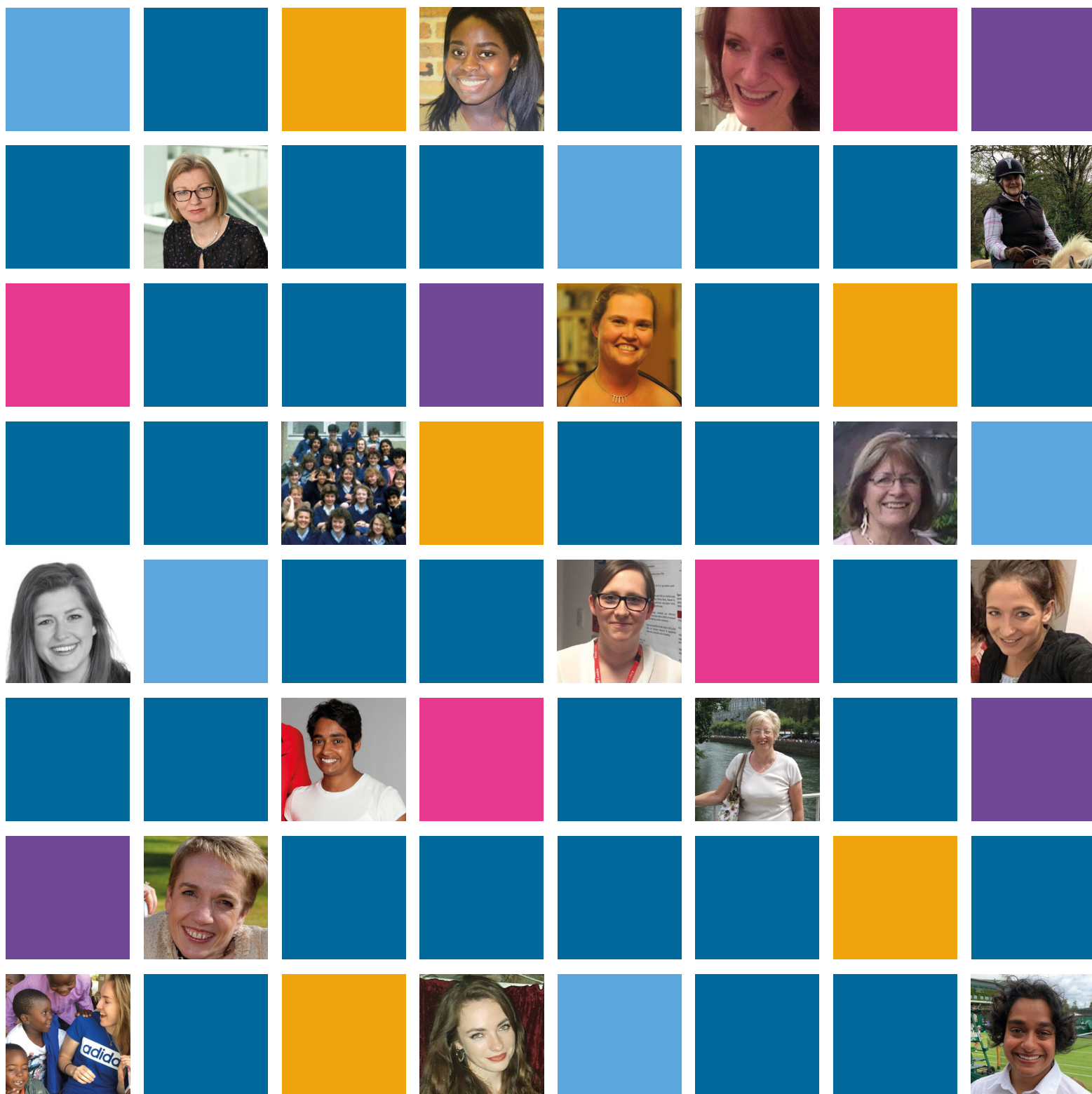


*Celebrating 125 Years
Catholic Education - Extraordinary Women*



UHS ALUMNAE

Celebrating Ursuline Alumnae





Catholic Education; Extraordinary Women

In this the Ursuline High School's Anniversary year, we celebrate 125 years of outstanding catholic education for girls – an incredible legacy. In school we have celebrated with a whole school mission, a whole school mass at Westminster Cathedral, a conference in Westminster, Women of Faith; Leading the Change, a reception at the House of Lords and an International Women's Day event for all students. We are delighted that our final celebration will be with you our alumnae.

