

ALUMNAE NEWS

May her friends still be many...

From Zombies to Sleuthing Nuns – 30 years on

Lorna Watson (class of 1995)

It was a pleasure and privilege to catch up with writer, performer and alumna, Lorna Watson, who took time from her busy schedule to share her memories of The Tiffin Girls' School, her inspirations, and her acting career.

Lorna has just wrapped up filming the fourth series of Sister Boniface for Britbox and UKDrama earlier this year, and her journey from school plays to prime-time television is certainly inspiring.

Read the full interview in our Alumnae Profiles section on [page 9](#).



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What will you do this year to make someone else feel good?

At the beginning of each year, I choose a theme to inspire the school community. My main message for this year is to focus on the theme of 'giving' to create belonging within our community where good deeds are the norm, helping lift everyone and strengthening the sense of family within the school. Giving nurtures empathy, makes us feel good about ourselves, helps forge new relationships and is a positive contribution to society. Importantly, we should give without expecting something in return.

By giving of ourselves to the service of others, we are making someone else feel special.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

Not a bad message for Christmas or any other time of year.

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

Ian Keary, Headteacher

Coming Up



FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18 December: **Christmas Carol Service**
St Lukes' Church, Kingston
- 28 January: **TiffinTalk Online - AI**
- 29, 31 January, 1 February: **Whole School Production**
Little Women
- February: **The School's 145th Birthday**
Watch out for news of the celebrations and ways to support the school
- 11 February: **TiffinTalk Online Life Lectures - Wendy Jones (1950-1955) : Palliative care and the hospice movement in Russia and Ukraine, 1977 - 2010**
- 5 March: **TiffinTalk Online - subject tbc**
- 20 March: **Professional Networking Event Finance. With The Tiffin School. Irwin Mitchell, Holborn Viaduct**
- 15 May: **TiffinTalk Online**
- 17 June: **TiffinTalk Online**
- 28 June: **30 Year Reunion**
The Tiffin Girls' School, 2-5pm
- 10 July: **Graduation Celebration**
For former students graduating in 2025

A message from the development office

Giving and giving back has been a central theme among our alumnae this term, and we are deeply grateful for the many ways you have generously shared your time, skills, and expertise.

From participating in the Careers Fair to delivering insightful Tiffin Talks and contributing to the success of our Celebration Evenings, our alumnae have been an incredible source of inspiration and support for our students, the school, and the wider community.

Your contributions not only enrich the present but also help shape the future of our school. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and generosity—it makes a world of difference!

Naia Edwards, Development Manager



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Join us for our carol concert

You are warmly invited to attend the carol service on **Wednesday 18 December at St Luke's Church in Kingston upon Thames. 7 – 8.30pm.**

In this very special service, as well as the congregational carols, there will be performances from the Junior, Senior, a cappella, chamber and community choirs and readings from students and staff.

We are also excited to feature a world premiere from Leah Wiseman, in Year 11, who has written a carol for the senior choir.

TiffinTalk

Sharing career journeys, motivating and guiding students

Artificial Intelligence

28 January, online, 6 – 7.30pm

Keerty Agarwal, works at Google, London with customers to apply Generative AI to solving their work challenges.

Timothy Wong, Vodafone, is a senior data scientist.

If you work in any aspect of AI and would like to join our parent speakers and share your career experience and what you do with our students and other alumnae, we would love to hear from you. Please email Naia Edwards on n.edwards@tiffingirls.org.



Come to see the whole school production of Little Women

Wednesday 29 January and Friday 31 January at 7pm;

Saturday 1 February at 12pm

The drama department, cast and crew of Little Women have been working hard all term on their production of Louisa May Alcott's classic story. They have been nominated by the The National School Theatre Awards in the categories of Best Musical, Best Ensemble, Best Actress and Supporting Actress in a Musical. This really isn't something you want to miss!

Tickets are £12. Please fill in this [google form](#) to request your ticket(s)





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Finance Professionals Network Evening

Thursday 20 March 2025, 6-8pm, Irwin Mitchell Office, Holborn Viaduct

In a new initiative, we will be joining with Tiffin School to hold a finance professionals networking event for all alumnae working in the financial sector.

Our first finance professionals event was held in March this year and discussed the challenges and opportunities and topical issues of working in finance today, and the importance of support and mentorship.

