pass them on to the relevant authorities. All approaches will be dealt with sympathetically and in complete confidence.
- Sussex police can be reached on 01273 470101.
- There are a number of organisations providing support for victims of child sexual abuse including NAPAC (the National Association of People Abused in Childhood) on 0808 801 0331 and the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Kind regards,

Simon Reid
Headmaster