Pope Francis has told us that "an authentic faith always implies a deep desire to change the world" and our young Ursuline students, demonstrate every day, their desire and ability to put their faith into action, as we have seen you, our amazing Alumnae have done before them – living out SERVIAM.

Ursuline alumnae are really doing amazing things across the world, there are many examples, but I mention here; Margaret Hebblethwaite providing young people access to education through her Santa Maria Education Fund in Paraguay and recent students, Hannah and Jess McGreevy working in the Kibera Slum, Kenya with the Lunch Bowl project.

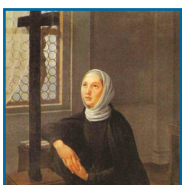
As previous students at our school, you are an incredibly important part of our Ursuline Community, we celebrate your leadership in all areas of your lives in your families, communities and workplaces as daughters, sisters, mothers, aunts – as catholic women. Thank you so much to all of you who contributed your stories to inspire and motivate current students, some of which are included in this booklet. Thank you also, to all of you who continue to be part of school life, through talks, careers events and work experience. We encourage any of you that are able to do so, to get involved; our Headgirl team tell you how you can do this at the end of this booklet.

My message is, that wherever we find ourselves in life, as previous Ursuline students or staff, we are a community, inspired by Angela Merici and held by her "bond of love in Jesus Christ". Please keep in touch, we always love to hear from you and our young students gain so much from your example.

Ms Waters BSc (Hons) MA

Headteacher

Ursuline High School



1535

Angela Merici
founds the
Ursuline order.



1892

School established
in Worple Rd. First
pupil: Netta Powell.



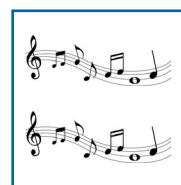
1895

The first high school
built in Alexander
Road called St
Angela's.



1907

Wimbledon Convent
given permission
to train teachers.



1911

New hall celebrated
with concert. School
orchestra and a 50
strong choir.



1912

Teacher chaired
meeting of
Wimbledon Catholic
Women's Suffrage.



1922

Original 1892 school
motto replaced by
'Serviam'.



1940

Convent took in
refugees from
France and
Belgium.



An Ursuline Girl

On behalf of all the Ursuline in England it gives me great pleasure to greet you in this jubilee year.

Angela Merici, a small 16th Italian woman, began an organisation which has spread across the world. Her love of God and passion for the rights of women to decide their future, led to schools being founded in every continent. She had no idea what her legacy would be. It's the same with you. You'll have no idea what a difference you have made to others in life's journey.

The Ursuline Sisters who left Forest Gate in March 1892 to found a school in Wimbledon believed what St Angela had said years before: *"Do what you have to do with love and charity then let God take over."*

You were fortunate to have attended a school where staff and students prayed together, shared common values and gave generously to those who were less fortunate. SERVIAM, the motto for all Ursuline schools, makes you an honorary member of our international family. After all, once an Ursuline girl, always an Ursuline girl!

We thank you for bringing your gifts and talents to the school. You have gone on to share them in our wider society and in many parts of the world. For that we rejoice. We pray for you and your families and ask you to keep the Ursuline sisters in your prayers.

We give thanks to God for 125 wonderful years and we look to the future with courage and excitement.

Sr. Kathleen Colmer

Ursuline Provincial

*"ONCE AN URSULINE GIRL,
ALWAYS AN URSULINE GIRL!"*



1958

Our mural is put up and gym is opened. New hall opened in 1959.



1969

Becomes a Comprehensive school. Sixth Form centre is opened.