We are delighted to be providing a second opportunity for finance professionals to come together to network, discuss topical issues and offer support and mentorship.

More details will follow early in the new year.

If you would be interested in attending, have suggestions for issues you would like to discuss and/or would consider being a key-note speaker, please let us know [here](#)



TiffinTalks: Life Stories

In a departure from our TiffinTalks focussing on alumnae careers, we are excited to be hosting a new series of online talks featuring alumnae life stories.

Tuesday 11 February, 6.30-7.30pm: Wendy Jones, OBE (Gain) (Class of 1955)
Palliative care and the hospice movement in Russia and Ukraine, 1977-2010

After leaving Tiffin Girls', Wendy went to University College London Hospital to do nurse training. This was when palliative care in the UK was rapidly developing. Wendy will tell the inspiring story of how her friend, Victor Zorza, the Polish-born journalist persuaded her to come to Russia and continue his pioneering work promoting palliative care.

Please let us know if you would like to attend: alumnae@tiffingirls.org. The details of how to join the talk will be sent out in the new year.



More careers, more speakers

We are always looking for speakers for our TiffinTalks to inspire and expand the students' knowledge of what career paths are possible and perhaps spark a new interest in a career not yet thought about. Whatever your job, whichever career and wherever you work, if you would be happy to spare 10 – 15 minutes of your time to talk about what you do, please get in touch with Naia Edwards. alumnae@tiffingirls.org.





CAREERS



Alumnae help to make inaugural Careers Fair great success

The School held its first ever Careers Fair at the School in November and was thrilled with the support from alumnae, who generously gave up their time to represent their professions, share their career journeys, and provide valuable insights into their fields. An estimated 1,000 visitors were welcomed to the event which bustled with enthusiasm, ideas and inspiration, as students explored a diverse range of career opportunities, represented by over 25 career stands.



Karthica Indramohan,
Amy Dodd

Amy Rubens,
Jessica Constable

Shakshi Dhanwantri

Lucy Adams, Poppy Durrett,
Sasha Perera

Our alumnae speakers and delegates came from a wide variety of professions including:

Amy Dodd and Karthica Indramohan (class of 2007), therapeutic radiographers at University College London Hospital NHS Foundation, who drew a packed audience for their presentation.

Amy Rubens (class of 2020), an assistant manager at AAB, focusing on UK and US global mobility tax.
Sasha Perera (class of 2018), an engineering graduate at British Airways, joined by her friend **Poppy Durrett (also class of 2018)**, a senior consultant at FTI Consulting.

Sakshi Dhanwantri (class of 2021) from Deutsche Bank, who shared insights on finance careers.

Lucy Adams (class of 2023), a graduate apprentice at Jaguar Land Rover, representing engineering and automotive fields.

Crystal Jain (class of 2021), a brand specialist at Amazon, sharing her experiences in branding and tech.

Each alumna brought a wealth of knowledge and personal perspective, embodying the diversity of career paths our students might consider. Their participation not only highlighted the many possibilities available but also underscored the strong bond within our alumnae community—a bond that continues to support and inspire current and future generations.



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

Our growing online hub is where you will find careers advice, social events and reunions, memories shared, former classmates found, mentoring opportunities and how you can stay connected to the school. Please visit community.tiffingirls.org

Why I joined... Aleena Garr (class of 2020)

Aleena signed up to the website looking for someone to give advice about working in finance.

“Having just returned to London after graduating from the University of Bristol, the prospect of reaching out to others in the big city has felt daunting, but when I discovered the alumnae website, I was greeted with a warm embrace of support on this chapter of my journey.

The site is incredibly easy to navigate to seek a mentor, industry guidance, general support, or a friend. I have been genuinely astounded by the kindness and generosity of my fellow alumnae, and deeply touched by their selfless willingness to guide me and take the time to engage in meaningful conversations with me.

I have been lucky enough to connect with Alayne Baxter, who left TTGS in 1995. Although our times at TGS are separated by 18 years, we have shared the same path, and are an example of the invisible bond of camaraderie that comes from being part of the TGS community.”



Come and join the TOGA committee!

The Tiffin Old Girls and Alumnae (TOGA) committee acts as the representative body of all former students of the Tiffin Girls' School.

We meet online several times a year to plan the bi-annual TOGA reunion. We also contribute ideas towards decade reunions, networking opportunities and raise awareness of school projects and fundraising activities. Together, we act as ambassadors, promoting the achievements and successes of alumnae.

