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ST MARY'S APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL



St Mary's University College, Twickenham is pleased to announce the appointment of Francis Campbell, who will join St Mary's from Tuesday 22nd April 2014. Francis will work alongside Interim Principal, Dr Arthur Naylor until the end of the academic year during a handover period.

St Mary's Chair of Governors, Bishop Richard Moth made the announcement. He said, "I speak on behalf of the whole Governing Body in saying how delighted we are that Francis Campbell has accepted the post of Principal at St Mary's University College.

"St Mary's has a fine tradition in welcoming students to an educational environment marked by a Catholic ethos, where all are respected and talents are nurtured so that students and staff are enabled to travel the journey to become the people they are called to be.

"Francis, who has a deep commitment to Catholic life and to the common good, brings much to this post. His experience in the public sphere, which includes service overseas, will enable him to foster St Mary's place on the world stage. St Mary's can look forward to new opportunities and developments, built on the best of its traditions and commitment to excellence."

Francis, who is a parishioner of Westminster Cathedral, was born in Newry in County Down, Northern Ireland, joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1997 and is currently Head of the Policy Unit and Director of Innovation at UK Trade and Investment.

About the appointment Francis commented, "I am delighted to be joining the St Mary's community at this exciting time in the University College's history. It is an immense privilege and honour to be entrusted with this task and in the coming months and years I look forward to working with the students, staff, governors and alumni to build on the immensely rich legacy handed onto us by those who served St Mary's throughout its 164 year history."

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FILM SCREENING



Wednesday
29th January 2014

Following the opening of the Pete Postlethwaite Picture House in February 2013 we will be showing another film starring our late alumnus, Pete Postlethwaite. This is an alumni and friends event so feel free to bring along your partners in crime.

Dinner will be served in the Waldegrave Drawing Room from 6.30pm with the screening to start at 7.45pm. Tickets are priced at £13 per person including dinner and film screening, with proceeds going towards the Alumni Hardship Fund – providing essential support for students in need.

Visit the online booking website www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/86856, email alumni@smuc.ac.uk, or call 020 8240 4035 to book your place (booking fee may apply).

Alumni Relations Office Survey 2013-14

Help us serve you better by completing our 2013-14 Alumni Survey. We are looking for feedback on our alumni events and communications – have your say and let us know what you want, and as a small thank you High Street Shopping Vouchers will be won by three lucky participants!

The Survey can be completed online at www.survey.smuc.ac.uk/alumnisurvey13-14 until 28th February and should take no more than 10 minutes of your time. Full terms and conditions are available on the Alumni website.

THE ALUMNI HARDSHIP FUND

Providing Essential Support For Students In Need

2014 sees the launch of our first fundraising appeal for the new Alumni Hardship Fund, providing essential support for students in need, and we need your help.

Why make a gift to St Mary's?

Do you remember arriving at St Mary's for the first time, full of enthusiasm and dreams? You probably made life-long friends here and learnt lessons you've carried with you for the rest of your life. Hopefully, you remember your time here with equal measures of fondness and pride.

It's true St Mary's has developed and evolved, just as you have, but we've not forgotten you and hope you don't forget us. For over 160 years Simmarians have been studying their chosen subjects and learning life skills, in preparation for starting their independent lives, and times have never been harder for them.

The Simmarians of today are living in a time of unprecedented student debt, fighting to make ends meet at the same time as meeting their deadlines. Many have financial worries which can distract them from their studies. Some are trying to raise their own families while providing a better future for themselves and their children. Most will find a way to continue their studies, and go on to lead successful flourishing lives, just as you have done, but some may be forced to leave us before graduation. Through the Alumni Hardship Fund, you can make a difference to a Simmarian's life, helping them to continue the positive contribution to society that Simmarians make across the globe.

So you see, it's not really a gift to St Mary's at all ... it's a gift to your fellow Simmarians, and they need your help.

First Alumni Hardship Fund Grants Awarded

Two students, one studying for a Foundation Degree in Education and the other for a Foundation Degree in Counselling and Psychology, have become the first recipients of the new Alumni Hardship Fund at St Mary's University College, Twickenham.

