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# 350 YEARS OF THE ROYAL MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL

Since its establishment at Christ's Hospital in 1673 by King Charles II, the RMS has transformed the lives of its students for generations, through an incredible journey of exploration.

In the late 17th century, England was in need of a stronger maritime presence, and there was a determination to train children as mathematicians and navigators. The RMS was therefore established at Christ's Hospital in 1673 by King Charles II, and went on to be shaped by some of the world's foremost intellectuals, including **Sir Isaac Newton** and **Sir Christopher Wren**.

Since its inception, the objective evolved and changed, with thousands benefiting from the RMS. A key feature of Christ's Hospital's work as the leading charitable school in the country, is to provide life-changing opportunities for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, equipping them with the essential skills required to navigate life.

## Royal Charter and history of the RMS

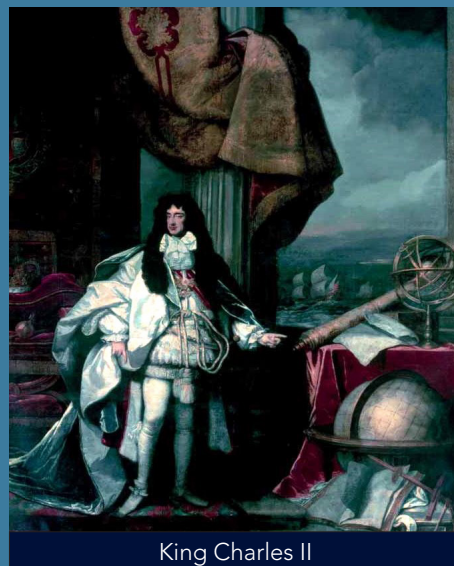
At various points in the 17th century, England was at war with neighbours France, Spain and Holland. France had successfully established specialist naval colleges to teach seamanship and navigation, contributing to heavy losses at sea for England.

Richard Aldworth had bequeathed £7,000 in his Will to Christ's Hospital for the education and maintenance of 40 'poor orphans'. But due to a legal dispute, the Treasury did not release the funds until 1673, when the RMS was founded by Royal Charter on 19 August.

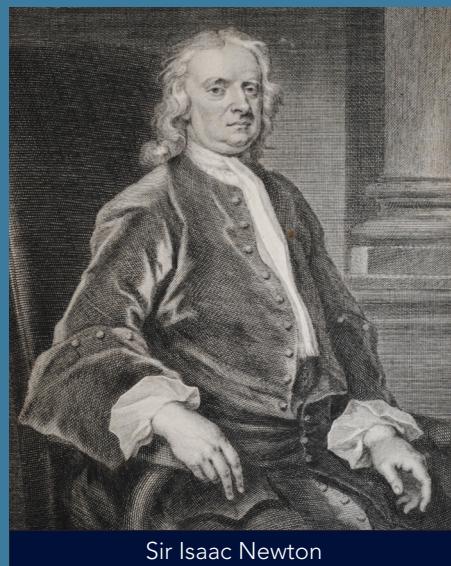
Two years after the foundation of the RMS, the first boys began seven-year apprenticeships with ship Captains, with much support from **Samuel Pepys**, who persuaded the King to pay the Captains for the extra work. Pepys continued to be closely associated with the RMS throughout the rest of the 17th century. Another key figure was **John Flamsteed**, Astronomer Royal, at the newly built Royal Greenwich Observatory, who gave astronomy lessons to some of the boys. **Sir Isaac Newton** suggested a revised syllabus, and this was used for a short time. In 1698, two qualified boys were selected by Peter the Great to assist teaching in a new school of mathematics and navigation in Moscow.

## Key figures behind the RMS

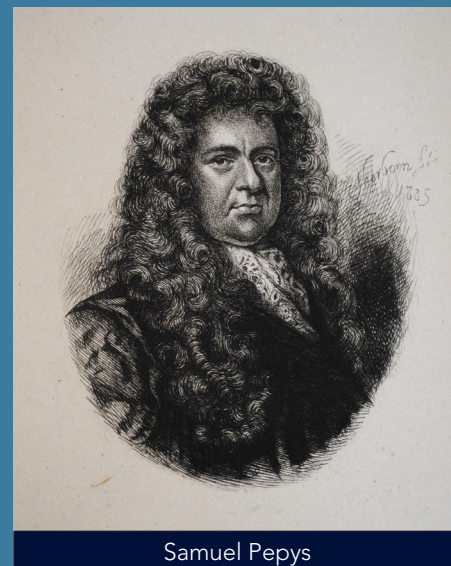
**King Charles II** and **Samuel Pepys**, as well as **Sir Isaac Newton**, **Sir Christopher Wren** and **John Flamsteed**, all played their part in establishing the RMS as a leading force in education and social mobility.



King Charles II



Sir Isaac Newton



Samuel Pepys

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## Influence of the RMS

CH boys once travelled the world on voyages of exploration, discovery and commerce, and their footsteps can be tracked across the globe in many countries, including Russia, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, the US and Canada. The RMS produced many students who made a positive impact on society across the world:

**Michael Lane (CH 1749-51)** worked with **Captain James Cook**, surveying the coasts of Newfoundland. Maps were published in 1770 and 1775 under both their names.

**Edward Roberts (CH 1782-91)** served a seven-year apprenticeship with **Captain George Vancouver**, assisting him in mapping the west coast of Canada.

**John Septimus Roe (CH 1807-13)** became the Surveyor General of Western Australia in 1829. He recommended the layouts of the cities of Fremantle and Perth, and has been described as the father of Australian explorers. His statue stands in Septimus Roe Square, Perth.

**Thomas Cass (CH 1827-33)** became one of the pioneer surveyors of New Zealand. By 1851, he was the chief surveyor of the area of Canterbury.