We currently have four committee members: **Barbara Lewis (1973)**, **Karen Carman (1987)**, **Frances Andrew (2001)**, **Angela Lim (1997)** and are excited to announce two new recruits:

Anjilika Bhandar (2016) works for Deutsche Bank. She joined in a graduate position in 2019 following her studies at LSE and is also a volunteer rugby coach.

Sasha Perera (2018) went to Cardiff University completing a degree in Chemistry. She now works as an engineering graduate for British Airways.



Please do consider volunteering!



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Adriana climbs into history

It is with enormous pride that we congratulate Adriana Brownlee (class of 2019) who has made history as the youngest woman in the world to scale all 14 of the world's highest peaks, each standing over 8,000 metres.

In 'Alumnae News' back in summer 2021 we announced Adriana had become the second youngest woman ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest and had declared her goal of scaling all 14 summits. Adriana and her team reached the 8,027m summit of Shishapangma in Tibet on October 9th, completing this extraordinary feat.

At just 23 years old, Adriana is only the second British climber and one of just 64 people globally to have achieved this incredible milestone. After leaving Tiffin Girls' in 2019, Adriana began a degree at Bath University but made the bold decision to leave and pursue her passion for mountaineering. Her inspiring journey is a testament to following your own path. Adriana says, *"I hope to inspire young people all over the world that there is no set path in life."*

We are so proud of her perseverance, courage, and trailblazing spirit. Congratulations, Adriana!



No. 1 – Mount Everest

No. 2 – K2

No. 3 – Kangchenjunga



No. 4 – Lhotse

No. 5 – Makalu

No. 6 – Cho Oyu



No. 7 – Dhaulagiri

No. 8 – Manaslu

No. 9 – Nanga Parbat



No. 10 – Annapurna

No. 11 – Gasherbrum I

No. 12 – Broad Peak



No. 13 – Gasherbrum II

No. 14 – Shishapangma




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Making Memories - Save the date...

TOGA 30 YEAR REUNION Saturday June 28 2025, 2-5pm

We warmly invite students who left in 1995 and any teaching staff from that time to attend a 30-year reunion at the school.

Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake
Tours of the school
Paying bar
TTGS merchandise
Singing the school song
Ticket price: £10 (available to buy in the new year)



[Register
interest
here](#)

GRADUATION CELEBRATION Thursday 10 July 2025

For all students who have graduated from university this year, we invite you to return to the school for a celebration!

If you are interested in coming and would like to be involved in organising the event, please contact Naia Edwards on: alumnae@tiffingirls.org



Remembering

Cassandra Mitchell (Kinsman) (class of 1995)

We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Cassie who sadly passed away this summer after an eight-year battle with cancer.

Mettha Wimalasundera (class of 2014) 1995 – 2024

Mettha joined the school in September 2007, and quickly formed friendships that would last throughout our time at Tiffin and beyond. She was incredibly popular and well-liked by friends, peers and teachers. Being the oldest in our friendship group and an older sibling, she naturally fell into a maternal role and was known as a 'wise owl', though she definitely had a mischievous side as well! Amongst her many achievements was being chosen as one of the Schofield house captains in the sixth form.

Mettha was set on her chosen career path early on and when she left Tiffin, studied medicine at UCL. She graduated early in 2020 and went on to train as an anaesthetist. Mettha loved her job and she was perfectly suited to being a doctor: sensible, level-headed, patient and incredibly kind. She passed away unexpectedly this summer and is remembered fondly and missed by her parents, brother and sister. As a group of friends, we have dedicated a tile for the Alumnae Wall in her memory.

Clare McEvoy (class of 2014)





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Alumnae Profiles

Lorna Watson (class of 1995)

Lorna is best known for her role as Sister Boniface in the British television series *Sister Boniface Mysteries*. The light-hearted detective drama, set in the 1960s, is a spin-off of *Father Brown*, and features Watson as a crime-solving nun with a background in forensics and a penchant for using her scientific skills to solve mysteries.

She is also well known for her work as a comedian and actress in various British television programs, including appearances in *Watson & Oliver*, a sketch comedy show she co-created with Ingrid Oliver.



