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TOWN HALL CELEBRATION

ST CLARE'S CELEBRATES IN STYLE

On Thursday 27th November St Clare's celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding with a tremendous celebration at Oxford Town Hall. An audience of almost 600 listened to Peter Oppenheimer, Chairman of Governors, introduce a panel of speakers. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Patrick Stannard, welcomed guests to the civic centre of the city. The Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Hugo Brunner, recalled how important were the early links between St Clare's in Oxford and Bonn during the years after the Second World War.

Anne Dreydel, one of the two original founders back in 1953, remembered that it had been at a meeting in the Town Hall where, as an undergraduate at St Anne's, she first heard (Sir) Victor Gollancz speaking about the plight of ordinary German citizens after the War. This had been one of many things which had inspired her, together with co-founder Mrs Pamela Morris, to establish first the Oxford English Centre, which grew into St Clare's in 1953.

Sir John Hanson, Warden of Green College, University of Oxford and former Director-General of the British Council, spoke of St Clare's special contribution to the educational diversity within the City and praised St Clare's vision in promoting the international dimension of education.

Lord Watson, delivering the keynote address, expressed his admiration for Anne Dreydel and her contribution to British-German relations. He then went on to speak about the special relationships between Britain and the rest of Europe, and with the United States, emphasising how critical it was to maintain both.

Boyd Roberts set out the College's vision for the future, based on strengthening connections with the alumni and parents, developing facilities and focussing on the values of Global Citizenship. He announced that St Clare's is planning to launch a fund early in 2004 to give friends and colleagues the opportunity to support the College in achieving its goals.

The audience was entertained with music as they arrived from a string quartet of first year International Baccalaureate students. During the programme there were two musical interludes: the first by current International Baccalaureate student Oliver Thompson, on clarinet, playing extracts from Malcolm Arnold, plus three Roumanian Dances by Bela Bartok. It was a spirited and exciting performance. Later, alumna Carolin Dentler, currently a student at the Royal Academy of Music, played the final movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto: a thrilling finale to our programme. We were extremely grateful to Dr Christopher Tadman-Robins for accompanying both musicians, and to St Clare's Music Co-ordinator, Philomena Solomon, for organising the entire musical side of the programme, which made such a difference to the whole occasion.

Also in the programme was a short dramatic piece entitled "The Chestnut Tree", written by Marta Emmitt and performed by two of our current students. It drew a parallel between a student here in the 1950s and one here today, showing the common theme of international understanding across the decades.

A Reception followed in the Assembly Rooms and Old Library with delicious canapes and drinks for all 600 guests. Finally, dinner back at St Clare's for guests and colleagues, with some further words from Boyd, Anne Dreydel, and two short speeches from alumni Nikki Cheetham and Nikita Lobanov, both expressing how much they owed to St Clare's and how having come here had helped them progress in life. This final day of celebrating 50 years ended a tremendous year of celebration world-wide, during which we have met new friends, found many "lost" alumni, and carried the word about St Clare's – its history and its future vision - around the globe. Thank you to all who have been involved.

A video of the Town Hall event was made, and can be made available to Alumni and colleagues. Please contact the Development and Alumni office for further details.



Lord Watson of Richmond, Boyd Roberts (Principal) and Anne Dreydel (Co-Founder and Former Principal) speak at the Town Hall



Jerome Huber, Jenny Crabtree, Oscar Branson and Isabell Strege, all current first year International Baccalaureate students, play to welcome people to the event. Oliver Thompson, also a current first year student, playing on stage at the Town Hall.



Peter Oppenheimer (Chairman of Governors), Sir John Hanson (Warden of Green College, Oxford), Hugo Brunner (Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Councillor Patrick Stannard (Lord Mayor of Oxford), Lord Watson of Richmond, Boyd Roberts (Principal) and Anne Dreydel (Co-Founder and Former Principal)

1980s REUNION



Sandra Went-Boeve (1986) and her husband, Alec.



Bill and Eileen Enoch (Former Staff)



Ted May (Staff) and Christin Aarnes (1980)

St. Clare's continued the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the College, this time with alumni who were here during the 1980s. Members of staff who taught at St. Clare's during the 1980s, some of whom are still here, also came to the reunion. Amongst those present were; Bill and Eileen Enoch, Ted May, Andree MacCallum, Sylvia Corrie and Anne Dreydel, Co-Founder and Former Principal.