The RMS attracted influential teachers, including:

**William Wales**, Master of the RMS in the late 18th century (1775-98). Wales had been an astronomer for **Captain James Cook** on his second voyage to the Antarctic, and his teaching had a major impact on his students.

**Samuel Taylor Coleridge**, a pupil of William Wales, and a philosopher, famous for his later poem, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, that was inspired by Wales.

Between 1673 and 1887, when records end, more than 2,000 boys were trained as navigators at the RMS as part of CH in the City of London, making it not only a significant institution in British and naval history, with a broad global reach, but also offering life-changing opportunities to so many young boys.



RMS boys showing their drawings to Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace. Published in the Illustrated London News, 17 May 1873



Boys in the London school wearing RMS badges in the 19th Century



RMS presentation badge from 1673

## Today....

The RMS stands for so much more than mathematics and navigation. It encompasses the subjects of science, geography, and humanities. But more than that, it is the embodiment of what CH stands for: creating social mobility and opportunities for the academic and lifelong potential of our students. The 350th anniversary of the RMS provides an opportunity to mark not only its long history but the continued impact it and the wider school have on young people and their role in the world of today and tomorrow.



CH students in 2016 wearing their RMS presentation badges



# EMPOWERING THE FUTURE

The Royal Mathematical School (RMS) has had a huge impact over 350 years, but we don't want to stop there. CH's pioneering spirit continues to drive us to ensure all students are equipped for the modern world.

The RMS is the embodiment of the CH mission. Established to prepare students with the skills to navigate the world. 350 years later, the spirit of the RMS continues to inspire students for future success. While the 350th anniversary offers an opportunity to highlight our notable history, now is our chance to create a lasting legacy for the future. To do this we are excited to launch two major new initiatives this year to further increase social mobility, and prepare the next generation of CH students with the skills to navigate and make an impact on the world:

- 1) **The Lord Mayor's RMS Scholarship programme** is being introduced in partnership with Professor Michael Mainelli, Lord Mayor of London for 2023-24, to give transformative opportunities to more young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- 2) **The Expeditionary Education programme** will facilitate life-changing adventures and equip students with the attitudes, skills, and behaviours they need to thrive. We aim to empower students with the unshakable belief that they can tackle any challenge they face.

You can learn more about these initiatives on the following pages. We have ambitious plans, and we hope you will join us in supporting them.

## 695th LORD MAYOR'S RMS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

To mark the 350th anniversary of the Royal Mathematical School (RMS) a new RMS Scholarship programme is being introduced in partnership with Professor Michael Mainelli, Lord Mayor Elect, who will become Lord Mayor of London for 2023-24 on 10 November. The Scholarships will enable young people from less advantaged backgrounds to have a transformative educational experience at Christ's Hospital and be equipped to navigate an increasingly complex world. The scholarships will run in perpetuity, giving a fitting legacy for the RMS and a way for sponsors to have a lasting impact.

*'I have been involved with Christ's Hospital for many years and am passionate about the transformative impact it has for young people's lives and communities around the world. The RMS acted as a catalyst for London's exponential growth as a global centre of knowledge and drove upward social mobility for thousands of young people and their descendants. As Lord Mayor of London, I will have the honour of being an international ambassador for the UK's financial and professional services sector. It is apt therefore that as Lord Mayor I will be asking individuals and organisations around the world to join me in establishing a new Lord Mayor's Royal Mathematical School Scholarship programme. This programme will - in perpetuity - enable young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to have a lifechanging educational experience at Christ's Hospital and be equipped to navigate an increasingly complex world.'*

**Professor Michael Mainelli,  
Lord Mayor Elect**



Professor Michael Mainelli, Lord Mayor Elect, with CH students, at the 2023 St Matthew's Day celebrations in London.

## Transform lives with the Lord Mayor's Royal Mathematical School Scholarship

Our Lord Mayor's RMS Scholarship programme will transform young people's futures. Each Lord Mayor's RMS Scholarship requires funding of £267,000, which will support a sixth form student at Christ's Hospital in perpetuity.

A range of sponsorship levels exist, each providing organisations and individuals with outstanding benefits and the opportunity to make a significant impact on social mobility in London and beyond, and nurture much needed skills and talent for the economy.

**Do you know an organisation or individual that would be interested in supporting a Scholarship partnership?** We want to develop a network of corporate, foundation and individual partners, to make lasting change for the next generation. Together we have the power to open doors for disadvantaged young people. In recognition of their generous support, partners will receive a range of benefits.

### Lord Mayor's RMS Scholarship Founding Partner Sponsorship - £267,000 (over up to five years)

- 1. A named bespoke scholarship in perpetuity directly supporting a young person through their sixth form at Christ's Hospital.
- 2. Contribution to your organisation's social mobility and EDI goals.
- 3. Engagement with the RMS Scholar including options for work experience/ placements and mentoring.
- 4. Inclusion in RMS 350th anniversary publicity as key partner.
- 5. Inclusion in Lord Mayor of London 2023-24 publicity and events.
- 6. Opportunity for distinguished annual lecture to sixth form at Christ's Hospital.
- 7. Inclusion on the honour roll at the Royal Mathematical School and on Christ's Hospital's website.
- 8. Invitations to key Christ's Hospital events in London and Horsham each year.

### Lord Mayor's RMS Scholarship Gold Partner Sponsorship - £50,000 (over up to three years)

- 1. A joint scholarship in perpetuity directly supporting a young person through their sixth form at Christ's Hospital.
- 2. Including benefits 1,2,3,4,5,7 and 8 of the RMS Scholarship Founding Partner.

### Lord Mayor's RMS Scholarship Silver Partner Sponsorship - £25,000 (over up to two years)

- 1. A joint scholarship in perpetuity directly supporting a young person through their sixth form at Christ's Hospital.
- 2. Including benefits 1,2,3,7 and 8 of the RMS Scholarship Founding Partner.