1974

St Angela's Sixth Form block opened. Now St Angela's Arts Block.



1984

The Diamond Jubilee of Sister Francis Lemarchand (ex Headteacher).



1999

Becomes 11-18 and Merici Sports Centre & St Ursula's buildings opened.



2010

New Sixth Form Centre opens with Pastoral Centre.



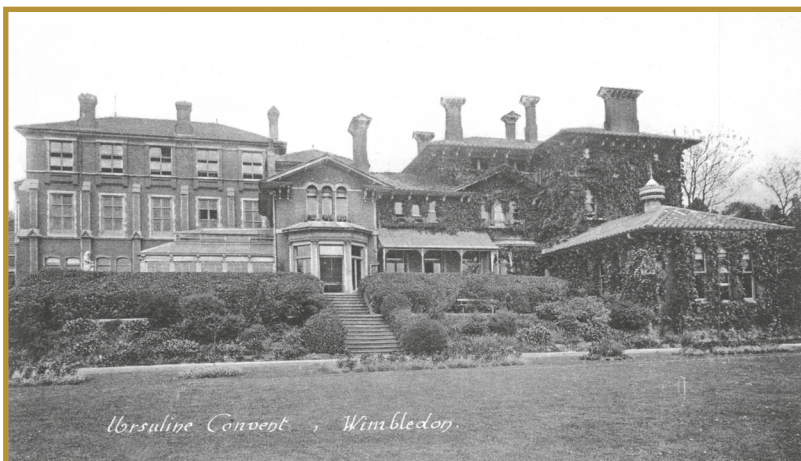
2016

Women of Faith conference held in Westminster.



2017

Ursuline Playing Fields and Pavilion are opened.



Ursuline Convent
Early 1900's



Ursuline Girls
1946-50





Ursuline High School
2017



"I THINK THE TIME HAS NEVER
BEEN BETTER FOR YOUNG WOMEN
TODAY. THEY HAVE A HUGE
OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE
VALUES AND THE WHOLE CULTURE
OF WORK TO COME AND I THINK
THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT."

SUSAN VINNICOMBE CBE
PROFESSOR OF WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP
(1960 - 1966)



"DON'T PANIC ABOUT MAKING
CHOICES ABOUT THE REST OF YOUR
LIFE. YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE YOUR
MIND (AND YOU WILL) SO FOCUS ON
WHAT YOU ENJOY DOING AND WHAT
YOU ARE GOOD AT."

LORNA LONGWORTH
(1996 - 2003)

"WORK TO HELP OTHERS, THINK
BIG AND POSITIVE, GO OUTSIDE
YOUR COMFORT ZONE."

PROFESSOR JOANNA LEDOCHOWSKA
(1967 - 1969)

"BE COMMITTED TO WHAT YOU ARE
DOING. IF YOU WANT TO YOU CAN."

SR. KATHERINE KELLY
(1952 - 1959)



ABIGAIL JOHNSON

2003 – 2010

NHS ENGLAND

Most important skills needed in your job?

Communication, leadership, and strategic skills – this includes lateral thinking, problem solving and the ability to synthesise lots of information very quickly, drafting skills, to be able to draft reports quickly and succinctly.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

One of the most important lessons I learnt at school was to be confident in my abilities, whether that might be speaking up in meetings, presenting to large audiences or standing up for your own ideas.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Making many lifelong friends.



ABIGAIL JONES

1999 – 2006

POLITICS

Most important skills needed in your job?

Social and communication skills, being able to sell a vision and put together a convincing argument and perseverance.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

What a vocation means, and the satisfaction that can be found from a job delivering for others. The determination to succeed. Be ambitious and go after what you want.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Sunny summer days sitting in the Quad with friends.



AGI DONOVAN

EVENTS ORGANISER

1984 – 1991

Most important skills needed in your job?

