



Saint Nicholas School

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WELCOMING OUR NEW HEADMASTER



We are delighted to be welcoming Mr Adrian Petty as our new Headmaster in January 2020. The Board of Governors and the Senior Leadership Team reached a unanimous decision to appoint him after a rigorous selection process, in which the school received over forty applicants.

Mr Petty is a history teacher by training and is currently the Deputy Headteacher at St Edmunds College in Ware, where he has been for the past eighteen years.

The Governors and Senior Leadership Team were impressed by Adrian's exuberant personality, warmth and his desire to be part of, and work within our team. He showed a real passion for education and we are happy to have found someone who we believe can lead the school forward and continue the journey of growth and improvement that Mr Bown began almost three years ago.

Credit must go to Mrs Helen Hopkins, who has been a superb Acting Head since the end of February.

GCSE RESULTS



We were once again delighted with the school's set of GCSE results received over the summer, with 97% of all pupils achieving at least five GCSEs with 9 to 4 grades.

Furthermore, 93% achieved at least five GCSEs with 9 to 4 grades including English and mathematics and 93% of all results were graded 9 to 4.

A special mention must go to Abigail Grant (pictured in the top photograph) for being our highest performer, closely followed by Ben, Zoe and Katie (also pictured above).

Well done to each and every one of our outgoing Year 11 pupils for a great set of results all round. We wish you all the best for the future.

ALUMNI PROFILE

HAYDN PAYNE



I started at the UK's top catering college, Westminster Kingsway, in 2016 after leaving Saint Nick's the summer before. Whilst studying at WKC, I was also working weekends and nights at Gordon Ramsey's Michelin Star restaurant, Petrus, in Knightsbridge, and during my summer holidays from college I began working full time there, progressing from Commis chef to Demi Chef De Partie.

After finishing at college, I stayed at Petrus for another two months until I was offered a job at Richard Corrigan's flagship restaurant in Mayfair, Corrigan's. I again progressed through the ranks from Demi Chef to Chef de Partie during my time here, learning all sections from the Larder (cold starters), fish section and pastry (desserts).

Currently, I am working at Roux, based in Parliament Square in Westminster, under Steve Groves, winner of Masterchef the Professionals (season 2), and 2019 National Chef of the Year. Working for such a famous family of chef's has taught me a great deal and has made me incredibly proud to come into work every day.

I have countless amazing memories of my time at Saint Nicholas School and I still keep in touch with many of the great friends that I made during my time there.

WE NEED YOU

At Saint Nicholas School, our former pupils are very important to us and we are always keen to hear from you, irrespective of how recent or long ago you were here.

It is fascinating to hear your stories and you can play an important role in school life by returning to talk about your own experiences of sixth form college, university and the workplace, thus inspiring and motivating the next generation.

Current pupils love to hear your stories which, in many cases, will encourage them to achieve their own ambitions as well as allowing them to see the range of careers and roles that are out there.

We are especially on the hunt for more pictures and biographies for this page in future issues.

If you would like to make contact, please email Jennifer Martin on j.martin@saintnicholasschool.net. Any help you can offer or news you can share would be greatly appreciated.

Can you spot any familiar faces on these old school photographs?



NOTABLE SUCCESSES

There have been many successes and notable achievements since the summer. Some highlights are listed below:

- Ciaran in Year 10 raised over £1,000 for Support For Sight and Edie's Butterfly Appeal by cycling from London to Cambridge.
- In October, the school successfully celebrated World Mental Health Day for the first time.
- The school raised £942 for Macmillan through its coffee morning in October.
- Six pieces of work qualified for the national ISA art finals in which we had one winner and one runner up.
- Four Saint Nicholas School pupils qualified for the Essex cross country schools finals.
- The school enjoyed great success in swimming this term. The Year 6 boys team were victorious in the junior ISA East Anglia championships, and both the girls and boys teams came second in the senior competition. The school went on to win eight medals in the national competition held at the London Aquatics Centre at the beginning of December.
- This term saw the school's first House Music Competition in which St Christopher were crowned the overall winners.
- Jack in Year 7 was recently selected for cricket's National Fast Bowling Academy.
- The school raised £1,300 for Children In Need through donations and a sponsored readathon.
- The U10 football team won the East Anglia ISA football title.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS



The school continues to move forward with ambition and focus and the most significant development of the last few months has been the agreed acquisition of The Old Stables and associated land and buildings. This will increase the overall school site to around 20 acres and provides unprecedented opportunities to invest in improved facilities for the pupils and staff.

Completion of the purchase will likely be in the second half of 2020 which will allow the Board of Governors and the Senior Leadership Team an opportunity to finalise plans for the site but current intentions include developing indoor and outdoor sports pitches, provide additional teaching and learning spaces and increase the parking provision.

ADMISSIONS



As the school's reputation and results continue to go from strength to strength, admission numbers follow suit and we are delighted that pupil numbers are at an all time high with waiting lists operating across a number of year groups.

We look forward to welcoming more prospective pupils and their families on our next Open Morning on Saturday 7th March.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you'd like to stay up to date with Saint Nicholas School news the best way is by following us on Facebook and Twitter:



<https://www.facebook.com/saintnicholasschoolharlow/>



<https://twitter.com/SaintNicksSch>

The school also has an Instagram account:



[saintnicholasschoolharlow](https://www.instagram.com/saintnicholasschoolharlow)

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT NICKS

As always, it's been an incredibly busy end of the year at Saint Nicholas. We thought you might like to see what we have been up to in the run up to Christmas so here are a few photos of the festivities.



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*