### RMS Scholarship Bronze Partner Sponsorship - £5,000

- 1. A joint scholarship in perpetuity directly supporting a young person through their sixth form at Christ's Hospital.
- 2. Including benefits 1,2, 7 and 8 of the RMS Scholarship Founding Partner.

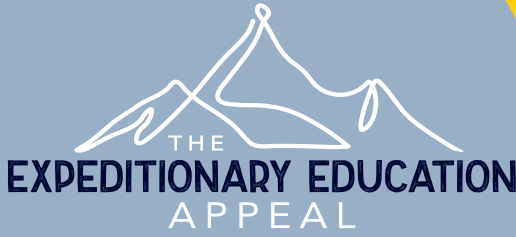


**EXPLORE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS**

To discuss the Lord Mayor's Royal Mathematical School Scholarship programme, please contact the Christ's Hospital Development Team:

Email: [development@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:development@christs-hospital.org.uk) Telephone: 01403 246652





You can help change lives through challenge and adventure. With your support, we aim to raise an initial £250,000 for our Expeditionary Education programme, which will facilitate life-changing adventures and equip students with the attitudes, skills and behaviours that they need to thrive. We aim to further increase social mobility and empower students with the unshakable belief that they can tackle any challenge they face.

About Expeditionary Education

Our Expeditionary Education programme is packed with a variety of challenging and adventurous activities, including; canoeing, sailing, raft building, mountain biking, mountaineering, bushcraft, outdoor cooking, camping and rock climbing.

Every activity is an opportunity to develop key skills, including teamwork and leadership, and a great way to boost self-confidence and resilience. These are the kind of transformative experiences that students can only have when they get out into the elements and leave their comfort zones behind.

Changing lives through challenge and adventure

In an increasingly competitive global market, it is critical for CH to equip our students for future success. With more businesses taking action to harness talented, diverse teams for success, employers' focus is shifting to skills over traditional academic qualifications. CH must respond with a forward-thinking approach to our curriculum.



Through Expeditionary Education, we aim to further increase social mobility and empower students with the unshakable belief that they can tackle any challenge they face. Our programme of outdoor education builds confidence and develops the attitudes, skills and behaviours that our students need to make an impact as they pursue careers and move forward through life.

For many students, going on expeditions is beyond their means. At the very heart of our programme, we aim to widen access to challenge and adventure for every student. We believe that social and financial constraints should not deprive any child of these life-changing experiences that will propel them to reach their potential.

What the programme offers students:

- Fun, challenging adventures
- The opportunity to develop confidence and resilience
- Self-belief to tackle challenges
- Key skills for work and life, including leadership and teamwork
- Broader horizons



We can't do it alone

To challenge our students effectively, the experiences we provide are not easy. They must be genuine adventures. Whether in tents or canoes, in the mountains or the woods, expeditionary education requires safe, high-quality equipment and well-trained, experienced staff and instructors. And for that, we need your help.

With your support, we aim to raise an initial £250,000 to launch our programme to facilitate life-changing adventures and equip students with the attitudes, skills and behaviours that they need to thrive.



"I am passionate that learning and personal development are not confined to the classroom. By placing expeditionary education as a fourth pillar alongside our outstanding teaching, pastoral care and broader curriculum, we can offer our students every opportunity to thrive".

Simon Reid, Head Teacher



A regular gift of £25 A MONTH could give 18 STUDENTS the chance to try a new water-based activity such as canoeing or raft building, helping them to grow in confidence and develop their resilience.

A regular gift of £50 A MONTH could give 23 STUDENTS regular opportunities to experience the thrill of mountain biking and the satisfaction of achieving a challenge.

A gift of £100 A MONTH could give 4 STUDENTS a 5-day sailing adventure on the Norfolk Broads, providing the unforgettable experience, building teamwork and leadership skills, self-reliance and confidence.



"After being fortunate enough to experience excellent outdoor education opportunities as a student at CH, I went on to enjoy a 25-year career training and leading young people on expeditions all over the world.

I am utterly convinced by the benefits that outdoor adventures bring, both for our students well-being, and by equipping them with the essential skills they need to live happy and productive lives. I am excited to be able to offer our students the same opportunities I had and, with your help, make CH a leader in expeditionary education."

Chris Wlodarczyk-Brickel, Director of Expeditionary Education

HOW TO DONATE

Online: visit [christol.org.uk/support-us/donate-now](https://christol.org.uk/support-us/donate-now)

Call us on: 01403 246570

Complete the enclosed gift form and return to: The Development Office, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 0YP.

Through your kindness and generosity, we can transform lives, create confident, resilient young people and inspire the unshakable belief that they can tackle any challenge they face.



SAVE THE DATE  
CH GIVING DAY

28 - 29 NOVEMBER 2023

On 28 and 29 November, we are asking the whole CH community to come together, celebrate and show its support for Christ's Hospital as part of our 2023 Giving Day!

Join us over 36 jam-packed hours, online and on social media, where you'll find photos and videos from the day, opportunities to take part in challenges, make a gift and help to unlock match funding to support Blue Fund Bursaries, the Student Hardship Fund, and our new Expeditionary Education programme.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Please consider making a gift. Your gifts are worth even more during Giving Day as they will help unlock additional matched funding. Your support is hugely valuable, especially in these uncertain times. Whether it's £20, £200 or £2000, your gift will help us transform lives.

Become an ambassador by spreading the word to involve friends and family.

Follow, like and share our posts on social media @christshospital and @choldblues and tell us about the impact CH had on you with the hashtag #CHGivingDay

If you would like to donate ahead of 28 November, we would of course be delighted. You can do this by the following methods:

Online: Scan the QR code or visit [ch.givingday.co.uk](https://ch.givingday.co.uk) to make a gift securely online.



Post: Donate by returning the gift form accompanying this magazine.