Kelly's Story

My name is Kelly* and I'm a part-time student at St Mary's, enrolled on the two year Foundation Degree course in Education, and I hope to continue studying for a further two years to gain a BA in Education with QTS. As well as being a part-time student, I work as a Teaching Assistant and am not eligible for a student finance loan. This means I lose valuable income on the days I have to attend class at St Mary's because I am not in work.

I'm also a single mum and, when I found out my father had been diagnosed with cancer, I knew it meant that he would no longer be able to help with childcare for my son while I studied. While I had planned my finances carefully for the duration of the course, the unexpected additional cost meant I thought I was going to have to leave my studies early and return to work full time.

I often felt disheartened, knowing that, in the future, I would be much better off because of my qualification, but the immediate financial pressures made it

difficult to continue studying. It seemed crazy to me to feel like I was putting myself and my son at a disadvantage by studying, even though I knew that it would benefit us both in the end. Finding out I had been awarded a grant from the Alumni Hardship Fund was such a relief, it makes me feel like St Mary's realise and appreciate how much I want to learn and better myself, and support me, not only in my learning, but also in overcoming the financial barriers I face. It helps me to concentrate on my studies and stops me feeling bad about the choices I have made. Now I feel there is nothing holding me back and I owe it to St Mary's to put in as much effort as I can into my course. I so enjoy learning about the theory behind the practice and how to improve the way I teach. I now also have an opinion on education and am more aware of current issues, something I would not have were it not for this course. St Mary's is such a small, friendly campus that I feel very valued as a student and all my tutors are so supportive.

I cannot thank the alumni of St Mary's enough for their generosity in supporting the Alumni Hardship Fund. Without this fund I would not be able to study, which will give me a career and ultimately a better life for myself and my son. I feel that I am able to make a difference to not just my life but also the lives of the children I work with, because ultimately I am better at my job because of studying at St Mary's.

Liam's Story

My name is Liam* and I am studying for a Foundation Degree in Psychology and Counselling. I originally trained to be an accountant and have decided that I would like to change my career path because of the pleasure I get from helping people. As I have already completed an undergraduate degree, I am not eligible for student finance and have to fund everything myself. I enjoy learning about people's behaviour and the underlying reasons for people's attitude to the problems they face. I also really enjoy the community atmosphere and work ethic of St Mary's. It is not a massive institution but the quality of teaching is still impressive.

I am used to frugal living and have in the past maintained as many as three jobs at once in order to meet my financial responsibilities. However, while studying I often feel powerless and in a position of financial need, especially since my partner and I found out we were having a baby. This means my circumstances have changed significantly since starting on the course, and I find it difficult to study and concentrate when I know I have to finance my studies through both work and the generosity of friends and family. I also have found it is not as easy as it sounds balancing children, life and studying! It takes its toll and as I live over 20 miles away from campus, the travelling means there is no break for me. It is hard to handle but I have accepted it as a sacrifice for me to achieve my final goal. It feels good that I can still receive funding from the Alumni Hardship Fund to help me with my work and studies, also allowing me time to concentrate on my family as well. This support helps to show me when times are hard that I should not give up on my dreams – to one day register as a counsellor and start my own service to address the lack of provision around my local community in Enfield. I find myself extremely proud of what I have achieved to this point and want to say thank you so much to those alumni who have helped provide a lifeline for us students who have difficulty funding their studies – especially those where conventional funding is not available. It means a lot to people like me who come from neighbourhoods where the stereotype of underachieving youths is all too common.

**While these stories are real, the names have been changed to protect the students' and their families' identities.*

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– or contact us to have a donation form posted to you.

2013 KEN BREEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



A recent History and Philosophy graduate at St Mary's University College has been awarded £500 as part of the Ken Breen Scholarship Prize for recognising outstanding academic achievement.

St Mary's History & Philosophy Academic Director, Dr Glenn Richardson presented student, Graeme Ancient with this year's award during the launch of the new Centre for the Philosophy of History. Running successfully for three years, the prize is funded by alumnus, Stephen Gilham in honour of former St Mary's history lecturer, Ken Breen.

