



WOOLVERSTONIAN NEWS

The Ipswich High School Alumni Newsletter | March 2023

108 YEARS YOUNG - JOAN KERSEY

Joan Kersey turned 108 on Tuesday 28th March

As a young girl Joan attended Ipswich High School. To celebrate Joan's momentous 108th birthday, she was personally invited to revisit her old school community and reminisce about her experience at the school. Joan arrived for a special luncheon of her favourite meal Fish and Chips, with Our Head, members of Senior Leadership Team, Our Alumni Co-Ordinator, Head Students from both Prep and Senior School in attendance. After the lunch, Joan was interviewed by students from the History Society. Joan also met with our youngest member of our school community and they had great fun getting to know one another!



Joan reading her birthday card from King Charles III.



Only a few of the flowers Joan recieved.



Quotes from Joan during the day.

"I may be old but, I've still got my wits about me"

"This has been the best day of my life"

"Can we do this every year?"



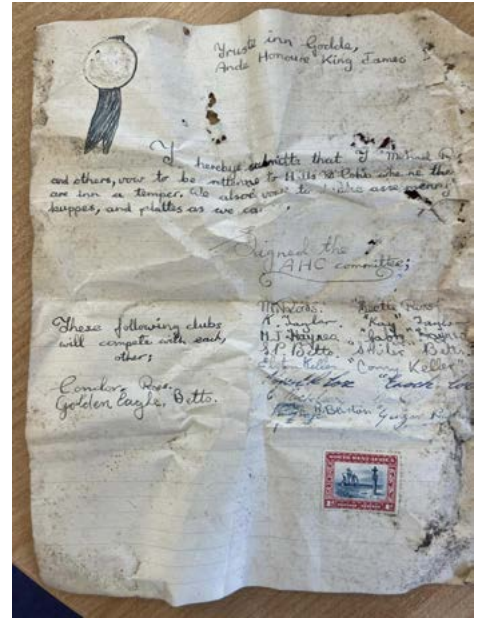
FROM THE ARCHIVES



What lies beneath?

Our Deputy Head Of Operations recently found this letter behind a shelving unit in the Orangery.

Who's been naughty?
A vow to clear up as many cups and plates too.



Outstanding work

Former English teacher Simon Pearce, who now lives in Woolverstone, has written an incredible piece on Mary Alice Berners

[Read the full story here.](#)

Our hearts are heavy

We are deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of Peter Sadler. The legendary History Teacher and Housemaster who will be sadly missed. Our condolences to Peter's family at this sad and difficult time.

WHS: 1950-1990
Peter Sadler,
legendary Teacher
of History (64-89)
and Berners
Housemaster (70-89)

"The main point of education regardless of the subject is to teach pupils to think for themselves."



CONGRATULATIONS ALL ROUND



Alumni exhibits at The Royal Society of British Artists

Ciel, a recent Alumni who completed Sixth Form last year has had her painting exhibited at The Mall Galleries in London. Her artwork is part of the annual Exhibition of The Royal Society of British Artists (RBA).



Alumni aiming high for Billericay & Loughborough

Livvy Patten a recent Alumni and, former Games & Netball Captain for Ipswich High School, played her last match in the Premiership Level Netball this weekend for Billericay. Mrs Harrison got invited to attend her final match against Norfolk United which was an absolute privilege to attend. Livvy played some beautiful netball against a very tough and competitive team. Unfortunately, Billericay couldn't quite get the win but gave Norfolk a good fight to the end whistle. Livvy continues her studies at Loughborough university studying Psychology with Criminology whilst playing and captaining the 2nds at Loughborough.

Be Part of Our Alumni Community

If you would like to contribute to our next Alumni Newsletter, please send your news, stories and announcements to

alumni@ipswichhighschool.co.uk

We would be delighted to hear from you!





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Limited Edition Michael Coulter Woolverstone Print

Some 10 years ago, Michael Coulter, a local renowned artist and former teacher, painted a vibrant watercolour to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Ipswich High School moving to Woolverstone Hall. The original artwork hangs in the Leggett Room at Woolverstone Hall.

We have recently found a number of these prints in our archives and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the school's move to Woolverstone Hall, we thought it was the perfect time to offer the opportunity to purchase one as a memento.

By Michael Coulter
Woolverstone Hall
20th Anniversary Print
Signed and Numbered

43cm W x 32.5cm H - £25
57cm W x 43cm H - £40



IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL for GIRLS, WOOLVERSTONE
Reproduced from an original watercolour by Michael Coulter in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the school's move to Woolverstone Hall.