Phone: Call us on 01403 246570



# FROM THE CUT-THROAT FOOTBALL INDUSTRY TO MINDSET COACHING

We caught up with Floss Andrews (Col-A 87-94), a mindset coach and the founder of Mindset Five, who made a huge career jump from the pressures of the lonely world of Premier League football to helping people, like her, who needed someone 'who gets it' to talk to.

## How did you get into football?

I have always loved sport. Knowing that I wasn't good enough to play professionally, I looked for other ways to become involved with it, and I became interested in sponsorship. After a few months of shadowing, volunteering and temping at any sports-related company that I could find, I got my first job working for the NFL, in London in 2001. This led to a job in rugby at the 2003 World Cup in Australia. I had a brief spell in sailing, and then I was offered a post at the Premier League in 2004. I've been in football ever since. Within football, I've worked in several areas, including managing major sponsors, putting on events in Asia with PL teams, being the match manager at PL clubs including Norwich City, QPR and Chelsea, and working for City FC as head of professional services.

## What was the highlight of your football career?

There are many moments I'm proud of. Most of them involve achieving something I never thought I could, for example, managing a tiny team that organised a football tournament in Asia; co-ordinating almost 40 post-match interviews within 45 minutes in the tunnel at Chelsea after they played Liverpool; and overseeing the build project of Norwich City's new academy building and first team gym.



What prompted your career change to become a mindset coach?

We moved to Norfolk in 2010, and after the birth of my second child, I rekindled my career in football. That's when I became a match manager for six years and worked for Norwich City for two years. I had an amazing job, but I felt like I was failing at everything, work and family. I had no real words for it, and no answer to it, except to hand in my notice and leave. I thought that working in the industry was just too hard.

At that point, my sister, Hester (5s, Col-A 84-91), introduced me to a colleague of hers who was training as a life coach and was looking for clients. Her name was Fatima Badini; she completely changed my life! Talking to her was like magic; she just turned my light on and made me realise what I was good at, which was helping people. So, I found a life-coaching course that suited me, and I have never looked back.

I now work with professionals in the football industry who are struggling with the intensity of it, or who are coming up to a life-changing movement. I enable them to face it with positivity, and to thrive.



Floss with the late John Motson



"I came from a London primary school, and I only discovered sport when I started at CH.

Being at CH was like having a big family around you all the time, and I loved doing things like playing sport, being a drummer in the Band, and other things that I would never have had the opportunity to do otherwise."

## What is a Mindset Coach?

I call myself a Personal Development and Mindset Coach, and, through talking, listening and feeling, I help people to shift how they see themselves, which shifts how they act. I use various tools and techniques to identify and own their strengths, remove limiting beliefs that are standing in their way, and work with them to make a plan so that they can move forward positively and with purpose. I work with a range of professionals within the industry, from players (men and women) to broadcasters, coaches and club staff. I see what a difference it makes to focus on mindset no matter what job you have.



## What makes a good listener?

You have to really immerse yourself in what the other person is saying. It's important not to relate it to your own experiences, thoughts and assumptions, as they are not relevant. Instead, you have to hear what the person is saying behind the words. It's more like feeling than listening, if that makes any sense? It's then important to reflect what you are hearing (behind the words) back to the person. I don't give advice because I don't need to. My clients know the answer, even if they don't realise it.

## What has been the most significant moment in your career?

Taking the step to launch Mindset Five and get on and talk to football clubs about it and discovering that I can help them to make a difference. There is still a stigma against showing weakness in the football industry; so, every person I work with is hugely significant. I've recently started working with a women's football team, and I'm really excited about this, because with the meteoric rise of women's football, I think that mindset work is vital.

## What was needed to create your balance between work and you?

I have always loved working, and I also love doing things for me, such as playing tennis, learning golf and spending time

with friends and family. I found that when I had found my purpose at work, the other things became easier to move up the priority list.

## What advice would you give someone who doesn't feel that they have anyone to talk to?

Sometimes, the hardest thing is to open your mouth and speak the truth of what you're thinking. Sometimes, it's hard to even know what you're thinking, to even begin to put it into words. It's common to think, 'I should be able to sort this out myself, I don't want to be a burden, I don't have the answer, so how can they help?' etc.

If this is the case, I would really encourage that person just to give it a go and start to open up. A really good way to start is to ask a trusted friend/colleague/family member who is good at listening (this is key!) to go on a walk. It's a really nice way to talk without having to look at someone. I do it all the time with my clients, and it really helps. If you can't face talking in "real life", make a call to one of the many support lines, and talk to them while you're out walking. Moving your body can help to get the words out.

## What advice would you give to our younger Old Blues to help make their careers blossom?

Think outside the box. There are loads of paths that you can take or even create that you probably might not have heard about on the usual careers lists. I would also think about what it is that you really love doing, or that you find easy to do. The latter is key, because, if you find it easy, you probably think that everyone can do it, and so you ignore it. But that's not true. That will be one of your key strengths, and, if you can align your career with that, then you will find that work doesn't feel like work.

## What advice would you give someone who wants a career change?

If you feel that what you're doing isn't right, but you can't put your finger on why or even what it is that you would rather do, I would advise you to spend time thinking about what I have just said for the younger Old Blues; either talk about it to someone or write it down. The brain can process information in a different way when the words have been said, rather than just having them inside your head. This can often help you to move forwards, rather than just feeling stuck.

For anyone who is coming up to a change that you don't even want to look at, such as retirement, then I would encourage you to actively put time in your diary to think about it specifically. Don't leave it sitting there just out of your peripheral vision. It's important to bring things into view gently, to be able to take the fear out of it. Write down all the things that you're dreading, get them out in the open. Then talk about them with someone you trust and who knows how to listen.

## What impact did CH have on you both personally and in terms of your career?

I came from a London primary school and I only discovered sport when I started at CH. That was my first light bulb moment! I found that I loved it and that it was something I was quite good at. I truly believe I got a lot of confidence from sport at CH. My mum was a single parent with two daughters and she was at work a lot, so we didn't get the chance to join clubs. Being at CH was like having a big family around you all the time, and I loved doing things like playing sport, being a drummer in the Band and other things that I would never have had the opportunity to do otherwise.



