

# THE GIDGE



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## THE LARGEST REUNION IN LIVING MEMORY!

Remembrance Weekend saw record numbers of alumni attending on the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, with close to 370 registered to attend.

The Headmaster commented *"This special 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice was particularly poignant for RHS, precisely because of the acute awareness we have of our own heritage and its impact on former pupils, their families and the nation. Sunday is especially so, when we commemorated not only the many former RHS boys who made the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War, but the incredible 18 million military and civilian individuals across the world who lost their lives"*.

The annual rugby match saw over 30 players and many spectators, ranging from the ages of 18 to over 60. The eldest, Martyn Wheldon (Collingwood 1974), playing in his fourth game aged 63. New this year was a mixed hockey match against the School. Andrew Dotchin (Collingwood 1974), also 63, played a fantastic first half as goalie. There were also fitting tributes to Les Dryden, former Head of Ceremonial and Professor Bernard de Neumann, Nelson 1961. For a full report and more pictures click the Read More.

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## YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please do take part in our alumni survey as your opinion is extremely important to us. With your help we can create a stronger and more responsive alumni community. It only takes 5 minutes to complete.

**As a small incentive**, if you take part you will be entered into a prize draw to win an iPad. There are also some quirky RHS-related questions - the best answers will win 4 tickets to the Army vs Navy match on Saturday 4 May 2019.

[Take The Survey](#)



## ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



### **EDINBURGH PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENT** **Tuesday 12 February** **18:30 - 21:00**

We are heading up North of the Border for our next Professional Networking Event.

[Book Here](#)



### **LONDON PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENT** **Tuesday 26 March** **18:30 - 21:00**

The year's second networking event in London will be at WeWork in EC4. Thanks to Tom Woolf (Hawke 1998) founder of EdAid, for hosting.

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### **PORTSMOUTH PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENT** **Tuesday 21 May** **18:30 - 21:00**

We're coming home to Portsmouth!

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### **'GOOD' GOLFING: OH WHAT A LOVELY ROUND!** **Sunday 17 March** **10:30 - 17:00**

The Bob Good Memorial will start with a short service in the Chapel at 10:30, followed by a light lunch in the Jellicoe Room and a few rounds of golf for those who wish to play or spectate.!

[Book Here](#)



### **ARMY VS NAVY MATCH** **Saturday 4 May**

The RHS minibus will be hosting drinks pre and post match. If you are planning to attend the match, do come and join us in the Access Self Storage car park.

[More Info](#)



### **REUNION WEEKEND** **Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 June**

A packed weekend awaits including an opportunity to visit the houses, sunset ceremony, black tie dinner or informal barbecue, Divisions and Chapel.

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PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING  
#NAVIGATING SUCCESS

A big thank you to our pupils, young alumni and industry ambassadors who attended our first London Professional Networking Event in November.

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PENSIONS PETITION

Christopher Cooper (Drake 1963), a former Royal Navy Senior Petty Officer, presented a petition to Downing Street, asking for a review of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme.

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CLASS OF 2017 REUNION

On Thursday 20 December around 35 of the 'Class of 2017' attended a reunion at The Curve Bar in Ipswich. There was a real buzz as former classmates reconnected, some having not seen each other since they left in July 2017.

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RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON IN  
AID OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Samantha Latimer (Hood 1999) promised her school friend Rosie Libby (Hood 2001) that one day she would run the London Marathon to raise money for MS, which Rosie's mother suffered from.

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ALUMNI RETURN TO INSPIRE THE NEXT  
GENERATION

We recruited some of our alumni from the science and healthcare sectors to assist in the difficult task of deciding a winner of our annual Year 8 Science Fair.

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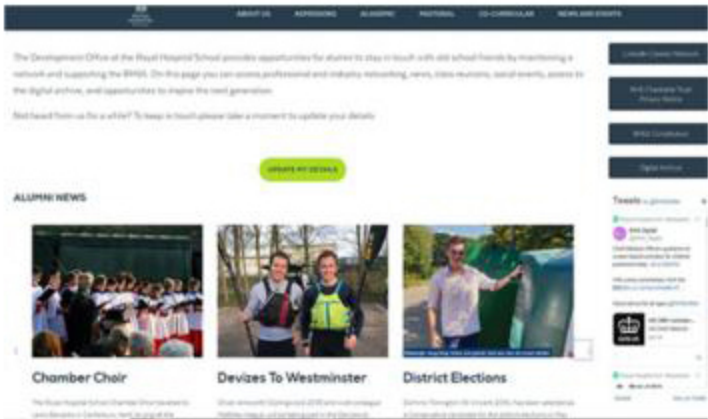


PEOPLE LIKE US, DO THINGS  
LIKE THIS..

Andrew Shepherd (Anson 1997) visited our BTEC Enterprise and Entrepreneurship students. Andrew spoke about his experience from pushing trolleys in a supermarket to setting up his own company.

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NEW WEBSITE



Our new website [www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni](http://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni) is incorporated into the School website. Click below to read some great alumni news stories or book some of the upcoming events.

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SHARE  
YOUR  
NEWS

We'd love to hear from you whether you are celebrating your success and achievements or championing the good causes you are supporting. Don't forget to include a photograph!

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THE 'INVINCIBLES'

This season the U15As have notched up 16 wins from 16 games, scoring 570 points and conceding only 58. More impressive is that this team are unbeaten in all four of their seasons.

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PLASTIC CHRISTMAS

The School's eco-committee collected 1,000 plastic water bottles in less than two weeks and used them to create a Christmas tree to raise awareness about plastic waste.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Following the launch of the new school video 'Navigating Success', here is a behind the scenes look at the making of the video.

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RHS CAREERS NETWORK



With over 1,600 members, this group provides an excellent platform to connect alumni of all ages on a professional basis, and gives people the opportunity to give a 'helping hand' to members of our School community. Whether it be by providing professional contacts; mentoring; placements; internships and apprenticeships.

Join Now



SUPPORT US

Your support can transform lives and inspire the navigators of the future.

Please consider becoming a regular donor and together we can offer more children from low-income families access to RHS' unforgettable all-round education.

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