Lorna, second from left, with friends and classmates, including former French teacher, Janice Kent (Miss Rees) at a recent TOGA reunion

Fond Memories of Tiffin Girls'

Lorna speaks warmly of her school days. "I had such a lovely time and have very fond memories," she says noting how much laughter marked her time at Tiffin. "We worked incredibly hard, but we had so much laughter too. Some of my closest friends today are the ones I made at school."

Her connection to the school remains strong; she has visited several times, including returning with comedy partner Ingrid Oliver to speak at a Celebration Evening for students. Most recently, she attended the TOGA reunion in June after which she met up with her form teacher and French teacher, Janice Kent, who went to meet her on the set while she was filming last summer. "It was great. We chatted for about 5 hours non-stop! I think we had a sandwich to eat – but I don't think I even took a mouthful!"

Comedy Beginnings with Ingrid Oliver

One of Lorna's enduring school friendships is with Ingrid Oliver, her co-creator and co-star of the 2012 TV sketch series *Watson & Oliver*. Ingrid joined *Tiffin Girls'* in Year 9 from the German School nearby, and the two bonded over a shared sense of humour. "We weren't in the same form, but we took the same subjects and hit it off." Ingrid lived just up the road from school, so we spent a lot of time together going to her house. Both pursued languages at university, with Ingrid studying Italian and German at Oxford, while Lorna took French and German at Edinburgh.



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Lorna Watson (continued)...

Drama Days at Tiffin

Drama was always a passion for Lorna. She vividly recalls GCSE Drama classes with Miss Flatly and throwing herself into school productions. “I tried to get in them all,” she laughs. “Katherine Parkinson [actress, *The IT Crowd*, *Doc Martin*, *Rivals*] was in my class,” Lorna reminisces. “We both played zombies in a school production of *Dracula*. Neither of us had any lines—we just made zombie noises. When it was time for the curtain call and our bow, we realised we were so far out we were actually in the wings offstage!” Lorna recently reached out to congratulate Katherine on her stellar performance in Jilly Cooper’s *Rivals*. “She was brilliant.” Katherine, like Ingrid, went to Oxford, so their paths often cross.



A Thriving Acting Career

From those early zombie roles, Lorna’s career has flourished. In addition to *Watson & Oliver*, her credits include *Rush Hour*, *The Wrong Door*, and *The Catherine Tate Show*. She’s also danced to Ravel’s *Bolero* on *Let’s Dance for Sport Relief* and played Boudicca on *Horrible Histories*. Most recently, she has embraced the role of Sister Boniface in the BBC’s 1960s-set cosy mystery series.

The character of Sister Boniface—a Catholic nun, scooter rider, wine maker, and part-time forensic advisor—was originally a minor figure in *Father Brown*. “I thought it was a one-off,” says Lorna, “but 10 years later, I got a call saying they wanted to create a whole series around her. It came at just the right time.”



Although the role requires scientific dialogue, Lorna laughs about her lack of expertise. “I’m scientifically challenged! I have no idea what I’m saying, but I love the lab I get to work in on set. It’s full of Bunsen burners and I do feel like I’m learning something!” Filming in the Cotswolds has also become a much enjoyed and eagerly anticipated aspect of her life. “I really look forward to it every year. I love the cast, crew, and whole production team. Also, playing a group of nuns I think helps to create a very calm set. It’s such a joy.”

Read More

In the full interview which you can read [here](#), Lorna talks about writing, reuniting with Ingrid Oliver, how her school days have shaped her success and the advice she would give Tiffin girls today.



[Read now](#)



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Alumnae Profiles

Singing the School song loudly in Sheffield

Mary Ward (Hood) (class of 1948)

Remembers The Tiffin Girls' School during WWII

On a rare sunny day in November, Development Manager Naia Edwards had the privilege of visiting Mary Ward (née Hood), a former student of The Tiffin Girls' School, at her home in Crowborough, East Sussex. Mary, who attended the school from 1941 to 1948, shared vivid memories of her time there during the Second World War, complete with school photographs and tales of her life after school.



Joining Tiffin Girls' School

Mary joined The Tiffin Girls' School in 1941, and was put in the X stream specifically for students who had been evacuated. Mary herself was evacuated twice: first to Berkshire during the blitz which delayed her entry to the school, and later to Sheffield during the dangerous months of the doodlebug raids (June–December 1944).