Coleridge A Grecians at the 1994 Leavers' Ball.

(Floss is fourth from the right)

## Do you want to hear more from Floss?

Join us for the Business Networking Drinks event that will be held in London in February, at which Floss will be one of our guest speakers. For more information, please email [oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk).



# MAKING COMEDY ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE

Glass Crumpet, a Manchester-based sketch and stand-up comedy group was founded in 2022 by former students of the University of Salford. Under the stage name James Tangye, James Miles (MaA, GrE 10-17) is one of them. In the past couple of years, he has performed with the ComedySportz Improv troupe twice at the Brighton Fringe, made his debut with Glass Crumpet at the Edinburgh Fringe, climbed Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) to fundraise for the Fringe, and won the 2023 Mike Craig Comedy Award. He found time to tell us more.

**How did you get into comedy?**

When I went into the LE (Year 9), my nan bought me a portable DVD player. I used to keep a bag of cheap stand-up comedy DVDs hidden in my wardrobe, and would spend a lot of time in my room watching them. Once on my Deps (lower sixth from), I didn't really know what I wanted to do. I didn't want to go to university just for the sake of it, and actually applied to be an army nurse.

That didn't work out, but my dream was always to do comedy, whatever job I had; so I eventually decided to give it a go. I spent three days a week travelling to and from London to do comedy classes, before doing my comedy writing and performance degree at the University of Salford.

**Would your fellow Old Blues say you were a bit of a comedian at CH?**

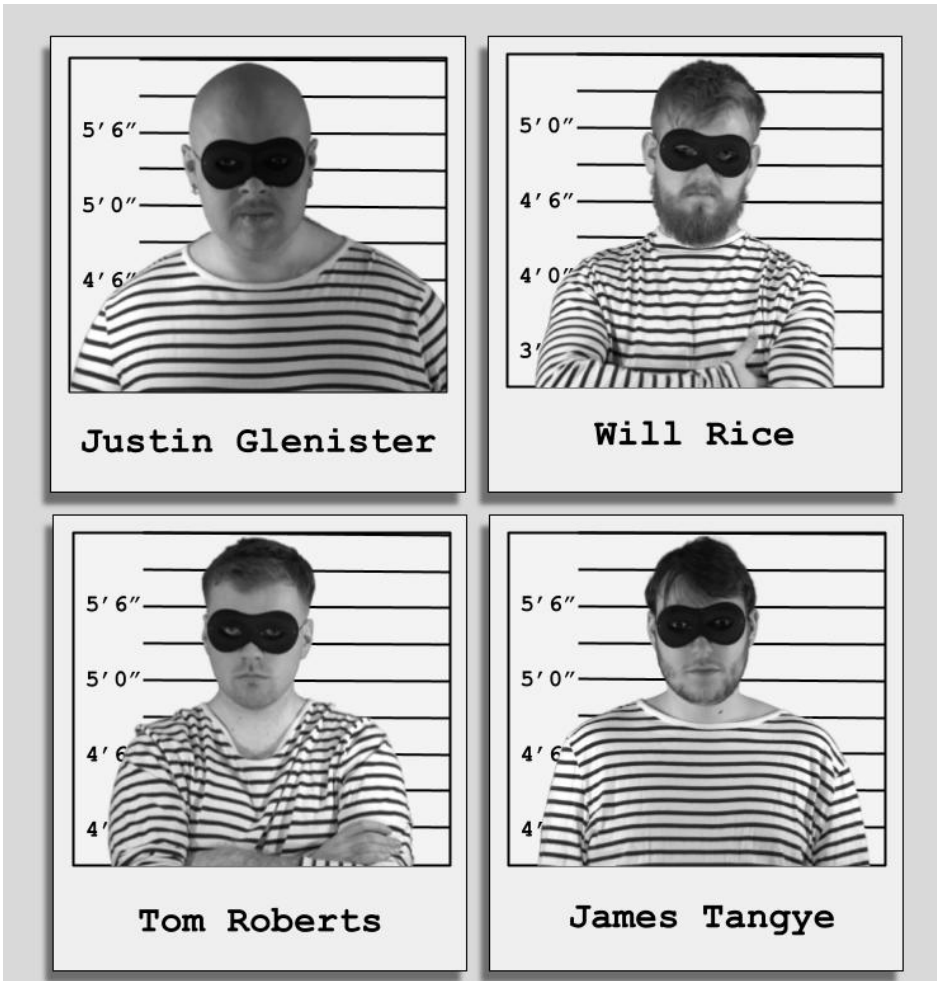
I'm not sure. I was certainly laughed at, but I'm not sure it was for anything that I did on purpose.

**What was it like to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe this year?**

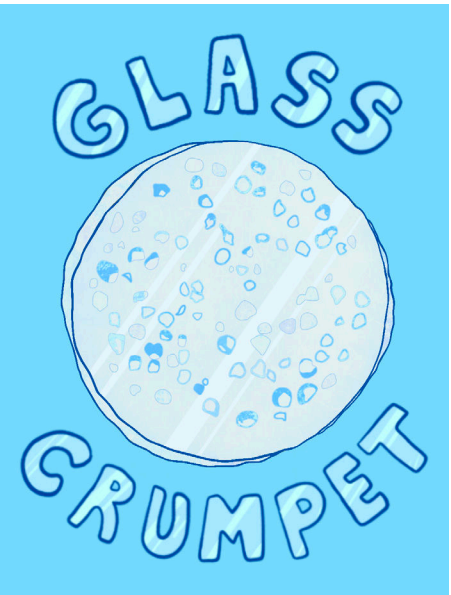
It was an odd experience. The only performing experience that I had had before I went to university was Chapel Choir; so playing a wealthy widow and an Irish priest was different. It was great meeting other comedians, seeing other performances and realising how far I'd come. Funny fact — my priest costume was actually an old cloak from the Hertford school, which I'd bought from the CH museum for a fiver.