The day started with tea in the Hall during which alumni who were present talked of their memories of St. Clare's and of their paths and careers since leaving the College. We were very grateful to Joanne Gray who started the ball rolling by telling us about her whirlwind career with some of the biggest IT companies - mainly before they had become household names. Everyone who attended was able to contribute, and one of the most striking memories of all turned out to be the initial St. Clare's interview with Miss Dreydel. It was wonderful that Miss Dreydel was present, and joined in with her reflections from the early 80s.

The evening continued with a reception at New Place, 131 Banbury Road. The weather was mild enough for people to enjoy the lovely gardens whilst chatting to friends and drinking champagne. Everyone then gathered for dinner in the conservatory of the Dining Room. Boyd Roberts, Principal, welcomed guests before the Dinner and presented a copy of the *Story of St. Clare's* to Margaret Skarland, Bill and Eileen Enoch and Anne Dreydel.

After dinner, Margaret Skarland, Principal 1985 - 1998 spoke of her memories of St. Clare's and its students during the 1980s. Nathalie (Curtis) Lethbridge (1978 - 1980) concluded the evening by speaking of her fond memories of her time here and also how well the College had prepared her for life in an international and very multi-cultural business environment. Nathalie was until recently Executive Director of Business and Legal Affairs at Walt Disney Television International. She finished by toasting the achievements of St. Clare's in the last fifty years as a harbour of international education and understanding.

After dinner coffee and wine were served in the staff room whilst alumni took the opportunity to talk to Anne Dreydel, Margaret Skarland and current students. Although small, the 1980s Reunion was a lovely event where people had the opportunity to catch up with old friends and teachers.



Elsa Morgan (Staff) and Willie Dimech (Former Staff)



Susan Taylor (1983) and Francesco Odone (1983)



Mike Benka (1984) and Koen van der Post (1985)

1990 - 2004 REUNION



Natasha Kitson (1993), Therese Untersander (1993),
Victoria France (1993) and Andree MacCallum



Mark Willems (2003), Nicoline Vis (2003) and
Sanca Seippel (2003)

The final alumni reunion to mark the 50th Anniversary of the College was for those who were here between 1990 and 2003, plus the current second year IB students. Around 100 people had booked to attend the event but we were surprised to see that twice that number actually came on the day, many of whom had travelled from all over Europe to join the celebrations.

As with the 1980s Reunion, the day started with Tea and Alumni Talks. These were held at New Place. We were delighted that so many alumni wished to attend, but we were extremely lucky that the weather was lovely so people could mingle in the gardens outside. Several alumni talked about their time at St. Clare's. The common theme which emerged - as at all the Reunions - was how much all their time here had influenced their thinking since. We were very grateful particularly to Sebastian Knoop-Troullier, Victoria France, Bryony Lee and Sascha Klengel for their contributions.

The evening continued with a reception held in the library where many of those present remembered revising for exams as students. Amongst the staff who attended were Dan Denno, David Gomm, Carolyn Halliday, Brendan McLaughlin, Caroline Crook and David Staton. All of them enjoyed the chance to catch up with older alumni as well as recent graduates.

Dinner was held in the hall for 60 of those who had booked in advance as requested. It was informal and gave everyone a chance to catch up with friends. Margaret Skarland, former Principal, welcomed the guests to the Dinner by recounting some of her memories of the alumni present. After dinner Boyd Roberts, Principal, spoke briefly about St. Clare's plans for the future before asking Therese Untersander, who left St. Clare's in 1993, to speak. Therese talked of her time at St. Clare's as well as how the confidence that she had gained in an international environment is helping her to succeed in the competitive world of sports journalism. As it was Therese's birthday the next day, we surprised her with a cake complete with candles.

Those alumni who did not come to the dinner went to favourite haunts in Summertown and central Oxford, where the dinner guests later joined them. A good time was had by all.



Margaret Skarland (Former Principal 1985 -1998),
Jonathan Flatt (1996) and Mario Caprino (1996)



Boyd Roberts, Principal and Ivona Kulasevic (1998)

PAMELA MORRIS

1906 - 2002

Former Oxford English teacher Pamela Morris died, aged 95, at her Burford nursing home in October 2002. Affectionately known as Pam, she was born in 1906, the daughter of a Greek Businessman, Nico Paramythioti, and distinguished English composer Amy Horrocks.