Joining late was intimidating, Mary recalls, and she required special French lessons to catch up. Her second evacuation, to a mixed school in Sheffield, initially felt like an adventure, but the novelty of the attention from boys quickly wore off. She missed her friends in Kingston upon Thames and even sang the Tiffin School song proudly at her temporary school in Sheffield during their speech day when they were singing their own school song!

Life During the War

The war years were frightening, especially after France fell to the Germans, but Mary remembers everyone keeping a “stiff upper lip.” Fear was something unspoken. Practical adaptations to wartime were also a part of school life. Showers, for example, were forbidden during the war in case of air raids; they resumed after the war after PE lessons. Mary recalls that her PE teacher, Miss Bomford, insisted students wait until the end of the lesson to shower, often making them late for their next class!

Rationing affected everything, even Domestic Science lessons. Students had to choose between cooking and needlework or embroidery and art. The limited supplies often made cooking lessons an exercise in creativity. Mary recounts a mischievous moment when her class added odd ingredients to a casserole destined for the teachers' lunch—thankfully, no one seemed to notice! Mary opted for art, which she loved, studying it for the Higher School Certificate alongside English and Biology.

School Rules and Rebellion

Mary notes that the majority of students left school at 14 or 16, which was standard at the time (the leaving age was raised to 15 in the 1944 Education Act). Only about 30 girls stayed on for the sixth form. Sixth formers were required to wear school uniforms and remain on school premises, though Mary and her friends occasionally bent the rules. One favourite illicit excursion was walking by the river to the Half Mile Tree, a thrill that fortunately went unnoticed by the staff.



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Mary Ward (continued)....

For those aspiring to university, studying Latin was a legal requirement, but the war's disruptions meant no Latin teacher was available until the sixth form. Students hoping to attend university had to cram seven years of Latin into just two or spend three years in the sixth form. This requirement was lifted after the 1947 Education Act, but many girls chose teacher training colleges instead. Mary initially considered teaching but changed her mind after serving as a prefect for a particularly unruly class – form 1V B, deciding the career wasn't for her!



Mary as a prefect



With friends at the Half mile tree



Mary with her friend, Wendy Lane

Friendships and Memories

Mary fondly remembers her close-knit group of friends, including Wendy Lane, who had cerebral palsy, excelled academically, and later became a French teacher after studying at Exeter University. Another friend, Marian Aldred, was a talented academician and athlete.

Read more..

In the full interview featured on our alumnae website, Mary talks about her life after Tiffin Girls' including her role at the Hovis Bread company and how, at 88 years old, she got her first passport and embarked upon adventures abroad.



[Read now](#)



SCHOOL NEWS



Digital Strategy

This term the Headteacher, Mr Keary, introduced the school's new Digital Strategy, outlining a forward-thinking approach to preparing our students for a rapidly evolving digital world. The strategy focuses on equipping students with the skills and knowledge to engage responsibly with technology, particularly emerging innovations like AI.

Mr Keary is eager to connect with individuals or organisations who can support us in bringing this vision to life. If you are able to help –whether by sharing expertise, delivering talks, exploring sponsorship opportunities, or collaborating in other ways—we would love to hear from you!

Please get in touch to help us shape this exciting initiative: Naia Edwards – n.edwards@tiffingirls.org

Young Economist of the Year

Year 13 students, Medha, Neha and Harriet were delighted to win this year's 'Young Economist of the Year Essay Competition 2024'.

The students visited Downing Street as finalists of the competition where they met the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves.

Their essay, which argued the economic impact of the growing gig economy, will be published in the Financial Times in December.



Pink Week 2024

Year 11 students raised an incredible £2,059.90 for Breast Cancer UK during Pink Week 2024.

Every year, the students come together for Pink Week, raising awareness of breast cancer as well as money. Embraced by the whole school, the Year 11 team organised the pink-themed campaign which included the much-celebrated staff pink parade.

Ms Kilpatrick led the creative project again, with the students decorating bras with a vast array of pink arts and crafts materials, which decorated the foyer.





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Farewell Mrs Dhillon: 19 wonderful years of dedication

After an incredible 19 years of service, Mrs. Dhillon is bidding farewell to the school and stepping into a well-earned retirement to spend more time with her family.

Joining the school in October 2005 during Pauline Cox's tenure as Headteacher, Mrs. Dhillon first served as the school receptionist. Her role evolved to become Cover Co-ordinator, where her organisational skills and dedication left an indelible mark on the school community.