Graeme, who graduated in July with a 1st class honours, was awarded this year's Ken Breen Scholarship because of his outstanding academic achievement, not only in his final year, but over the three years of his degree studies. His BA dissertation was one of the most original and innovative ever seen by its examiners and Graeme is looking to have a version of it published in an academic journal.

Whilst studying at St Mary's, Graeme demonstrated his dedication to making the most of every opportunity by reviving the History Society, organising events to help History students get to know each other and also raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Having graduated top of his class, Graeme hopes to either set up his own business or continue on to postgraduate study.

St Mary's welcomes expressions of interest from anyone looking to set up their own prize or scholarship, please contact Sarah Hood: sarah.hood@smuc.ac.uk, 020 8240 4007.

Thank You!

St Mary's University College, on behalf of our students, would like to thank the following donors for their support in 2013:

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As well as those who chose to give anonymously.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Bernard Weston (1948) Retired these past 20 years! Have you seen the booklet produced by Laurie Ibberson (also 1946-1948) detailing the glittering careers of some of our year?

Martin Mason (1960) I retired in 1996, aged 60, after an OFSTED inspection. My interests now include active participation in the Charismatic Renewal, writing some material about Catholics and scripture, and challenging Protestant deformation of the Bible. Otherwise, an active member of my village community. I am still in touch with John McAvoy and Mike Glanville.

Bede Redican (1960) Currently retired as a result of closure of GTP programme in July 2013. Member of staff at Newman University, in various roles since 1968.

Adolfo J. Canepa (1963) I returned in 1963 to Gibraltar and taught Maths at the Grammar School for nearly ten years, becoming the Deputy Head in 1969. When our education system went comprehensive in 1972 I was appointed as Headmaster of the Boy's Comprehensive. However, shortly afterwards I stood for election to the Gibraltar Parliament, was elected, and so left teaching. I spent sixteen years as a Government Minister, becoming Chief Minister from 1987/88. We lost the General Election of 1988 and so I became the Leader of the Opposition until 1991. I then decided to give up politics and worked on a consultancy basis for successive Gibraltar governments for 20 years. In October 2012, the members of the Gibraltar Parliament elected me as their Speaker, a job which I am enjoying happily. My wife of nearly 50 years, Julie, studied at Digby Stuart, Roehampton, and was the Head of St Joseph's First School until 1996.

Charles Cuckson (1963) Enjoying life with friends, some of whom are Simmarians. Professional grandfather to six. School Governor. Patient representative for Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.

Gregory Bailey (1963) I am now retired in Edmonton, Alberta after two Principal-ships in 10+ years of teaching, enjoying/enduring 10+ years of further post-secondary education, 30 years at the Alberta Bar and a multiplicity of professional, sports and community committees.

Michael Murnane (1965) Since retiring from teaching at St Mary's in 2007, I have been very involved in the newly restored Walpole House (leased by the University College to the Strawberry Hill House Trust) where I regularly act as a guide and room steward. I have written and produced the training DVD used by new stewards at the House, which will be updated as soon as the restoration of the remaining rooms is completed, later in 2014.

Kevin Clayton (1965) Retired to Broughty Ferry, Dundee and I am helping with the local environment group, local history society and twinning with the Carnoustie/Maule group.

David Maxwell (1968) After 35 years teaching History in secondary schools, I achieved a dream of working in higher education in student recruitment and admissions. I talk to students, parents and staff about university applications and student life at the fairs and colleges/schools.

Michael Gibson (1968) I am now retired from teaching, but active in a number of groups and societies including Northampton U3A and the Northamptonshire Natural History Society. I continue to maintain my interest in education as a federation governor of four Catholic schools.

Anthony Jeziorski (1969) Retired after working in the USA and UK, and since 1971 in France at an international private boarding school named *L'ecole Des Roches*. Former Judo international for GB world student games Tokyo 1969, reserve for Munich 1972 and many other international tournaments.