Mrs Morris grew up in Paris where she learned to speak both English and French. She married John Morris and moved to Surrey. The couple, in partnership with their friend Cecil Greenwood, set up Boriswood publishing firm which discovered and published a number of authors, including James Hanley and Rex Warner. But the company was sold during the Second World War, and the couple moved to Oxford, where Mrs Morris began teaching English as a Foreign Language.

Here she met Anne Dreydel, and together they founded the Oxford English Centre, which stands in Banbury Road today. The company later became a trust under the name of St. Clare's Hall, and Mrs Morris continued to teach English as a foreign language and French. She also taught English literature and is remembered for her impressive memory of the intricate details of plots of all the novels of Dickens, Jane Austen, and others that she taught.

Mrs Morris administered all the courses run at St. Clare's Hall until 1960, including English as a Foreign Language and A-Level courses, as well as honours degrees. She was a committed pacifist, who believed passionately in the promotion of international peace through education. Mrs Morris retired as co-principal of St. Clare's in 1972, having moved to Shilton with her family.

Her husband died in 1995, and Mrs Morris moved to the Ramping Cat Nursing Home. In her latter years, she remained a voracious reader, regularly devouring several contemporary novels each week and routinely visiting the local library. She was appreciative of the care she received at the Nursing home, and was much loved by staff.

Mrs Morris leaves behind 2 daughters, eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. She is remembered by friends and family for her wisdom, capacity for love and friendship, her generosity and her humanity.



Portrait of Pamela Morris painted by DG Knowland, 1972
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NEW STAFF AT ST. CLARE'S

INES MOLINARO - LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Ines was formerly Director of Studies in Social and Political Sciences at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where she was also, until recently, Fellow in the University of Cambridge Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. Ines is Canadian, studied in the USA (PhD from Notre Dame) and has lectured at the Universities of Birmingham and Warwick, in the UK, before moving to Cambridge. In addition to her role directing the Liberal Arts programme, Ines will also oversee all courses for adult students.

DAVID FOWKES - DIRECTOR OF THE IB INSTITUTE

David, BSc (St Andrews) PGCE (Southampton) Advanced Certificate in Educational Management (Leicester) has been appointed to the position of Director of the IB Institute. His previous appointments include Head of Chemistry and Head of Science at Framlingham College, and Head of Science, Director of Studies (1998-2001) and Deputy Head (Curriculum) (1999-2001) at Rossall School. At Rossall he was part of the team which introduced the IB Diploma programme. He was Deputy Headmaster at the English International College, Marbella, Spain, from 2001-2002. In 1988, he was a Schoolteacher Fellow at the University of Cambridge.

MEG CLARINGBOLD - ACTIVITIES TEACHER

Meg joined us on 20 August as Activities Teacher and Sports Coordinator. Originally from Geelong, Australia, Meg has been teaching Physical Education at Lawn Upton School. Meg graduated from the University of Ballarat (Australia) BEd (Physical Education and English) in 2001. She is a well qualified sportswoman and keen athlete.

JON HALLIGAN - DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES

Jon was formerly Head of Year and Physical Education Teacher at Sheikh Rashid School for Boys in Dubai, United Arab Emirates having been there for 10 years. He has a degree from Sunderland University in Sport and Health. Jon is a qualified Advanced Open Water Diver, has represented Dubai in rugby on their tour of Kenya, NOF (New Opportunities Fund) subject specialist in PE and is a keen actor.

ED PETERS - HEAD OF MARKETING

Ed was formerly a marketing consultant to independent schools in the UK, and, from 1997-2000, was Director of Communications, Bedford School and International Study Centre. Ed has a first class degree in Modern Languages and an AKC Diploma in Divinity from King's College, London and taught French and German at Bedford School from 1982-1996, where he was also Senior Day Housemaster and Head of Careers. He has qualifications in counselling and careers guidance as well as in marketing. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and an executive member of the Association for Marketing and Development in Independent Schools.