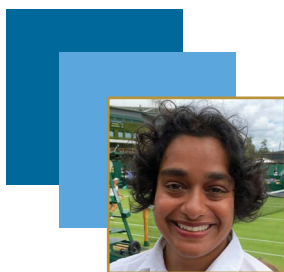
Attention to detail, strong organisational skills, good communication and *people* skills.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

My love of English language and literature led me to attain a degree in English and American literature, which helped me land a job as a translator in Poland.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Meeting girls who even now remain my closest friends. Waiting outside the house of the 80's pop duo *BROS* which was very close to school! French exchange trips to Paris!



ALISON LOBO

TV BROADCASTING

1985 – 1990

Most important skills needed in your job?

Resilience, enthusiasm and passion.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Miss Clarke telling me to look her in the eye. This isn't a joke, she 'made' me look her in the eye and hold eye contact. It's the most important thing I can remember from school and the reason I came back to be one of the judges for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge in 2016, it really was a very important lesson in how to conduct yourself. Now nobody believes that I was ever shy.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

School life with my friends and sisters.



ALICE SEWELL

PROPERTY

1993 – 2010

Most important skills needed in your job?

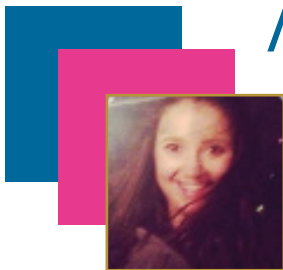
People and communication skills. Property is all about getting on with people and making a good impression.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Drama A-level, the lessons taught me to be confident in interviews and how to hold a room when presenting.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Too many to choose from!



AMY BALLARD

2003 – 2010

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Most important skills needed in your job?

I spend a lot of time working with government officials from other countries, UK ministers and charities, so being able to effectively communicate and collaborate with them is very important. Much of my work is time bound, so being able to deliver results at a pace is also a key skill.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

To keep going when things didn't work out. I didn't get into the universities I wanted to go to but I kept going and things worked out in the end.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

The best part was making an excellent group of friends.



ANNE STEVENS

1957 – 1964

EDUCATION/LINGUIST

Most important skills needed in your job?

Without a doubt interpersonal skills. It is essential to mix easily across and where necessary to lead, a wide-ranging mix of groups, cultures and individuals. A deep understanding and commitment to the cause, is of course essential, as is a determination to succeed.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Above all I took from my school career the ethos of hard work, of always aiming to do better and, although not externalised at the time, an assumption that gender was simply not an issue, role models were of course all female and leading to a belief that the best will succeed.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

One which I have perhaps only realised, as I met up with school colleagues after many years and realised that we have so many shared values that guide us through life, care for others and community spirit stand out.



ANTOINETTE TORTO

2005 – 2012

TRAINEE TEACHER

Most important skills needed in your job?

Working with young people requires a great deal of patience, adaptability and innovation. You have to find new ways to make literature, some of which is centuries old, exciting and engaging to modern adolescents. You must also be truly dedicated, show diligence and operate with a little bit of humour to ensure the school remains a positive and happy place.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

One of our faith days at school focused on a message St Paul gave to the Colossians, recorded in Colossians 3.23; *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people."* As a teenager, this stuck with me because this doesn't just talk of having a hard working mentality, but about having a true, divine purpose in life. This is a message I come back to a lot when I need encouragement or lack motivation.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

I have several great memories from Ursuline; from the lively school productions and St Cecilia concerts, to annually celebrating International Women's Day.



"THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU FEEL
PASSIONATE ABOUT AND LET THAT
GUIDE YOUR CAREER CHOICE, NOT
JUST WHAT YOU ARE GOOD AT."

SANDRA BROWN

(1960 - 1966)

"...BEING PART OF A CARING
COMMUNITY IS AN IMPORTANT
SUPPORT SYSTEM THROUGH LIFE."



KATE TAYLOR

(1980 - 1985)

"STAY IN SCHOOL, LISTEN TO WHAT
THE TEACHERS ARE TELLING YOU
BECAUSE 99.9% OF THE TIME THEY
ARE USUALLY RIGHT ABOUT A
SITUATION, AND STUDY HARD."