Alumnae return to school: Talks and Workshops

Zohra Nabi

Speaks to Year 7 about writing and her second book

Only 14 years ago, Zohra Nabi was in Year 7 herself. Now she has come back to talk to the current year 7s about being a published author and to sign copies of her second book, *The City Beyond the Stars*, a sequel to *Kingdom over the Sea* which the English Department has chosen to put on the curriculum for Year 7.

The novel is a fantasy adventure following a girl who must travel to a mystical land of sorceresses, alchemists, jinn and flying carpets to fulfil her destiny.



Aarthee Parimelalaghan (class of 2020)

Returns to lead university interview workshop

"It was great to be back on the 65 to TTGS a few weeks ago, if not a bit strange! Having finished my degree in June, I've just started in a new role as the Somerville College Access and Outreach Support Officer (my alma mater!) Our work in the Access Department focuses on engaging with state schools to provide information and guidance on progression to higher education for those from under-represented backgrounds at university in general, but particularly at Oxford.

I came to deliver an interview workshop for those Y13s who have applied to Oxbridge to help them prepare for the next stage of the admissions process. I was joined by my Oxford Outreach colleague at the Physics Department, Kathryn O'Brien Skerry, who is also a new teacher at TTGS. We were able to provide both STEM and Humanities specific guidance, and the students were fantastic and really engaged with the session, as you'd expect of Tiffin Girls! I wish all the Y13s the very best with their applications."

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Alumnae return to school: Celebrations

Celebration Evenings

We are so grateful to our alumnae speakers who come back to the school to celebrate the academic achievements of our students at the end of Year 11 and Year 13.

GCSE celebrations – Sue Douglas (class of 1975)

The guest speaker for our students celebrating their GCSE success was Sue Douglas, a highly accomplished journalist. She encouraged students to “write the story so the world knows what is going on”, highlighting the importance of using our voices to make a difference. Sue also reflected on the strength of being a Tiffin girl, embodying the courage to “dare to be wise” and to believe in the art of the possible. Her words tied beautifully to one of the school’s core values of community through striving to create a social impact and recognising the importance of contributing to the greater good.



Assistant Head, Kathy Kilpatrick
with Sue Douglas (right)



A-level celebrations - Sinead Stewart (class of 2009)

The guest speaker at our celebration evening to welcome back students to collect their A-level certificates, is Sinead Stewart. Sinead is currently a senior event producer at the BBC and has worked with NGO, government and private sector organisations including The Economist. She was residence and events manager at the British Embassy in Egypt having been to the American University in Cairo and then SOAS University of London and is a fluent Arabic speaker.

We look forward to hearing how our most recent alumnae are getting on.



A-level certificates – the exams office still has a cupboard full of uncollected A-level certificates. If you have not collected your certificate and you would like it, please let us know so we can send it to you.



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Alumnae return to school: Careers

TiffinTalks

Earlier in this edition we spoke about the impact of School's TiffinTalk programme. We are so grateful to the alumnae who give their time to inform and inspire our current Tiffin girls.

Architecture

Our autumn series of TiffinTalks kicked off in October with three TOGS talking to the students about their careers in architecture and design.

Kamola Askarova (class of 2012) studied at the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL and completed her masters degree at the Royal College of Art. She currently works as an architect at Hawkins\Brown Architects, working largely on commercial and education projects. She has previously worked at Facebook as an in-house event production designer and an events construction firm, Firecracker works, as a production designer. She has also designed and built fashion shows and sets in a freelance capacity.

Georgia Roberts (class of 2012) went to study Architecture at the University of Nottingham. She then completed her Masters and Professional Qualifications at the University of Westminster, qualifying as an Architect in 2021. She now works as an Architect at Studio PDP in London.

Lola Leforestier (class of 2020) has recently completed her degree in architecture at the University of Bath, and has a particular interest in how architecture can be used as a bridge between asylum seekers and the local community.

For those of you who couldn't attend, a recording of the TiffinTalk can be found [here](#)



Kamola Askarova



Georgia Roberts



Lola Leforestier



Jade Su

Dentistry

In November, Jade Su (2009-2016) gave a fantastic account of her dentistry career so far including details of the different pathways available to her at each step. After leaving school, she went on to complete her dental degree at Leeds Dental Institute and then did her dental foundation training in Surrey working as a General dental practitioner before completing dental core training as a doctor in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Jade spoke very interestingly and informatively about her motivations for choosing different career options, and then gave examples of the work that she currently does in her role as a hospital-based dentist providing Special Care Dentistry to adults and children with special needs.

