



Dear OIs

As Summer draws to a close, and Autumn begins to make its presence known, a new academic year is upon us. I am looking forward to speaking at the New Pupils welcome in the Little School next week, and meeting children who in seven or so years will join the Club as new OIs.

This e-news reviews some past events prior to the summer holidays, and looks ahead to what is planned between now and Christmas.

The Autumn Term is always a busy one for the Club, and this year is no different. The AGM will take place just before the Ipswich Dinner, on Saturday 16th December, which will be a busy day for some OIs as the Rugby 7's will be held that morning. A plea to please plan ahead and book your tickets early, as this event has sold out in past years!

As always, your Club Committee tries to arrange events you would like to attend. If you have any feedback on any of them, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Sally Webber,  
OI Chairman

## **Past OI Club Events**

### **OI Drinks in the City Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

A rainy July evening (oh British Summer!) saw a group of around 30 Old Ipswichians come together for our regular Drinks in the City, this time held in The Sterling, the bar under the iconic Gherkin building.

A great evening was had by all, with old and new friends catching up over drinks and nibbles. This event saw a few alumni attend their first Drinks in the City, with the 2012 leavers continuing to turn out in force!

*Report by Florence Milner (OI 2006-2008)*



## **Forthcoming Events**

### **OI President's Event Sunday 24th September 2017**

This year's OI President's Event will be taking place on Sunday 24th September. Mr John Graham, our OI Club President, will host the evening. At 6:30pm, there will be a "Songs of Praise" in the School Chapel followed by a high tea in the School Dining Hall. There will be a retiring collection for the African Children's Choir; one of the School's chosen charities this year.

If you would like more information, or to book your place please contact Vicki Gordon through [oievents@ipswich.school](mailto:oievents@ipswich.school) or call 01473 298964.

## **Ipswich School Festival of Music** **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

This year's Festival of Music takes place from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of live music at Ipswich School. Showcasing top professional acts from across musical genres, from the London Mozart players to Nicholas McCarthy.

This year, the OI Club are sponsoring the Big Band Bonanza, which takes place on Tuesday 17 October. We have a very limited of free tickets left for this concert, available to Old Ipswichians. Please contact Vicki Gordon in the Development Office on [oievents@ipswich.school](mailto:oievents@ipswich.school) or 01473 298964 to reserve yours today!

For more details about what else is on during the festival, and to book tickets see the Festival of Music website. <https://www.ipswich.school/festival-of-music.aspx>

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## **Remembrance Service** **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Please join us for the annual Remembrance Service with the School and CCF on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The service starts at 6.30pm but we would suggest you arrive in good time as, based on the last few years, the chapel will be full. Parking is available in the School car park off Henley Road.

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## **OI Rugby 7s** **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

This year's OI Rugby 7s Tournament will be taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. As in the past, players will meet at 11:00am at Notcutts Pavilion to be allocated to teams if they aren't already in one and for the competition draw. The tournament starts at noon. If you'd like to play or would like more information please contact Richard Welbourne on [rgw@ipswich.school](mailto:rgw@ipswich.school)

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## **OI AGM & Ipswich Dinner** **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

This year's annual AGM and Dinner will be taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December in Little School and Great School. Partners are very welcome to this lively and fun evening enjoyed by OIs of all ages. Full details for these two events will be sent to you shortly, but for now please do put this date in your diaries!

## **“First Five Years Out” Reunion**

### ***Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017***

This annual event is having a shake up this year, with a change of venue! This year we will be meeting at Arcade Tavern! It is open to all OIs who have left School in the last five years (2012 – 2017 leavers).

Drinks will be available from 6.30pm at the Arcade Tavern, (1 Arcade Street, Ipswich, IP1 1EX) with a free bar for a limited time. Details will also be on the OI Facebook page and we look forward to welcoming many of you. Please let us know through [oievents@ipswich.school](mailto:oievents@ipswich.school) if you plan to come along, so we can make sure there are enough drinks available.

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