REBEKKAH MARTIN

(2008 - 2014)



“NOTHING IS A WASTE OF TIME,
NO MATTER HOW BORING TASKS
IN A JOB MAY BE.”

FRANKIE HASTINGS
(1975 - 1980)

“MY BEST MEMORY IS THAT WE WERE
PART OF A REMARKABLE GROUP OF WOMEN,
WHO REALLY CARED FOR AND WANTED
WHAT WAS BEST FOR ONE ANOTHER”

SOPHIE WALTERS
(1977 - 1982)

“IF YOU HAVE A GOAL OR DREAM IN
MIND OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
OR BE, WORK HARD TO CHASE IT,
THE PAY-OFF AT THE END WILL BE
INDESCRIBABLE.”

JENNIFER ANAFI-ACQUAH
(2007 - 2009)



BERNI LEE

1980 – 1985

HUMAN RESOURCES

Most important skills needed in your job?

Communication, honesty, listening, reviewing options, coming up with solutions, pre-empting problems.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Language skills - French and subsequently Spanish. I've loved working in international environments where I could use these skills. There was a strong sense of community at school, and this is something that stays with you and you try to replicate in other environments, such as the workplace. I think family and school together imbued me with a good work ethic.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

I think we did the conga through the staffroom after some exams! It rather lost momentum as we hadn't been in there before and didn't know our way around! We had a retreat at a particularly difficult time (before A-Levels I think) which was an experience I will always remember with fondness. Sixth form was a time of new freedom and self-expression.



BONNIE-LEE RODGER

2009 – 2016

MATHS STUDENT

Most important skills needed in your job?

My year out I worked as a teaching assistant. Communication, management and leadership skills, being able to work with children and organisation is crucial in a school environment.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I intend to study maths at university so maths A-Level is an important qualification. The things I learnt whilst at school was firstly, to always have confidence in my own abilities and secondly the ability to make decisions. I didn't have these abilities for a long period of my school life, but in the Sixth Form I gained a lot more confidence, learning from members of staff that really helped me!

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

My best memory is of Year 13 graduation. It was an emotional event, but it was amazing to be all together to celebrate the past 7 years we had experienced as a great community.



BRENDA MCDONALD

TEACHER

1979 – 1984

Most important skills needed in your job?

Listening, empathy, communication, approachability, non-judgment.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

The value of friendship, the drive to triumph over adversity, the importance of teachers who instill confidence in their students, not settling for second best.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

My friends, so many of whom I still see today.



CAMILLA DE LA BEDOYERE

WRITER

1976 – 1979

Most important skills needed in your job?

A writer needs a flexible, creative mind that can generate and hold lots of ideas simultaneously before putting them on the page in an ordered and logical way, and an obsessive approach to completing work to a deadline. I couldn't do my job if I didn't also have the core skills of punctuation, spelling and grammar.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Although I studied zoology, and much of my writing is based in science, it was English and history that inspired me at school, and we benefited from some great teaching in those subjects. I was already a committed reader, but the school helped develop my understanding of literature, and the importance of history - and I've kept those interests all my life. Without a continued love of reading, I doubt I could have become a writer.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Being with my friends. We had so much to talk about that lessons got in the way of the really important matter of chatting, arguing, falling out and making up. I reckon it's much the same with students today!



CAROLE SPENCER

1972 – 1977

MUSIC

Most important skills needed in your job?

Patience, commitment and sleep.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

How to share my love of music; managing Almstelveen Orchestra in Holland, performing, teaching and producing music.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Friendship. I organised a wonderful Golden Reunion for my year group at school in 2009.



CAROLINE STEVENSON

1974 – 1979

EQUINE MANAGEMENT

Most important skills needed in your job?

The *British Horse Society Institute* exams (which I achieved after many retakes); persistence and perseverance got me to this highest level.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I learnt the ability to get on with people, which is core in life, tolerance and kindness. I also learnt that it is not "us and them", we are all teachers and mentors, giving and receiving, helping others.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

The summer on 1976, which was incredibly hot, sitting on the grass bank in the Quad with friends, watching those who had just come out of exams in the hall - so relieved to have finished!