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EVENTS AND REUNIONS AT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Planned events and reunions for 2014 are as follows:

29th Jan	The Usual Suspects Alumni & Friends Film Screening
26th Mar	Varsity
28th Mar	Students' Union Annual Awards Dinner
2nd April	Charity Rugby Match
5th April	SIMMStock
3rd May	Basketball Reunion Event
16th May	Students' Union Summer Ball
17th May	Students' Union Boat Party
5th June	Alumni & Friends Pub Quiz
29th-31st Aug	Basketball/37 Year Reunion for the class of 1977
29th-31st Aug	47 Year Reunion for the class of 1967

Contact us to book your place for any of the above events.

The 2014 Alumni Reunion weekend with free venue hire for alumni events has been confirmed as 29th-31st August.

Outside of those dates alumni are also entitled to 10% off venue hire for any function type. If you are interested in attending an existing reunion, organising your own, or booking rooms for a business or social function then please contact us.

40th Anniversary Reunion (Class of 1977)

Alumni are invited to attend a 40th year of enrolment reunion for the class of 1977 on the weekend of 29th-31st August 2014. Provisional format as follows:

Friday night:	Registration followed by informal social
Saturday:	Sporting activities from 2 pm at St Mary's followed by black tie reception, dinner and dancing.
Sunday:	Brunch, departure.

This will take significant organisation so volunteers to help out would be very welcome. The cost is estimated to be about £50 pp to cover the dinner and activities with extra costs for accommodation, food and drink (including wine at the dinner).

To register your interest email Tony Markowski, tmarkowski@aatrivers.org.

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50 Not Out Reunion (Class of 1967)

This year's event, to be held on the weekend of 29th-31st August 2014, will be the seventh reunion event since the departure of the 1964-1967 cohort and paves the way for our Golden Jubilee Event, which is planned for September 2017. As yet, the details of the reunion programme have not been worked out but will likely include a range of activities, both on and off campus, which have characterised the previous reunions, however, suggestions are also welcome.

We would also ask you to let us know of any contacts with former colleagues who may have not come to our attention so far. The last reunion was attended by six former friends with whom we had lost touch since our student days, after tracking them down through established contacts.

To register your interest, please email John White, whitejam@btopenworld.com.

60-70'S NETWORK



Friday 29th November saw another great gathering at The Chandos Pub off Trafalgar Square. As usual, it was a well attended event and this time we welcomed six newcomers: Adrian Capper, Chris Kelly, Kevin Lavery, Magda Faraday, Angela Barnes and Pam Page were all there for the first time and all had a good time. They are all in touch with various other old friends from College and we expect to welcome even more 'Freshers!' to the next meeting in 2014.

The group would have been even bigger were it not for illness and unforeseen events preventing some others from coming along. Special thanks go to Tim and Teresa Daley who managed to join us even though they had become grandparents the day before! There were best wishes to the group from several people who couldn't make it this time, including Adrian and Nicky Simpson, Anna Panter (Crappier), Anne Hague, Christine McGough, Garry Rees and Pauline Ruth (Cox) as well as others. Hopefully we'll get a chance to see some of you next year.

Joe Loughran
joe@theloughrans.co.uk

Alumni Focus Group

On 14th November 2013 the Alumni Relations Office held a focus group, giving Simmarians the chance to provide input on, and shape the future activities for alumni here at St Mary's. The session was well attended and focused on 'the ideal St Mary's alumni event'.

Thank you to all of you who gave up your evenings to help us out and also to those who were unable to attend and gave their apologies.

Two more focus groups will be held on Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 3rd April, with their content being informed by the current Alumni Relations Office Survey. If you would like to take part in either session, please email or phone us.

A Message for Simmarians 1960-63

I am trying to contact as many Simmarians as possible who attended during the years 1960-63. Ten of us plus wives gathered for two days last September at Stratford upon Avon and it was a resounding success. We are all determined to make this an annual event (for obvious reasons, I think) and have this time reserved some rooms at the Holiday Inn in Chester for the weekend of 14/15th September 2014. We have been given a special rate of less than £200 for two nights B&B and an evening meal.

If you were part of the above years and, particularly, if you were involved in any of the sports teams, then I am sure you would be most welcome. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if interested. Please note that as time passes there will be fewer rooms available at this special rate.

