



AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI October 2019

Nikki Champions MS Society's 'STOP' Campaign

This Week!

**Corinne & Julia's
1969 -1976 Alumni Event
Saturday 9th November
Thame, Oxfordshire**

Please contact Corinne or Julia if you would like to attend:

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Donors' Save The Date!

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We are delighted to confirm that if you have donated to our AHS 60th Anniversary Campaign by 31.12.2019, you will receive a Tower Block Opening Event Invitation for 13th February 2020.

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We look forward to seeing you!

Would You Like To Feature On Our Alumni Memory Wall?



This is an excellent way to permanently remember your time here at Aylesbury High School and students, staff and visitors to the school are very keen to see our Memory Wall grow!

For a sponsorship donation of £100, you can secure your personalised plaque and your donation contributes to our Aylesbury High School Fund.

To sponsor your personalised Alumni Plaque, please contact Alison Pexton:
apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk



Alumna **Nikki Jamieson** is starring in a fundraising advertising campaign for the MS Society's 'Stop MS' Appeal, which was launched to the public on 10th October, on Channel 4.

In the MS Society advert, Nikki features alongside three other people with MS as it shows some of the daily challenges of life with the condition. We see Nikki practising Pilates as other stars get ready in the morning or wait for an MRI.

They are all singing Fleetwood Mac's 'Don't Stop', the Stop MS Appeal anthem, chosen because the lyrics reflect the community's hope for the future of treatment, and the positive changes possible through the Appeal. The advert also includes a voiceover from actor Dougray Scott (Mission Impossible: and will feature in forthcoming prime time advertising slots.

Featuring in the [Daily Mail Online](http://www.dailymail.co.uk), [Bucks Herald](http://www.bucks-herald.co.uk) and radio station Mix96 and living with relapsing MS since 2015, Nikki explained her connection to the MS Society and what inspired her to take part in this recent fundraising promotion.

"My mum also had MS and

passed away in a care home aged 59 and so, when I was told I had MS it felt like my life had ended, and I think the reason was my mum.

I just thought, that's what's in store for me. For years I'd just seen her gradually get worse and worse and worse. She used to be a painter and eventually she couldn't even write her name.

But MS is unpredictable and different for everyone – mum's MS was all physical, whereas for me, my symptoms are mainly invisible.

I don't want MS to be the thing that rules my life. That's why I wanted to get involved with the Stop MS Appeal. We need to raise £100 million over ten years to find treatments for everyone living with MS, so no one needs to worry about it getting worse."



Nikki's story can be seen in full on the [MS Society website](http://www.ms-society.org.uk)

The Daily Telegraph also has an ongoing MS site dedicated

to stories and news now which is due to the MS Society campaign, at www.telegraph.co.uk/multiple-sclerosis/

More than 100,000 people live with MS in the UK and a huge number don't have treatment. This means that as their condition progresses there is nothing to stop them becoming more disabled. With the backing of expert scientists, the MS Society claims we can expect to see a range of treatments for everyone in late stage trials by as early as 2025.

The Stop MS Appeal will enable new projects, fund critical infrastructure, and deliver a first-of-its-kind MS clinical trials platform, which together could finally address the major unmet need in MS treatment.

Nikki said: "We are so close to finding that critical answer to stopping MS. This will have a huge impact on not only the thousands of people who live with MS like me, but for their family and friends that are affected too."

We are sure you agree that Nikki is doing tremendous work and definitely belongs to our AHS Women Who Inspire!

For information about MS or to donate to this fundraising campaign, please visit the MS Society website at www.mssociety.org.uk

Alternatively, to make a donation, please text FUTURE6 to 70800 to donate £5.

Would You Like to Organise Your Own Alumni Event?



Many of you responded to last month's Newsletter article and news of Corrine and Julia's 1969-1976 Reunion, suggesting that you would like to organise your own reunions for different year groups too.

We would be happy to help you arrange this by promoting your reunions, linking you up with former friends and classmates, and (where possible) offering AHS as a mini-reunion venue.

If this is something that you would like to do, please contact Alison Pexton at apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk or 01296 388222 for more information on how we can help.

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Or Visit Our Alumni Page

www.ahs.bucks.sch.uk/about-the-school/alumni/

Our AHS Archive and Alumni Involvement



We are delighted with our Archive Project achievements this 60th Anniversary year and thank you to everyone for their contributions!

Those of you that were able to come to our 60th Anniversary Celebration Day in July, will be pleased to learn that we are preserving the excellent display boards our Cover Team produced. These will form part of a dedicated Archive Room and Archive Display area in the AHS Reception.



We are also finalising our Interim Online Archive with a design refresh and uploading all the 60th Birthday photographs, films and memorabilia from our Anniversary year.

This term, one of our Sixth Form students, who has a keen interest in History and Archiving, is recommending how we preserve, store and display our Archive materials as part of her Work Experience project.



In the past we have received many enquiries about our new Archive and kind offers of support. We now believe we are at the stage where we can move forward to the exciting part of our project and so, would like to invite you to join us!

If you would like to be part of this creative next stage, please contact Alison Pexton at apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk to discuss how you would like to be involved and your availability.

Please Visit Our New Online Archive At:

www.ahs.bucks.sch.uk/archives

For Videos, Photographs, Albums, Magazines and much more from our school's history!



Do You Have Photos From Our 60th Event?

We were very pleased to have a professional photographer at our 60th Anniversary Celebration Day in July. We now have many lovely photos that capture the atmosphere of our birthday, but sadly we only have a few of our Alumni at our Cream Tea.



It would be excellent if we could collect as many photos of the day as we can, to add to our Archive.



If you have any photos that you would be happy to share, we would be very pleased if you could send them to Alison Pexton at apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk or contact Alison about further options at 01296 388222.