CHRISTINE BICKERSTAFF

1961 – 1962

AVIATION ENGINEERING

Most important skills needed in your job?

The ability to think in diverse ways about problems oneself (little computing modeling available, when I started). The ability to work sensitively with experienced colleagues to understand the complexities they had worked on. The other attributes needed in engineering are; persistence in synthesising information and self-confidence.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Physics and mathematics - these subjects gave me the opportunity to spend the greater part of my working life, enjoying myself in thinking hard about different and often difficult engineering problems and the self-confidence to work with others in engineering.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Mrs Edwards, the Physics Teacher, bringing in, for us to do, experiments she had done with older students at technical college; a good example was testing valves such as you might find in a radio at that time (it was the early sixties, before transistor radios).



DR CHRISTINE PIERCE

MEDICINE

1974 – 1979

Most important skills needed in your job?

As a Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care at Great Ormand Street Hospital, I need my medical training and skills, but beyond this the most important skills are empathy and hard work.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Learning and socialising with so many other students I learned empathy. The A-Levels that qualified me for my first degree in Physiology, before going on to study medicine.

What advice would you give your younger self (or current Ursuline students) as to how to achieve the career of their dreams?

To follow your dreams and be curious.



“INVEST IN YOURSELF AND YOUR
DEVELOPMENT; SNAP UP EVERY
OPPORTUNITY THAT’S GOING TO ADD
TO YOUR EXPERIENCE.”

MARGARET FROOME
(1954 - 1960)

“DON’T BE SCARED TO WANT
SOMETHING DIFFERENT .”

BONNIE-LEE RODGER
(2009 – 2016)

“DO NOT FEAR ‘FAILURE’.
WHILE FAILURE MEANS DIFFERENT
THINGS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE, IT
IS ALWAYS A PART OF THE LEARNING
PROCESS AND IS OFTEN VITAL FOR
SELF-IMPROVEMENT.”

ANTOINETTE TORTO
(2005 - 2012)



CLARE COURTNEY

ENGINEERING

1987 – 1992

Most important skills needed in your job?

Problem solving and stakeholder management.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

That I could do anything I wanted with no restrictions, it's about determination and applying yourself. And trust that God has a plan for each of us. I am one of the only female engineers I know who never had anyone at school say "you can't do that."

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

The variety of things we did. Maths problems, music, orchestra with Mr Rathbone at Wimbledon College. Encouragement to participate and sneaking off for coffee and cake in Sixth Form in the village.



CLAIRE MORRISSEY

IT DATA PROTECTION

1980 – 1985

Most important skills needed in your job?

It's not necessarily remembering every aspect of data protection law off by heart, it's about knowing how to analyse a situation in the context of that law. Attention to detail is really important, as is being able to explain something that looks really complicated at first glance, but is actually quite simple. Data protection is a good example of how '*knowledge is power*'. It's a lot less boring than people think anyway.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Languages have been really valuable, learning about grammar and syntax at school definitely helped with my university degree, and being able to speak the local language when travelling abroad is always helpful and makes you less unpopular with the locals.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

The late Mrs Harrison, a fantastic PE teacher and netball team coach. Playing in the school netball team and getting my school colours is definitely one of my favourite memories. I feel fortunate that school was a good experience for me, happy memories!



CLAIRE THOROGOOD

LAW

1984 – 1989

Most important skills needed in your job?

Analysis and problem solving, literacy, negotiation, advocacy, collaboration and team working.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Good literacy skills, attention to detail, to be prepared, to be proud and confident, respect other people, honesty and to be passionate and enjoy what you do.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

The calm that used to descend when the Headteacher Sr. Mary Baptiste, entered the school hall, At the other end, the chaos of the Sixth Form Ball!



DANIELLE TALBOT WARD

BIOVETERINARY STUDENT

2008 – 2015

Most important skills needed in your job?