Mike Brennan

Email: mayo_mike24@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01213 081752

THE LIVERPOOL SIMMARIAN CLUB, 1904-2013

The Liverpool Simmarian Club has 44 members on its books. The oldest, Bill Cullen, the current President, was at Simmaries in 1942/44 and the youngest is Alan Parry who completed a postgraduate year in 1996/97.

We continue to meet on the last Thursday of each month at The West Lancashire Golf Club in Blundellsands. We celebrated our two major functions of the year, the first in early November when Fr Alex Fleming (44/46) celebrated Mass for deceased members and particularly this year for Jim Byrne (44/46) who died in January 2013. We were joined afterwards for lunch by Carmel Cooke (nee Byrne), Jim's daughter, who was at Simmaries in 1975/78, and her brother and sister.

Our second main function was celebrated this year on 7th December 2013, the University College Feast Day, when Mass was said by Fr Godric Timney OSB (71/72). Twenty three Liverpool Simmarians attended followed by lunch at The West Lancashire Club.

The current Committee is as follows:

Fr Alex Fleming (44/46) – Club Chaplain

Bill Cullen (42/44) – Club President

Steve McKenna (58/60) – Club Treasurer

Geoff Farrell (54/57) – Club Secretary

If any Simmarians are interested in joining the Liverpool Simmarian Club then please get in touch.

Geoff Farrell

anitasmanor@blueyonder.co.uk

ANNUAL GIBRALTARIAN SIMMARIAN DINNER



Thank you to alumnus and St Mary's Honorary Fellow, Lionel Perez, for sending in the above photo from the annual Gibraltar Simmarian Dinner, held in December 2013.

The above is just a small representation of our Gibraltar Simmarians as there are over 230 Simmarians on the rock. The annual dinner was established when Father Cronin (1948-1969) was Principal of St Mary's.

Calling all International Alumni!

The International Office are keen for alumni who studied here as international students to get in touch to update us with your news and where you are working now. We would love to put your stories on the international website pages to give prospective international students a flavour of what St Mary's can offer them. So if your course at St Mary's helped you land that dream job, make great friends or you simply loved living in London then contact the International Office, international@smuc.ac.uk, to share your St Mary's story.

LITTLE STAR WRITING ACCREDITED AS AN AWARD WINNING BUSINESS



A former student at St Mary's University College has won an award at the 2013 Richmond Business Awards after launching her own creative writing business, Little Star Writing (LSW), in 2012. Melanie Taylor, who graduated in Creative & Professional Writing with Media Arts in 2009, won an award for 'Best New Start Up Business', which recognises businesses that have been launched in the last two years.

Inspired by her degree work, Melanie created Little Star Writing as a way to teach creative writing to children. Using a series of games, activities, competitions and group work, Little Star Writing encourages students and helps them to advance their writing skills in a fun and relaxed environment. Melanie commented, "I was completely shocked at hearing my name – after being in business for less than 18 months it was quite an achievement. Now I'm looking forward to expanding Little Star Writing to more areas of Surrey and, hopefully, having an entire LSW premises in Twickenham one day!"

To find out more about Little Star Writing, visit the website www.littlestarwriting.com/Little_Star_Writing/Home.html.

REST IN PEACE

St Mary's has been informed of the passing of the following Simmarians, may they rest in peace.

Terence Metcalf (1956)
Mike Lynagh (1964)
William (Bill) McLoughlin, former lecturer
Gerard Wright (1954)
Amy Hemmings, former lecturer
Gerard Murphy (1947)

Farewell from St Mary's

After 17 years with St Mary's, during which time the Chaplaincy has established itself at the heart of the University College's thriving spiritual community, Father Gerry Devlin has decided to seek out a fresh challenge. The University College wishes him well.

MIDDLESEX CRICKET CLUB AWARDS ST MARY'S STUDENT PLAYER OF THE YEAR



A Physical Education student at St Mary's University College, Twickenham has been awarded Female Player of the Year by Middlesex County Cricket Club. Monday 30th September saw Middlesex County Cricket Club host its annual End of the Season Players' Awards Dinner in the Lord's Cricket Ground, where St Mary's student, Catherine Dalton won her award. The evening was attended by England cricket players Steve Finn, Eoin Morgan and the entire Middlesex Club.

