

Alumni et Amicitia Association



For former pupils and staff of Leehurst Swan, La Retraite,
La Retraite Swan and Leehurst Swan Schools

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Dear Alumni

Not all the new arrivals at Leehurst Swan were pupils this year. After the sad passing of Stuart Morgan Nash, new Headmaster Mr Terence Ayres (former Headmaster of Thorpe House School in Gerrard's Cross) took over the reins. In Terence, we have found an inspiring leader who brings enthusiasm, energy, vision and a commitment to a holistic approach to teaching and learning. Mr Ayres will uphold and develop Leehurst Swan's ethos and reputation for excellence; ensuring that all pupils and staff achieve their full potential.

With a background in English, Religious Studies and Sport, he is passionate about ensuring that every child will 'find their voice' at Leehurst Swan.



Letter from The Headmaster C.S. Lewis once wrote:

'that there are far, far better things ahead than those we leave behind.'

Although this quote is out of context, when it is used to think about a new year ahead, it is nevertheless one that seems fitting for my first letter to the alumni associated with the amalgamation of schools that now constitute Leehurst Swan School.

As we move into a new decade, we leave behind some challenging years for Leehurst Swan but look forward to driving the school towards achieving beyond its potential and better years ahead. As alumni, I would encourage you to get as actively involved as you are able with Leehurst Swan's future successes. As the new Headmaster, I am always interested in developing opportunities for alumni to reconnect with the school and, with that in mind, I would like to invite you to our Carol Service in Salisbury Cathedral on Thursday 12th December and our Open Morning on Saturday 29th February; we would love to see you there and find out how you are getting on.

Christmas is a very special time of the year; it is a time when we celebrate the journey two people made to start a family of their own in a stable in Bethlehem. Of equal importance is the time the Christmas period provides us all to celebrate with our own families. All at Leehurst Swan wish you safe journeys, whether they be long or short, over the Christmas period to be with your loved ones.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a successful beginning to a new decade!

Terence Ayres

Carol Service Invitation



Leehurst Swan alumni are warmly invited to join our Carol Service in Salisbury Cathedral on Thursday 12th December 2019.

The service begins at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you!

New Year – New ideas

We are looking for new ideas to re-invigorate our events for next year and we need new enthusiastic members for the alumni committee to share ideas and bring new suggestions for events and get-togethers. If you are keen to become involved and feel you could contribute then please do contact me.

We want to hear from you...

Congratulations



A huge Congratulations to Alumni Hannah Morris and Tom Hoare who have recently got engaged. The happy couple are busy planning their wedding for next year but have promised to drop in soon and chat to our students about their creative careers.

Congratulations to alumna, Abi Eagles, who achieved the A Level grades required to take up her offer of a place at Clare College, Cambridge, where she is reading History.

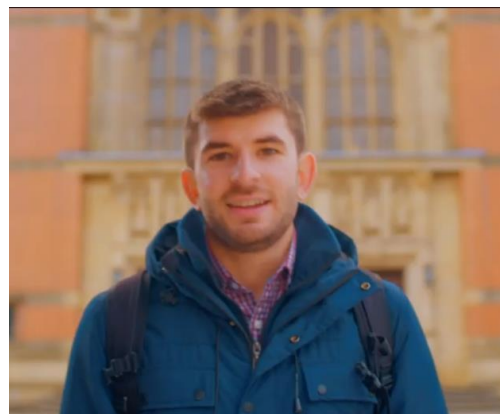
Currently, Abi is studying post 1910 Britain and Europe and, we hear, that her GCSE work with Mrs Cotton and the history department is coming in handy! Mrs Eagles remarked that *'We are really grateful to Leehurst Swan for giving her such a good grounding.'*



Congratulations to Jeffrey Sharpe who achieved a 1st in Physics from Bath University. Jeffery was in the Prep school and became Head Boy in Year 11. We were delighted to catch up with Jeffrey and fellow alumni at the Armed Forces Day after they made a beeline for our stand.

Well done to alumnus and former Head Boy, Chris Phillips on achieving a first-class BA Hons in Politics and International Relations from Birmingham University. Chris, too, was in our Prep and Senior School.

We took time out to visit Chris at Birmingham University when he agreed to star in our School Film!



<https://youtu.be/B2ruHeOg23s>

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Alice Through the Looking Glass Oct 1949



Cookery Class 1960



Hockey 1954



School Grounds 2000



Science 2002



1989



Leehurst Swan School

Leehurst Swan pupils have returned recently from Berlin. The group visited the remains of the Berlin Wall, the East Side Gallery, the Jewish Memorial, the Brandenburg Gate, the Olympic Stadium, CO Berlin and the Hamburger Bahnhof Museum, the TV tower, the Topography of Terror and the Dome of the Reichstag. Each of them brought back some amazing memories of this very individual and quirky city.

Our News



The Year 11 common room is proving to be popular! Our hard-working pupils deserve some fun and down time when not in the class room. Thank you to FOLS who provided funds for the football table.

Mr John Glen, MP for Salisbury, bravely agreed to a Q&A session with the senior students. Some great questions on Brexit, climate change and an MP's role were all fielded expertly and with neutrality.

Mr Glen remarked that it was '*good to be at Leehurst Swan for an intense grilling in the Q&A!*' and was impressed with the '*excellent range of questions.*'



The cast of 'Alice in Wonderland' put on a dazzling performance. The prep children worked hard to learn vast quantities of lines and Miss T was extremely impressed. They all shone on the stage like the brightest stars and it was lovely to see each and every member of the cast smiling throughout the performance.



Pupils, families and staff gave thanks to Mrs Bayliss as she retired after 22 years at Leehurst Swan in July 2019. Pupils paid tribute with individual, group and class performances including poems, songs and drama.



Class of 2018/19

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Stay Connected, and Send Us Your News and Updates! Alumni can play a vital part in supporting the school by sharing their inspiring stories, providing careers mentoring or supporting our events.

FACEBOOK

Our Facebook page is a way for you to stay in contact with the school and let you know about any events that are coming up where you can meet your friends from school and learn about what the school is currently doing.

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year