You can see a recording of her talk [here](#)



SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL



Thank you!

New Changing Rooms

Thanks to the financial support of donors, including TOGA and our alumnae, the school has been able to overhaul the changing facilities on the first floor. The changing rooms were refurbished over the October half term and the students could not be more pleased. Here are some of their comments:

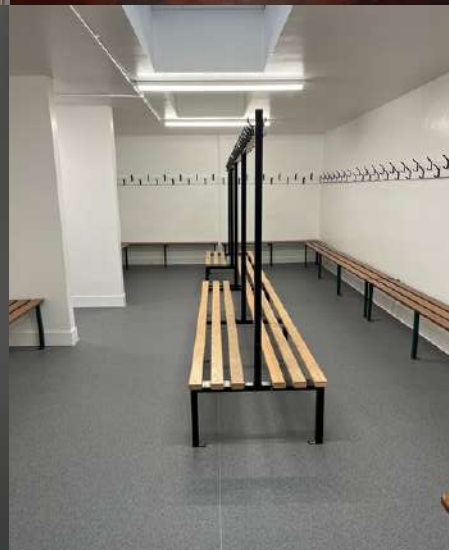
"Hot water and clean sinks make a huge difference—it actually feels hygienic now compared to before."

"It's such a big improvement! The old changing rooms were unpleasant, but now they're actually nice to use."

"They are fantastic! Thank you!"

Good changing facilities play a vital role in encouraging girls to participate in sports. They provide privacy, safety, and hygiene, helping girls feel comfortable and respected.

Thank you to all who donated.



Tiffin Tiles

A memorable way to support the school

These beautifully engraved tiles are a very special way of supporting the students of the future whilst leaving a tangible mark of your time at the school.

There are two different sizes of tile which can be in your name, or remembering a whole form or group of friends or in memory or tribute to a friend or inspirational teacher at the school. Who are you going to choose? Scan the QR code for more information



TOGA Merchandise

What would you choose?

Our TOGA merchandise has proved very popular over the years and so we are very low in stock of most things or have completely sold out. Before we order more items, we wanted to get an idea from you what you would like to buy. Please have a look at this form [here](#)





SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL



Donations

Support us to secure the future of The Tiffin Girls' education

“Being a Tiffin girl is everything. The opportunities, experiences and facilities we enjoy here encourage us to step outside of our comfort zones and explore our passions. We grow and learn in a way that will enable us to make positive change in the future.”

Charline and Mitra, Year 10

From its foundation in 1880 to the present day, The Tiffin Girls' School has sought to provide a learning environment in which students can live up to the school's motto 'sapere aude – dare to be wise.'

Students such as yourself have benefited from opportunities that are only achievable thanks to the generosity of parents, alumnae and other donors over the years and we are so grateful. However, today, in an increasingly challenging economic environment, we need your support more than ever before.

Ways of Giving

There are many ways in which you can support the school, some of which are outlined below. Leaving a legacy is one of the most significant.

Did you know?

- Support Tiffin Girls School Company is a registered charity, (number 10699996)
- All legacy gifts to Support Tiffin Girls' School Company are free of Inheritance Tax.
- Leaving a legacy in your will may reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax paid by your estate as a whole.
- You can leave even 1% to the school so those closest to you can inherit 99%. You can of course leave more if you want to.
- The Tiffin Girls' School owes its origins to the legacy of Thomas and John Tiffin who, in 1638, left £150 in trust for educating local children in the Kingston area.

If you would like to leave a legacy to Support Tiffin Girls' School Company, we recommend that you speak to your solicitor who can advise on the steps you need to take and the type of gift to consider.

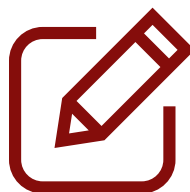
Give online



Set up a regular donation



Gift Aid It



Leave a legacy



Please visit community.tiffingirls.org/supportus to find out more and to make a donation. If you would like to discuss a gift or discuss ways you can give to the school, please contact Naia Edwards, Development Manager - n.edwards@tiffingirls.org or by phone on 0208 546 0773 x 302

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