ROS WILSON - ADMISSIONS REGISTRAR

Ros has taught EFL in Greece and has held posts as Lecturer at Park Lane College of Further Education, Leeds, Lecturer in English for Academic Purposes at the Institut de Phonetique, Free University, Brussels, Senior Lecturer/ Study Skills Co-ordinator at Nelson Polytechnic, New Zealand, and, from 1998-2003, as Senior Lecturer in English for Academic Purposes at Oxford Brookes University. She has also held a variety of administrative positions in Belgium, Britain and New Zealand. She has a Master's degree in Applied Linguistics and Phonetics from Leeds University.

IZZY BUNN - ACADEMIC OFFICE MANAGER

Izzy has taught EFL in Thailand and held a number of administrative positions, latterly as Postgraduate Courses Administrator and Acting Office Manager in the School of Art, Publishing and Music at Oxford Brookes University. Since leaving that post in November 2002, she has crewed a yacht in the Caribbean.

PAUL MASON - BURSAR

Paul Mason joined us as Bursar in May 2003. Paul was formerly Finance Director of the South Bank Centre (the arts complex which includes the Royal Festival Hall) in London. Previously he held a variety of positions with Ernst and Young.

SUE CAVANNA - WARDEN, 13 LATHBURY ROAD

Sue is a qualified nurse and is undertaking an MSc in Development Practices at Oxford Brooked University. She has worked in Zambia, Equatorial Guinea and Kenya on development projects. Her positions have included Country Representative for Water Aid to Kenya, and Executive Director of Maji na Ufanasi (Water and Development) in Nairobi.

JASMINE WADDELL - WARDEN, 143 BANBURY ROAD

Jasmine studied political science at Brown University and completed her M Phil degree at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. She is currently working on her doctorate at St. Anthony's. At Brown she was Student Union President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Club. She has taught politics and economics for A level and to undergraduates and has undertaken a variety of voluntary and fund-raising work.

CHRISTOS HALKIOPOULOS - PSYCHOLOGY TEACHER

Christos has taught psychology at university undergraduate level, and for A level and foundation course programmes. He was Head of Psychology at Kingsway College of Further Education, London and more recently has taught at Oxford College of Further Education and for Cherwell College.

ST. CLARE'S ALUMNI ON-LINE

St. Clare's is just launching its first Online facility for alumni, friends and colleagues. Details about it are contained in a booklet being distributed with this Newsletter to our alumni. It is hoped that the ability to link with others electronically will allow people to get in touch with each other more easily, and we will welcome feedback from those who register and warmly encourage you to do so. Simply follow the link on the alumni section of the St. Clare's website at www.stclares.ac.uk. All data is held securely.



GET IN TOUCH

Search for other alumni, current staff, former staff and others by name, course, years at St. Clare's and many other criteria. Use this function to find friends you have lost contact with or find other alumni in your region or country.

Set up an 'E-Mail for Life' account in your name which you can either access through St. Clare's Online or redirect to any other e-mail account.



GET THE NEWS

Look at the news section for the latest news from the College. You can add your news items and photographs.

Update us and other members with your news by completing your online 'Who's Who' entry. You decide what information other members can see about you whilst still enabling the Development and Alumni Office to have all your contact details.



GET INVOLVED

See what events St. Clare's is organising and register your interest for these events. You can use the 'Events' section to advertise and co-ordinate your own reunions.

Sign up for the St. Clare's Careers Network and offer advice, work placements or simply network with current students, other alumni and parents.

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DEVELOPING VISION

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 15- 23 MAY 2004

Following on from the success of the Jubilee Art Exhibition in May 2003, the Art Department has taken the decision to hold annual exhibitions to coincide with Oxfordshire Artweeks Photography, which is now the largest open studio festival of visual art in the country. All participants will have a chance to sell their work during the exhibition with a percentage of the sale going to charity.

Photography has been chosen as the focus for this exhibition partly because a new Dark Room has been opened in the Art Centre at Springfield, 121 Banbury Road. All current students have a chance to get involved with photography whilst at St. Clare's even if they are not studying art as part of their course. Photography is one of our most popular extra-curricular activities and we want to give all these students an opportunity to exhibit their work alongside others. Because of the new Dark Room facility, students are able to experience all elements of photography, including processing. The Art Centre hope, in the future, to also provide computers specifically for art students to use in their work.

For the first time, we will also be holding this exhibition on-line via our website so that everyone who is interested in viewing the exhibition can do so through the Internet. We hope that this will make it accessible to all of our alumni and friends, wherever in the world they might be.