Catherine said, "I'm still in shock that I won this award. I love playing for Middlesex and it is such an honour to be viewed as a key player and I want to do even better next year!"

The award marks Catherine's extensive progress over the last year and the Club's recognition of her potential to reach international level. She has already jumped into the history books, playing in the men's Division One cricket for Halstead CC earlier this year, and is now about to travel to Bangalore, India as part of her ongoing development.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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John Pierce (1970) Just completed 10 years teaching at a PRU (SWDPLS) at Dartington in Devon. Also currently presenting Rock Radio shows on an internet Rock Station at www.ekr.net. After College did touring Theatre, then started teaching in Sunbury. Teacher for three years at Wirral Grammar School. Then three years at the Dovecot Arts Centre in Stockton, as Lecturer/Performer. Then 20+ years in local radio (Commercial and BBC) as Presenter, Producer, Manager and football commentator. Included time at Radio Tees, Radio City in Liverpool, BBC Radio Devon and Devonair Radio in Exeter and Torquay. Returned to teaching in Special Education and have continued to present local radio shows in Devon.

Paul Valentine (1973) I work part-time in mental health services. Since my MA, I now spend much of my time researching and writing.

Dave Lawrenson (1973) Taught for a year after leaving college before becoming a journalist. Spent three years as a rock music journalist before concentrating on rugby. Worked on *Sunday Times* and *Observer* as well as edited several rugby magazines and have written six books.

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LANGUAGE COURSES WILL RETURN IN JANUARY 2014

St Mary's University College, Twickenham is launching the second semester of its 'Learn a Language' programme in January 2014. The part-time classes offer an exam free method of learning a new language with a chance to study French, Spanish, Italian, Advanced English, German and British Sign Language (BSL). Sport St Mary's receptionist, Louisa Crawley recently completed a course learning BSL and shares her experience.

Why did you want to study a language?

I've always wanted to learn another language and was interested when St Mary's advertised they would be putting on language lessons. British Sign Language fitted in well with my schedule so I decided to sign up.

How has learning a language benefitted you?

It's a great new skill to have and it improves the level of communication I can offer to customers visiting Sport St Mary's. Before I signed up to BSL, a deaf customer visited the facility and we were unable to communicate with each other so we had to write down what we wanted to say. It's also great to learn something new – it helps to keep the mind active!

Were there any specific elements of the course that you enjoyed?

I have enjoyed it all. Our teacher Liz is really great and I've met some new members of staff at St Mary's that I might not have met otherwise.

Has it motivated you to extend your language studies?

Yes. I really want to continue learning BSL after the 10 week beginners' course and even look into learning further languages in the future.

Louisa was able to fit her British Sign Language class around her work and home commitments by enrolling in a lunch time session and suggests the class is suitable for everyone.

For more information and to register for a class, please contact

Email: languages@smuc.ac.uk Tel: 020 8240 4321.

Career's Support for 2012 and 2013 Graduates

Congratulations on your recent graduation from St Mary's University College. Now that you have your degree, you may be asking yourself, "what comes next?"

At the Careers Service, we can help. We can offer you support for up to two years after the date of your graduation – not just with CV's and cover letters, but also with practice interviews, writing application letters, and searching for your perfect graduate career. All you have to do is register with Gradclub (www.gradclub.co.uk/Home.aspx) and book an appointment with us – simple!

For more information, contact the St Mary's Career Service via telephone, 020 8240 4055 or email, careers@smuc.ac.uk.

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Patricia Green-Doona (1976) I moved to Ireland in 1991 and taught here in national schools and secondary schools until 2008. I live in the countryside by a river and mountains and am now married to a Kerryman!

Isa Nagle-Taylor (1977) Living in Singapore. Have moved around the world for the last 30 years with my family. Have two boys; one finally out at work and the youngest at UCL in his second year studying Eastern European History.

