



MOSA UPDATE



Mount Old Scholar Jocelyn Bell Burnell visited The Mount in celebration of International Women's Day

THE MOUNT'S 20TH PRINCIPAL

We are pleased to offer our congratulations and a very warm welcome to David Griffiths, who assumed the post of Principal of The Mount in January 2022. David has a wealth of diverse experience and an exemplary track record as a leader in education. He was previously Headmaster of Wycombe Abbey School in Changzhou, China, a branch school affiliated to Wycombe Abbey School in UK, and prior to that held senior positions at leading UK independent boarding schools. Whilst in China, he was also technical advisor to the China Rugby Football Association (CRFA).

David is The Mount's 20th Principal since the school moved to Castlegate in 1831 and the first man to take the helm since co-founder William Tuke retired in 1804. He has already increased The Mount's local, global and international reach and is strengthening the school's curricular offer to focus on academic excellence through providing enhanced co-curricular and super-curricular opportunities. Plans are in action to open the school's new Foundation Office later in the year.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022

On International Women's Day 2022, Old Scholar and former President of MOSA, Jocelyn Bell Burnell, visited The Mount for a Q&A session hosted by the College Leadership Team. The session was attended by pupils from Year 5 up to College II, as well as visiting pupils and staff from Queen Mary's School and Terrington Hall School. Afterward, Jocelyn chatted with pupils, staff and visitors during Choc Lunch, enjoyed a guided tour with Physics pupils, had Lunch in the Dining Room with Year 10 pupils and coffee with STEM teachers.

During the Q&A, Jocelyn explained how she strives to be a voice for women, particularly younger women.

“As you get older you can be more outrageous and be more blunt. Sometimes you need people to say, ‘No, that’s not right.’ It tends to be useful for older women to say that.”

Last year the school hosted an online Q&A for International Women's Day with Baroness Brenda Hale of Richmond, the former President of the UK Supreme Court and the first-ever woman to hold the role. In June an online Q&A was held with world-leading primatologist Dr Birute Galdikas. Each woman's inspiring story has suggested, at some point, that their respective field would benefit from greater diversity and representation from more sectors of society.

MOSA REUNION DAY 7 MAY

We are delighted to host our annual MOSA Reunion Day in person at The Mount School on Saturday 7 May. This is the first time since the start of the pandemic that we have been able to invite Old Scholars onsite for the Reunion.

Recognising that those celebrating their decade reunions have not been able to attend for the past two years, we are delighted to offer two Lunch sittings in the hope of accommodating all who might wish to attend. This will include those celebrating 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 20 years, 21 years, 22 years, 30 years, 31 years, 32 years, 40 years, 41 years, 42 years and so on.

Please see our [website for details](#).

MOUNT BOREALIS SOCIETY TO MEET BRYONY MATHEW

The beginning of the Spring Term saw the introduction of The Mount's Academic Borealis Society, introduced by David Griffiths and led by Nigel Bidgood FRGS. In Summer 2022, a number of College II pupils will travel to Iceland to participate in a mountaineering expedition where they will take on physical challenges, study related academic topics. The contingent will also attend a reception at the British Embassy to meet the UK's ambassador to Iceland, Dr Bryony Mathew, who is herself a Mount alumnae. The expedition presents a unique opportunity for pupils to acquire real-world, transferrable skills in an extreme environment, and is an impressive inclusion in CV's and UCAS statements. A further expedition, planned for the Summer of 2024 to Greenland, truly heralds The Mount's new era of super-curricular enrichment and academic excellence.

VALE MALCOLM TURPIN

The late Malcolm Turpin was a highly regarded member of The Mount community, having held many roles in the school. In 2020, he retired as Design Technology Technician, where he was an integral part of the Art and Design department for 15 years. He was fondly referred to as 'Super Malcolm' for his can-do attitude when supporting student DT projects. His competitive streak helped prepare girls for local, regional and national competitions. "Malcolm was a kind and talented man and is missed by pupils and colleagues alike," said Rachel Milton, Head of Art & Design.

OLD SCHOLARS SPEAK TO COLLEGE

The lifting of pandemic restrictions has meant we are once again able to allow visitors in to School, including old scholars. Victoria Brown (2013-2015), who came to The Mount for A-Levels and read Chemistry at Liverpool, graduating with a First, could not have asked for a more interesting time in history to be Astra Zeneca's Graduate Associate in Global Operations. She was delighted to speak to College about her UCAS applications process, university life and her career path.

The College Medical Society also heard from Dr Amy Granville (2007-13) about her career in Medicine. She gave the girls the benefit of her insights for applying to study Medicine, her time at medical school and her foundation years in Sheffield and London.

TREGELLES BALL, 2 JULY 2022

Join us for the Tregelles Ball at The Mount on 2 July 2022 to celebrate 30 years since The Mount Junior School was first established. An evening of sumptuous conviviality from 7pm to 12.30am. Tickets are £75 per person, £750 for a table of ten, and can be purchased from the School. For further details, [please see our webpage](#) or contact Vanessa at mosa@mountschool.york.co.uk or (+44) 01904-23 23 25. We hope to see you there!