The theme of the exhibition is Developing Vision. Each exhibitor can interpret this in a personal way. For example, David Chaplin sees this theme relating to his work in the following way:

“My work is mainly concerned with organic subject and natural landscapes. It seeks to explore different ways of ‘seeing’ the landscape, and the mystical or transcendental connotations of the work ‘vision’ are central to my projects. I try to create abstract representations of the landscape, which move away from the subject specific dominance of reportage, but which encapsulate a deeper form of realism. This allows me to create the space for more subjective responses to natural forms by drawing upon notions of the sublime and sacred.”

YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED

The focus of the exhibition will be on allowing students, staff, former staff, alumni and guests of the College to participate in a creative project. It will also give exhibitors a chance to show their work as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks

For more information about participating in the exhibition please contact John Rolfe, Head of Art.

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OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURE



Fourteen students headed to Aberdovey in Wales for a week of adventure and challenge at the Outward Bound Centre. Outward Bound is a company which guards the right of young people to have access to safe adventure experiences through which they realise their potential.

The St. Clare's students were introduced to the Jacob's Ladder and a rock climb for their first activities. On day two, we split into groups and undertook a gruelling six hour walk in the hills of Wales. Perfect weather and beautiful views made the adventure all worthwhile. We had mastered campfire cooking and made all of our meals on small stoves, and soon felt like naturals at this outside life but a night under canvas at minus 4 degrees Celcius was definitely memorable!

On day three, at the wharf in Aberdovey, each group had to race against each other to develop a zip-wire to get their whole team from the wharf to the opposite pier. Elly Harder (IB1) showed outstanding leadership skills and patience with her group as she attempted to beat her opponents. The following day students took part in a boat race where they had to learn to make a raft with two kayaks and some wooden poles. Back at the wharf in Aberdovey the students also learnt how to do complete safety jumps and plummeted into the icy cold water. Eden Su (IB2) even went twice, becoming addicted to the thrill of the jump! Yifan Liu (Monica) (PreIB) commented that she felt after these jumps that she could attempt anything.

We left the Outward Bound Centre at the end of the week feeling exhausted, but exhilarated at the thought of all we had achieved. It was a chance to experience some aspects of the outdoors that we would not have had the opportunity to do in Oxford. After all the outdoor activity challenges it was a pleasant change to visit Portmeirion, a small village on the coast, followed by Cardiff, the capital of Wales, where we had one thing in mind, shopping!

Many thanks to the Outward Bound leaders; Ian, Dan and Bryn, who tailored this trip to our needs, ensured everyone was safe and provided us with entertainment throughout the week. Thank you also to Jon Halligan (Director of Activities) who put in many long hours to produce this half-term adventure. Finally, the students who attended this trip gained much more than they had expected, so thank you to those who took on the challenge with an open mind and kept us all smiling throughout.

MEG CLARINGBOLD
ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

"We are all better than we know. If only we can be brought to realise this, we may never be prepared to settle for anything less."

KURT HAHN (1943)

FOUNDER OF OUTWARD BOUND.



MEETING STUDENTS FROM AL-RASHID SCHOOL IN DUBAI



Having lived in Saudi Arabia, being brought up in a very culturally diverse environment and studying in an international school has helped me to understand and appreciate other lifestyles and traditions. It is always nice to get to know how other societies function and what their unique customs are. Hence, meeting a group of intelligent, friendly young men from Al-Rashid School, Dubai (UAE) was quite a nice surprise! Not only did we spend time together over dinner, but we also went ice-skating and had a wonderful time with them.

It was comforting to learn that people from halfway across the globe have the same interests as us and it was amazing how easy it was to develop a friendship with each of them. Courteous and polite, they showed a genuine interest in getting to know more about St. Clare's as a school and as a body of international students, as well as about the city itself. They not only envied the number of different nationalities that we at St. Clare's are exposed to, but were also surprised by the amount of freedom we are given to make our own decisions from what we wear to where on campus we choose to be.

The group was here on a social studies/ history trip, accompanied by two history teachers, a PE teacher and an English teacher. They visited museums in both Oxford and London and went to the theatre. Quite a few of them, who do not visit Britain very often, found the society's structure very different from the kind they are used to in Dubai. They were relieved to learn the social categories and barriers that are common in their country are more blurred here, and that St. Clare's only embodied this characteristic through its body of international student and teachers, working as one towards a common goal.