**Where do you get your inspiration from?**

I have recently been diagnosed with ADHD and am awaiting my diagnosis for autism. For many years, I've known that my brain works differently to other people's, and pretty much just always thought that I was weird. I get inspiration for my material from interpreting things in a way that most people don't, and I enjoy being able to turn it into something that makes people laugh.



The four stand-up comedians of Glass Crumpet



**Where did the name 'Glass Crumpet' come from?**

We wanted a name that was obscure, memorable and could have an interesting but simple logo. A fellow comedian and mentor, Tom Short, suggested Comedy Crumpet, and the name grew from there. It genuinely has nothing to do with the Beatles' "Glass Onion"!

**What is the best topping that Old Blues should have on their crumpets?**

Anything other than salted butter is a crime!

**What advice would you give any Old Blues that are looking to take on climbing Mt. Snowdon?**

Do not pay extra to waterproof your shoes, as this doesn't keep the water out; rather, it keeps it in.



James (right) climbing Mt. Snowdon to fundraise for the Fringe.

**What inspiration did CH give you for your sketches?**

One of my first sketches, and my personal favourite, is a parody of Dick and Dom's Bogies game, set during a funeral. This may or may not be inspired by some escapades that occurred at the back of the Choir stalls for a few years.

**What advice would you give an Old Blue who wants to get into comedy?**

There are loads of improv and stand-up classes around the country, in which a whole variety of different people meet. They're a great place to build confidence and to try something different.

**What advice would you give an Old Blue looking for a name for their company?**

Check Urban Dictionary — we were originally considering calling ourselves "Fat Crumpet", until we found out that "crumpet" is, quote, "British slang for a hot chick"!

**What impact did CH have on you both personally and in terms of your career?**

I always loved philosophy at school. I was fascinated by things like ethics and morality, and the idea that so much of how we view the world is subjective. During my final weeks of Grecians (upper sixth form), I asked to give a talk in Tuesday Chapel, at which I spoke about how, I believed that God existing or not didn't matter in how you viewed the world. This idea of challenging things and trying to look at all sides of any debate has been a massive influence in both my comedy and how I live my life.

**What is next for you?**

I'm hoping to take a solo show to the Edinburgh Fringe and to continue growing Glass Crumpet online and across the North. I'm also hoping to release my first book within the next 12 months, as well as some other projects (that I'm not allowed to talk about just yet). I'd love to come back to CH and give a talk to the students there again. . . That's if they'll have me back after the last time they let me do that.

"Comedy for the working class, by the working class"





# EVENTS ROUND-UP

Here are just some of the highlights since the last edition



Old Blues' Day, May



Speech Day, May



CH Band Beats the Retreat at the Tower of London, July



Parents' Day at CH, June



Run Barns Green, September



Summer Heritage Day at CH, August



1552 Society, Beating Retreat, July



Hertford Reunion in London, July

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### EVENTS

**CHOBA Carol Concert**  
Thursday 14 December, St Stephen, Walbrook, London.


**Christ's Hospital's first-ever Giving Day**  
Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 November.

**Old Blue Tours**  
Visit [www.christs-hospital.org.uk](http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk) for dates.


**REUNIONS**


**20 Years On Reunion**  
Saturday 11 November, for leavers of 2002 and 2003, at the Lord Mayor's Show and Hays Galleria, London.

**50 Years On Reunion**  
Wednesday 6 March, for leavers of 1973 and 1974, at CH.




## CHOBA CAROL CONCERT 2023





CHOBA invites you to an evening of Christmas carols, mince pies and mulled wine.



Hosting: Dr Andrew Wines  
Conductor: Ed Jones  
Organist: Bridget West (7s, ColB 84-91)

Date: 14 December 2023  
Time: 6pm  
Place: The Church of St Stephen Walbrook, 39 Walbrook, London, EC4N 8BN

