



AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE July 2018

News To Share?

As a student at Aylesbury High School, you were part of our school community and left your impression on our school whilst you were here.

Now that you have moved on, we would love to hear from you and are eager to hear about what you have been up to and your news – wherever you are in the world!

If you would like to share any of your news in our monthly Newsletter, please email :

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AHS/AGS 1997-2017 Leavers' Reunion Cancellation

Despite our optimism for a joint summer Reunion with AGS on Saturday 14th July, we sadly had to postpone this event, due to a disappointing response.

We are now planning a Joint Christmas Party Reunion on 2nd December, more news to follow!



**60th Birthday
Festival Celebration**

Saturday 6th July 2019

Save The Date!

Alumna Inspiration On Year 7 Activity Day

You may recall that in June we asked if any of our Alumnae would like to support our Year 7 STEM Activity Day. This was to be with groups of students as they made their wind powered generators; providing advice and useful design tips. Also, to judge our teams' innovative design achievements and to discuss potential STEM careers.

We were delighted to receive an immediate response from **Alumna Valerie Owen**, who later came to visit AHS from Deal in Kent.

Valerie is Managing Director of Le Vaillant Owen, a consultancy specialising in



sustainable development and also community regeneration - so an excellent role model, and mentor for our Year 7 student teams.

We are very thankful to Valerie for making the day

so special for our Year 7 students and for being with them in all their activities, sharing her knowledge and experience.

We very much look forward to her talk on Architect careers in the Autumn!

Year 12 Future Success Day: Alumnae Advice

Our Year 12 Future Success Day in July was designed to support students with researching their futures, preparing personal statements to support university and job applications, and finding out more about apprenticeships, gap years and other opportunities.

The day included a number of workshops including: key aspects of interview behaviour, practising mock interviews and observing and commenting on a model interview between staff/volunteers.

We very pleased and



thankful to receive a response to our request for support, from Alumna Rachel Dempers (nee Howard), former Executive HR Director at Dell.

She supported all the day's activities and provided valuable guidance to our

students in the workshops, as well as delivering an insightful presentation on how best to write your Curriculum Vitae,

We look forward to seeing Rachel soon and thank her for her inspiration.

RED Driving School Student Competition

Planning Our 60th Birthday Celebrations



Thank you so much for returning your responses to our 60th Birthday Celebrations Questionnaire email.

You have provided us with very valuable feedback on which events you would be most interested in attending and have also suggested some excellent additions too!

We are will distribute a Calendar of 60th Birthday Events to you in September and we do hope that you will be able to join us for these or at our final 60th Birthday Festival on Saturday 6th July 2019.



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Former AHS teacher and RED Driving Instructor, **Jon Dwyer**, kindly donated a double driving lesson as a prize for a Sixth Form Competition.



Year 12 winner, Michelle, was delighted to win the competition and was presented with the prize by Jon at the last Year 12 assembly of the year.

Jon shared with the students how he decided to change his career after thirty years of teaching chemistry, to become a driving instructor: 'it combines two things I enjoy most: driving and teaching'.

Michelle is now going to take advantage of her first free driving lesson, 'it would be a great opportunity to get a feel of what it's like to drive.'

We are very thankful to Jon for his generosity and look forward to running another competition next year!

Our First Alumnae AHS Archive Meeting



Our first Alumnae Archive meeting took place in the last week of term and we were delighted to welcome **Alumnae Katherine Dallas** and **Maureen Dent**, who attended AHS in 1959. They shared their first memories of their time at AHS and helped us to identify former students and staff in our collection of saved photographs.

We really do appreciate their help and support!

Alumnae Get Together In Aylesbury!



Alumnae Odette Harris (nee Gibbs) together with **Sue Rickard** arranged a luncheon reunion on 16th

June at the Shoulder of Mutton in Wendover for alumnae who were in their year groups at AHS: 1964 -1971 or 1964 -1969.

They enjoyed many happy memories and enjoyed their time catching up!

Seated From right to left are: **Alumnae Louise Emmett, Pauline Slade, Valerie Rixon, Stephanie Horwood, Susan Rickard, and Odette Harris.**

We hope to see you all soon at our 60th birthday!