ZAINAB HUSSAIN
CURRENT STUDENT

“ST. CLARE’S: HOME AWAY FROM HOME, BEING A FOREIGN STUDENT IN OXFORD”

“Where are you from?”, “How long are you going to stay here?” and “Who’s your room mate?” are the three most uttered sentences during the first days at St. Clare’s as people from all around the world meet and share the same great experience every year.

Curiosity, wanting to learn English and to know other cultures are the main motivations for spending time in Oxford. Of course, there are other reasons for coming to study here, but everybody has the same goal: learning while having a good time. At first, St. Clare’s is a college, but it is more like a big shared house where everyone feels good. The atmosphere is serious, but also really nice and ideal to live in for some time. Some students are here for some weeks, others for some months, or even one year. But all are “in the same boat”, and far from their homes. For this reason, there is solidarity and moral support between them.

When the lessons are done, the most interesting thing in this exchange is the opportunity to meet people from other countries. It’s a really memorable experience; an opening of the mind and a way to improve your sociability. What could be better than such an experience to understand Europe and other continents? Aren’t we the new generation of a world where everybody has a voice? What better school of life than living all together?

At the beginning you feel more comfortable with people from your own country, but after a few days there is a natural attraction born of curiosity and feelings that brings people closer. It’s also thanks to the activities organised by St. Clare’s. So many amazing sports like rowing, punting, golf, horse-riding, or cultural programs and trips are proposed during the whole year.

You might be pleasantly surprised, really satisfied or completely enchanted, but anyway, you’ll go back to your country with an “Oxford homesickness”!

JULIE ROLIN, FROM BELGIUM
ENGLISH COURSE STUDENT, BARDWELL ROAD CENTRE

BEST EVER IB RESULTS TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SUCCESS AT ST. CLARE'S

In a decade of steady improvement in the IB results, there have often been years when we could point to either a record percentage pass rate for the IB Diploma, or to a record points average for our Diploma students. The year 2003 will go down in St. Clare's history as a double success. 82 out of 86 Diploma students gained the Diploma, giving at 95.3% our best ever pass rate. Coupled with this was an average points score of 33.7, a comfortable increase on last year's record of 33.2. We hope that this improvement reflects higher standards of teaching, combined with an increased skill at identifying student problems and giving them productive assistance.

Top scoring students were Anthony Grout, Marcela Rehakova and Wang Xiao Ou, all with 43 points. Between them they reflect well the ability and diversity of St. Clare's students. Anthony is British, and came to us from a well-known public school because he wanted to move to a college where students can take on more responsibility for themselves. He plans to go to the University of Sussex to study Anthropology and Spanish. Marcela is Czech, and she will study medicine in either Prague or Birmingham. Xiao is Chinese, from Tsingtao, and she plans to study Maths and Statistics at Imperial College.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION DAY 2004

Building upon the success of this year's Careers and Higher Education Day planning is already well underway for next year. The day is scheduled for Wednesday 4th February.

The first part of the day will have prospectuses and information available on stands, with representatives of a number of universities each delivering short seminars on a specific subject; from the application and selection process to course content. During the afternoon sessions alumni professionals from various sectors will talk about their university life, career options and the path they have travelled to reach where they are today. In addition a professional careers company based in the UK will provide information to support and back up the University advice and the alumni input. Finally a company specialising in gap year opportunities will be in attendance.

St Clare's values enormously the contribution to Careers advice that can be made by our alumni and we will have alumni speakers from different business sectors. We hope to attract alumni who are still studying at undergraduate level, right through to those who have been in the workplace for a number of years. The wider range will provide a clearer picture of the numerous possible career profiles available to graduates of St Clare's. We believe it is a great opportunity for alumni to provide valuable and relevant career information to our students, and to network amongst each other.

St Clare's Development and Alumni Office will be contacting alumni based in the UK and Europe with invitations to deliver seminars on their career paths to date. We hope that during the Careers and Higher Education Day, students will receive general and specific information regarding British universities and the courses they offer, combined with excellent and relevant information from alumni who have been successful within their chosen courses and fields. Furthermore, the presence of a professional careers company will allow students access to additional expertise and guidance.

If you would like the opportunity to give something of your personal expertise back to St Clare's at this or future Careers and Higher Education days, please contact Anu Dawson in the Development and Alumni office.



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