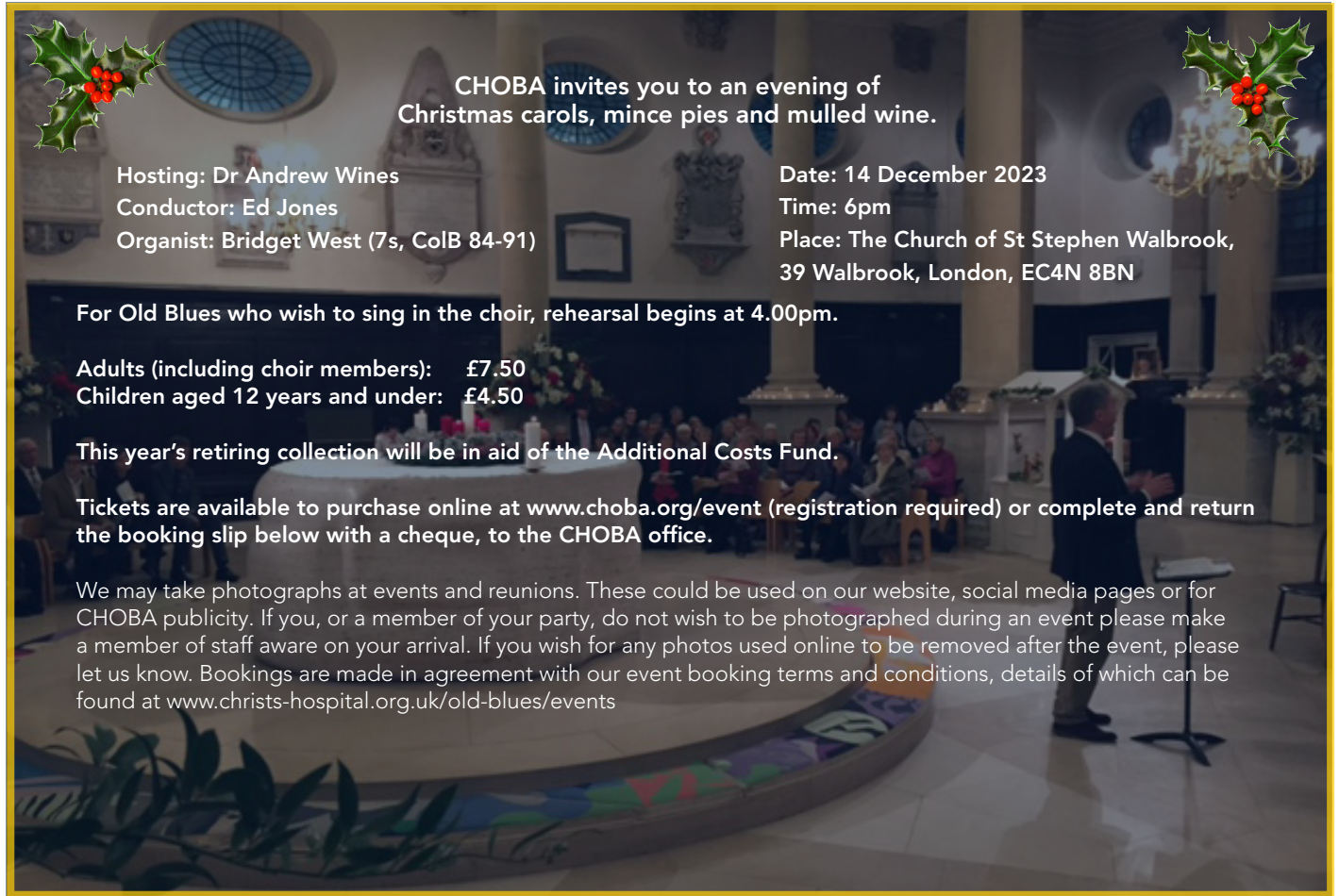
For Old Blues who wish to sing in the choir, rehearsal begins at 4.00pm.

Adults (including choir members): £7.50  
Children aged 12 years and under: £4.50

This year's retiring collection will be in aid of the Additional Costs Fund.

Tickets are available to purchase online at [www.choba.org/event](http://www.choba.org/event) (registration required) or complete and return the booking slip below with a cheque, to the CHOBA office.

We may take photographs at events and reunions. These could be used on our website, social media pages or for CHOBA publicity. If you, or a member of your party, do not wish to be photographed during an event please make a member of staff aware on your arrival. If you wish for any photos used online to be removed after the event, please let us know. Bookings are made in agreement with our event booking terms and conditions, details of which can be found at [www.christs-hospital.org.uk/old-blues/events](http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/old-blues/events)



### CHOBA Carol Concert Booking Form

Name.....

Address.....

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Email.....

Phone No.....

I would like to book the following number of places:

..... Adult tickets at £7.50 each

..... Child tickets at £4.50 each

☐ I / we would like to sing in the Old Blues Choir and will arrive at the church at 4pm to attend rehearsal (please tick)

I enclose a cheque made payable to Christ's Hospital for £.....

Please return to CHOBA, The Counting House, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 0YP

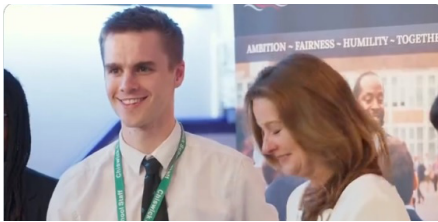


OLD BLUE NEWS

**Yemisi Mokuolu (BaB 89-96)** recently shared her story about creating cultural change and impact in Africa's creative industries in a podcast with Unlocking Africa. Yemisi is an award-winning independent producer and creative business consultant with more than 17 years' experience supporting creative, cultural and social entrepreneurs and organisations around the world to realise their initiatives for social impact and/or cultural change.



Congratulations to **Zac Moxon (PeB, GrW 08-15)** who is now Head of Music at Chiswick School, and in June, was awarded the National Silver Award for Outstanding New Teacher in a Secondary School.



Congratulations to recent leaver **Coralie Hunt (LHB, GrE 21-23)**, who has beaten stiff competition to gain one of only 50 places at the **University of Cambridge** on the Foundation Year programme! It's a free and fully funded course which provides a stepping stone into Cambridge; students then progress onto one of 18 degrees without having to reapply.



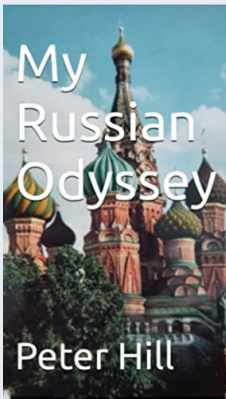
We were delighted to unveil a purple plaque in honour of Old Blue **Victoria Forrest (Col-A 89-96)**. Victoria has won the prestigious *Women in Innovation* award, from Innovate UK, for her series of augmented reality books that inspire the use of British Sign Language. Victoria was here in person and spent time with the students from her old boarding house, Coleridge A!



Are you interested in sailing?

You can give CH pupils the chance to learn this exciting sport? **Mike Lloyd (MaA, MdA 77-84)** is looking for like-minded Old Blues to join him in enabling CH to introduce a new sailing programme for pupils, providing opportunities from basic sailing techniques to sailing trips to the Norfolk Broads, and, ultimately, yacht racing. Mike is working with CH Director of Expeditionary Education (Chris Wlodarczyk-Brickel (PeB, PeA 90-97)) to raise the funds needed for the sailing programme. **If you would like to be part of this initiative to open new opportunities for CH pupils, please contact [development@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:development@christs-hospital.org.uk)**

Old Blues in print



**Peter Hill - (BaA 48-56)**  
Peter's latest book, *My Russian Odyssey*, is described as an entertaining personal memoir of his travels as an interpreter in St Petersburg, Moscow, Hong Kong, Hanoi, Gronzi and Tbilisi.