I am still studying, but know that very important skills will be communication and interpersonal skills and confidence in animal handling. To have a passion and commitment to the health and well being of animals.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Independent learning is vital for university studies, as a large portion of the exams and assignments rely on your own research.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

I think I was very lucky to have some amazing teachers, especially in the final years at A-Levels, they would give up their spare time to run extra revision sessions or offer help when I was struggling and made the trauma that is A-Levels as pleasant as it possibly could be.



“FIND WHAT IT IS YOU WANT TO
SPEND YOUR TIME STUDYING: THEN
THAT IS YOUR WORK. TRUE WORK...
IS WHAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE
ABOUT SPENDING YOUR TIME DOING.”

MARGARET HEBBLETHWAITE
(1962 - 1967)

“WORK TO HELP OTHERS, THINK BIG
AND POSITIVE, GO OUTSIDE YOUR
COMFORT ZONE.”

ABIGAIL JONES
(1999 - 2006)

“BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. ALWAYS
BE OPEN TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR
LEARNING AND NEW EXPERIENCES...
BE FLEXIBLE.”

MARGARET FREETH
(1961 - 1968)



DEBBIE THOMAS

TEACHER

1973 – 1978

Most important skills needed in your job?

Patience, flexibility, a love of children, willing to work in a team - the list is endless!

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

To work for what you want and keep trying, Sr. Anne is to blame for me being a teacher.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

A retreat at Allington Castle, the newly opened Sixth Form block. PE afternoons and not just a memory - but the great friends I made and still have.



DEVINA PAUL

ACCOUNTANCY (AND CONSULTANCY)

1991 – 1996

Most important skills needed in your job?

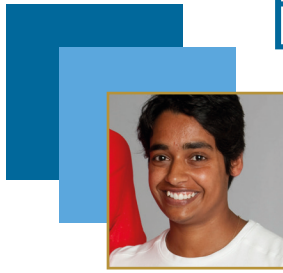
Numeracy, literacy, tenacity, ability to be a positive encourager.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Maths, English, music, staying true to your values and faith, camaraderie with women. Being a woman from a diverse background doesn't have to limit you.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Lifelong friendships. Music concerts. Gym and dance displays. I won most promising musician of the year. It felt great!



ELAINE CHILDS

SPORTS MEDIA

1985 – 1990

Most important skills needed in your job?

Passion for sport, photographic memory, tennis knowledge, quick thinking and learning on the job.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Mrs Whittacker demonstrating how to structure an essay (intro, main body, conclusion). My written English improved dramatically after this, and to this day, I have always been confident in writing reports, letters and other correspondence.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

French with Mrs Brown. We studied the French Resistance, and even now, I will look out for fiction books on this subject. I also remember her love of the actor, Jeremy Irons, and how she always carried a tin of boiled sweets (bon-bons) in her bag.



FIONA BELLAMY

LAW

1985 – 1990

Most important skills needed in your job?


Listening, being clear headed and articulate, giving clear instructions. Reading documents thoroughly and writing in a way which leaves no misunderstanding.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Music exams and performing in the school choir and orchestra, plus the joint orchestra with Wimbledon College. Wherever I have lived since school, I have joined some music groups, as it is most important to me. I currently play the oboe in Caprice - the Essex wind band and clarinet in a small music group at Church.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Great friendships, some of which still continue. The joint school orchestra with Wimbledon College.



"CHOOSE AN INDUSTRY
THAT INTERESTS YOU - IF
YOU LIKE WHAT YOU'RE
DOING... YOU'LL DO IT
WELL, AND GOOD THINGS
WILL COME OF IT.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
YOUR ABILITY AND
HOW FAR YOU CAN GO.
NEVER TURN DOWN AN
OPPORTUNITY."

MICHELE PRIGENT
(1982 - 1985)



FRANCESCA LUDWINSKI

SCIENCE

1997 – 2005

Most important skills needed in your job?