John Tynan (1979) Been in the teaching game all my life since leaving Simms.

Kay Hall nee Doran (1979) Taught History and Classical Studies 1979-1983, then maths and computing at Cardinal Godfrey School in Sunbury on Thames, and maths, computing and sociology at St John the Baptist School in Woking. Emigrated to Australia in 1989 and taught maths and computing at Marist College, St Patricks College and Bankstown High School. I am now currently studying law and I intend to work as a solicitor when I finish next year.

Penny Ashby nee Garnons Williams (1983) I have for the last 2 years been the Manager of the Senior Welsh Women's International Lacrosse Squad culminating in the World Cup 2013 where we came 5th. I have two children: Jesse, 20 and Georgie, 17. I currently live in Brecon, Wales having spent the last 20+ years living in New Zealand, Australia and Cyprus. I was Ticketing Manager for the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland, NZ. After graduating from St Mary's I went to Loughborough to do my PGCE and in 1987 went to NZ, married a Kiwi in 1991 and eventually arrived back in UK in 2006.

Gordon Becket (1983) 30 years teaching Religious Studies at Woodford County High School (29 as Head of Department, 25 as Teacher Governor and NUT Rep). Although I've seen many changes in education (most of which have not been good), on the whole, it's been an enjoyable experience, but now I'm looking forward to retirement!

Anne-Marie Wade nee Mendes (1987) As well as my role as Deputy Headteacher, I also write.

Simon Talbot (1994) I coordinate district cricket in Surrey.

Emily Clarke nee Bullion (2002) I am currently the design studio manager for F&F at Tesco. This involves managing the trend information each season, supporting the marketing team and producing elements of our trend book which the buyers use to build their ranges.

Paul Dench (2002) Now working in New Care Home in Salisbury Caring and Laundry. Applying to go to University to study Nursing.

Simon Wilkins (2009) I walked straight into a job at ITV after graduating in 2009 and, after 3 years worked up into a junior management role. Earlier this year I chose to take another step up, moving to BT Sport which feels particularly apt having studied at a Sports Uni!

Hannah Grabauskas (2010) Since graduating from St Mary's in 2010, I have been working in various Early Years Education settings. I didn't land a top job straight away, in fact, for the first year I didn't even earn enough to start paying back my student loan but, with hard work and determination, I am now an Early Years Educator on a comfortable salary and with plenty of challenging responsibilities! I am also studying at Kingston University on the Early Years Teacher Graduate Pathway and will hopefully qualify by the end of February.

If you would like to include a short summary of developments in your life since you left St Mary's and what you're doing at the moment, then email, phone or visit the Alumni website and 'Send us your contact details'.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT ST MARY'S?



Roseline Ndoro completed an MA Charity Management course at St Mary's in 2012 and has successfully applied for funding to help start her own charity. With the funding, and the skills she acquired from her MA, Roseline's aim was to boost the awareness of Ndoro Children's Charities (NdoroCC), the foundation she founded in 2009 to help children in Zimbabwe. The money has helped renovate a school that her father originally built in 1958, as well as the current building of an orphanage on a piece of land left by her father nearby.

Roseline had initially considered a post graduate teaching course at St Mary's, but once she received the prospectus and saw the MA Charity Management programme on the first page, she knew that was her calling. She said, "The course has benefitted me because I understand what is involved in working with charities. I wanted to know where money goes, and why the problems in Africa and other third world countries don't go away. When I talk about my work, people listen to me as they can see I have the knowledge and if I had not done the course I don't think I'd be able to do this job. At St Mary's you meet people from all walks of life and your life is enriched. The diversity is just great; I've made so many friends." She adds that the course is for "people who are humanitarians, who want to help, who want to make a difference in this world."

Ndoro Children's Charities specialises in helping every child, especially those orphaned from parents with HIV/Aids, fulfil their potential through education for sustainable development (ESD), good health and stability. Roseline says it is imperative to implement long term infrastructures and strategies so that the children are given the skills and tools to encourage them to provide their own resources.

For more information about the charity visit the website (<http://ndorocc.org.uk>) or contact Roseline@ndorocc.org.uk.

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