**Charlie Robinson (MaB, GrE 12-19)**  
Charlie recently featured in *Fortune Magazine*, talking about his brands and how he harnessed the Old Blue network to get where he is.



**Joel Arcanjo (MaA, GrE 03-10)**  
Joel visited CH with the first book in his Crookhaven series, called 'The School for Thieves'. A secret school where students are taught to do wrong, so that one day, they can put the world to rights.

**SHARE YOUR NEWS TODAY!**  
Email us at [oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk) or join the conversation on Twitter and Facebook @CHOldBlues



MESSAGE FROM THE CHOBA CHAIR

After a successful Old Blues' Day and summer rest with a smattering of excellent exam results from the recent CH leavers, we embark upon my favourite period of the year which happens to coincide with Michaelmas term at CH. It was always so exciting to be reunited with friends to enjoy the warm days of autumn and the prospect of new adventures of a school year bookended with the festivities of the Christmas run in, ending in the Carol Concert. This is reflected in the initiatives and events that CHOA are planning for the remainder of 2023 and beyond.

When I took on the role of Chair, I stated that during my tenure I would like CHOA to focus on careers support and networking for the broader OB community.

Following the last Board meeting we have decided to embark on a three year project working alongside the School and OB community to both increase engagement and to create an infrastructure to provide careers advice and support. The range of advice intended to be on offer would span from helping recent leavers investigate career paths, be that university

or other routes to industry, to supporting older OBs who are looking to change career and/or set up their own businesses.

More information and opportunities to participate will be communicated over the next 12 months most likely starting with a survey in early 2024.

Back to the (dare I say it) Christmas run in... The School's annual invasion of the City of London was marked by a wonderful St Matthew's Day Parade in September, with good weather to boot and a good show of OBs.

23 October marks Founder's Day and I'm pleased to announce that the dinner (also celebrating 350 years of the Royal Mathematical School) has been sold out for some time with a waiting list now in place; let's hope we can continue this level of engagement every year!

28 and 29 November will see the first CH Giving Day. I hope all will give what they can, to ultimately support such worthwhile causes such as the Expeditionary Education appeal.



Finally, save the date of Thursday 14 December for the annual CHOA Carol Concert in arguably Wren's most beautiful London church, St Stephen Walbrook; tickets are selling fast, and I hope to see many of you there. All that is left is to wish you a joyous, peaceful run in to Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Housey!

Chris Thomas (ThA, ThB, GrW 94-01)  
Chair, CHOA board.

REMEMBERING

Christ's Hospital extends sincere condolences to the friends and families of those listed below who have recently passed away.

- William Alcock (ColB 39-45)
- Stanley Amey (PeA 50-55)
- Richmond Amoah (LaB, GrE 11-13)
- David Angus (LaB 54-60)
- Philip Briggs (MdA 32-36)
- Geoffrey Cox (MdB 42-49)
- Roy Dixon (MdB 42-47)
- Bryn (Jeremy) Evans (MdA 51-57)
- David Faulkner (MdB 58-65)
- Robert Finch (BaA 46-53)
- Graham Gidley (ThB 47-53)
- Timothy Harris (PrepA, LaA 54-60)
- Jean Hayes (6s 44-51)
- Adrian Herring (LaA 42-48)
- David Kester (BaB, LaB, MaA 79-86)
- Trevor Knapp (BaB 48-55)
- Andrew Joanes (PrepB, CoLA 41-50)
- (David) Nigel Ledebor (BaB, ThaA 54-62)
- Margaret Lee 2s (52-54)
- Evelyn McKee 2s (49-56)

- Julia Maginess (née Cotterell) (4s 42-48)
- Gillian Meason (née Kirman) (6s 40-48)
- Francis Mitchinson (ColB 77-84)
- Robert Page (LaB 54-61)
- Margaret Pearce (née Walker) (3s 55-60)
- Peter Perdue (LaB 44-53)
- Paul Pettit (ThA 42-48)
- James Pitcher (BaA, PeA 68-75)
- Bruce Porter (CoLA 49-56)
- Sybil Radley (Hertford Staff 60s and 80s)
- Alan Ramsay (Preb B, ThB 44-51)
- Peter Ridley (PrepA, ColB 50-56)
- Irene Rigold (7s 38-46)
- Richard Sanders (ColB 51-58)
- Peter Smart (BaA 43-50)
- Robert Stevenson (ThB 51-58)
- Noel Turner (LaB 36-42)
- Jennifer Warner (Hertford 45-53)
- Colin Wilson (MaA 40-46)

Please pass any obituary information you may have, or would like to see published, about any of those named to the CHOA office at [oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk)





# BETTER TOGETHER

Whether you're an Old Blue, parent or supporter of CH, there are many ways to keep in touch and get involved. We've made it easier than ever, simply use your smartphone to scan the QR codes below.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Keep your details up-to-date to receive the latest news, invitations and publications.



[oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:oldblues@christs-hospital.org.uk)

## JOIN OUR NETWORK

Join your local Old Blue community or business group to network and attend events with other Old Blues.



[choba.org/groups](https://choba.org/groups)

## FIND YOUR FRIENDS

Our Old Blue online directory helps you to connect with fellow Old Blues and reconnect.



[choba.org/directory](https://choba.org/directory)

## GET INVOLVED

Come back to CH to give a talk, join our careers network to offer advice to pupils and Old Blues, or help to organise events.



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## JOIN US FOR GIVING DAY

**28-29 November**

A 36-hour challenge which aims to bring together the whole CH community. Find out more and donate on our website.



[ch.givingday.co.uk](https://ch.givingday.co.uk)

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Keep up to date with the latest news, events and get involved with the conversation.



## STAY CONNECTED

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