All proceeds will go towards the restoration
of the Woolverstone Hall Cricket Pavilion



FUNDRAISING

IHSA SUMMER FAYRE

SAVE THE DATE

IHSA SUMMER FAYRE

24TH JUNE 2023

12 NOON TO 3PM



If you would like to join us at our annual summer fayre please email
alumni@ipswichhighschool.co.uk



PERCY JACKSON - REFLECTION

Written by Head of School, Abbie

Percy Jackson was my last show here at Ipswich High School

Being a Drama Scholar, and having taken part in many productions here, from 'Beauty and the Beast' to 'Our House', I knew how amazing this show would be. The phenomenal support from our Performing Arts Team at IHS is incomparable, with Mr Stone's inspired ideas and leadership alongside the creative work of Miss Curtis, Mrs Chillingworth and Ms Extance, the shows are always enormous fun to be a part of. For me, the most important part of these shows is the sense of unity the whole team feels, tying all of the year groups together to produce something we are all proud of. The principals, ensemble, tech team, band, costume creator extraordinaire - Mrs Tatum, Mrs Rice and her team's fantastic prop design skills, and the support of Mrs Clover, made this show one of my absolute favourites. I look forward to coming back next year and seeing the next musical our school will bring to life. I am truly proud to be at a school with such inspiring and talented peers who are stretched to excel with the help of such lovely teachers.



Abbie is a highly versatile performer, who was outstanding in the in the leading role, Joe Casey, in 'Our House' and hilarious as Grandma in 'The Addams Family'. We will miss her next year, but are very glad to have so many hugely talented performers in the younger years following in Abbie's footsteps for our future productions.

Mr Stone



PERCY JACKSON - STANDOUT MOMENTS

Outstanding Production

Here are some of the highlights from the schools production 'The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical' seeing over 70 pupils join together to put on a magical show.

Huge congratulations must go to Jess for her incredible performance as Percy Jackson.

Well done to all and a massive thank you to all staff who helped. The show would not have happened without you all.



ISA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



The ISA Regional Cross Country took place on Friday 10th February at Finborough School. Ipswich High attended with a team made from Year 7-13 pupils.

The course was very challenging and demanding, with a significant part of the course named "Devils Hill". The pupils had to finish in the top 10 to qualify for the national round and represent East Anglia on March 4th in Nottinghamshire.

There were some fantastic results throughout the day which included the following.

Good luck goes to all the pupils in March.

Alev- 4th
Anna- 9th
Amelie -1st
Elias- 26th
Francesca- 1st
Laura- 2nd
Leo-5th
Jonathan -7th
Jude-14th
Tilly- 8th

A special mention goes to our Year 13 student Francesca, who is our current Athletics and Cross-Country Captain who has represented the school on many occasions and produced very high results. This was her last ISA competition and what a way to finish with a gold medal as the fastest Regional Senior Girl for East Anglia!



CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Madeleine hits the podium

Madeleine has been recently competing in Austria at the Ambition Championships in Hintereit and the Evolution Speed Races Championships in Reiteralm. She came third in the slalom events for these races - Check out our Instagram to see Madeleine race in the Super G.



Year 11 End of Mock exams Celebration meal

Students in Year 11 have worked incredibly hard this term preparing for their mock exams. Having spent 2 weeks in exam conditions and many weeks before hand revising over the christmas period they were ready to have some fun. As a reward for all their hard work and efforts, the students were taken out for a meal in Ipswich. They could pick from 4 different restaurants and had some time for shopping and going to the arcades. Wagamma's was the favoured restaurant by many and they all enjoyed the food. It was a great pleasure to spend the evening with my year group and enjoy the fun with them. It has been a great reset for the students who are now back in the classrooms and already preparing for the real exams. Good luck to all Year 11 & Year 13 who are preparing for their end of year exams next term.

Written by Year 11 students.



WEDDINGS AT WOOLVERSTONE HALL

TAILORED TO YOUR PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS TO CREATE AN EXPERIENCE AS INDIVIDUAL AS YOU ARE

Woolverstone Hall is a magnificent Grade I listed mansion set within 87 acres of Suffolk parkland on the banks of the River Orwell, just five miles outside of Ipswich. With a rich history, stunning river views and spectacular architecture, Woolverstone Hall is a unique and beautiful setting made exclusively yours for the most amazing wedding day



TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

Woolverstone Hall has the most beautiful locations where you will make memories to last a lifetime. Whether you're looking for an intimate gathering or a large affair, the perfect setting awaits.

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

When you book Woolverstone Hall, the venue is exclusively yours for the day. Let us become your canvas as you create an unforgettable wedding.



AN IDYLIC COUNTRY HOUSE WEDDING VENUE IN SUFFOLK

[ARRANGE A VIEWING](#)



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI

The Old Girls' Association

Every female student who studied at Ipswich High prior to September 2018 is invited to join the Old Girls' Association (OGA). The 'old girls' are a diverse and far-flung group of individuals who are always welcome back at the school. Each year, the OGA holds a Spring Lunch and an AGM.

If you aren't yet a member but would like to join, please contact: [Charlotte Godfrey](#), Membership Secretary.

The OGA has a [Facebook page](#) to rekindle lost friendships, share memories, advertise OG events, and generally keep the conversation going.



The Old Boys' Association

From 1951 to 1990, Woolverstone Hall was home to Woolverstone Hall School, a secondary grammar boarding school for boys.

To help connect with past Woolverstone Hall pupils more effectively, the OBA has a [Facebook group](#) to rekindle lost friendships and share memories of their time at the school.