Logic, problem solving and thinking outside the box.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I think there are two things that the Ursuline taught me that are important every day in my job. The first is honesty; it's probably the most fundamental quality of a world-class scientist. The second is that we live in a global world. My lab is made up of people from all over the world (UK, Spain, Poland, India, Iran, Canada, Egypt, Italy to name a few!) and acceptance of people no matter their race, ethnicity or background is essential to us working well together as a team.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

There were so many, but I think it would have to be the Sixth Form Geography field trip to the Lake District. I made some lifelong friends on that trip!



GABRIEL MACGREGOR

LAW

1977 – 1982

Most important skills needed in your job?

Being able to explain complex legal matters to a variety of people, and usually in public meetings, as well as delivering pragmatic solutions that found the legal grey between the black and white.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Participation in the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition. At the time, advocacy was not part of the College of Law training, so not being afraid of standing up in a public forum and hearing the sound of your own voice was a huge bonus when I started doing court hearings.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

My friends.



GABRIELLE LEE

BUSINESS

1984 – 1989

Most important skills needed in your job?

Building relationships with people, communication, listening, organisation, negotiation.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I think my degree is my most important qualification, because for my generation this was expected for a job in the corporate world. This is not so any more - for example at PriceWaterhouseCoopers we now recruit from schools at 16 and 18 as well as graduates.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

For me it's about the fact that I am still very close to so many of my school friends, we are in daily contact and very much part of each others lives. I also really remember the 'Live Aid' disco which we had in the Quad. It was such a hot night the organisers decided to move it outside from the Dining Hall! It was a really brilliant disco as I recall!



GAYNOR LATHAM

ART AND DESIGN

1985 – 1990

Most important skills needed in your job?

Confidence; be confident in your abilities. People skills; working with lots of different people from managing directors to unskilled workers. You need to learn to communicate with everyone. Resilience; sometimes work is hard and not what you expect. Ability to adapt; if it's not working try something new. Willingness to learn on the job; there are new things to learn all the time, embrace it.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

My GCSEs, which got me onto A-Levels, A-Levels got me onto my degree.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Don't expect to get your dream job as your first job. You work towards it. Don't be disillusioned, work hard and you will get where you want to be.



"YOU WILL GET OUT OF IT, WHAT
YOU PUT INTO IT. ENJOY THE TIME
AND DON'T STRESS TOO MUCH."

NATALIE POLLARD
(2008 - 2010)

"NOTHING COMES TO YOU,
YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER IT."

SIOBHAN NICHOLSON
(1979 - 1982)

"SCHOOL IS ULTIMATELY A
SPRINGBOARD FOR THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE - AND NOT JUST YOUR
CAREER - SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO
STICK WITH AND DEVELOP THE
THINGS THAT WILL BECOME LIFE-
LONG INTERESTS AND HOBBIES."

POPPY RUSHFORTH
(2006 - 2013)



GRACE MAY

2003 – 2009

FASHION DESIGN

Most important skills needed in your job?

Adobe software (specifically Photoshop and Illustrator), communication, teamwork, creativity and resilience.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Art and Design, drawing skills, maths and English.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

When Sophie Drewett fell in the pond!



HANNAH McGREEVY

2003 – 2008?

PHILANTHROPY

Most important skills needed in your job?

It hasn't always been easy living in Africa due to cultural difference and I have missed my family and friends, however I have never regretted our move to Kenya as it has been very special to be able to help some very disadvantaged and vulnerable children. I have seen how God uses our availability and willingness and it has been very special to be part of God's plan for rescuing these little children.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

The Ursuline motto SERVIAM has been a foundational motivation of my life. Ursuline taught me great resilience and provided me with so much support for my educational and cultural transition to Kenya.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

My friendship group, laughing at lunchtimes and the kindness of a student when I needed it most.



HARRIET MAY

2003 – 2010

TV PRODUCTION

Most important skills needed in your job?

Creating filming and edit schedules, compiling risk assessments, managing studio, location and live experience. Good time management, hardwork, being able to work with everyone, resilience and problem solving as every day brings a new challenge.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

English, maths, drama at GCSE and A-Level, learning how to meet creative challenges to make performances outstanding, to meet production deadlines and make things happen, working with people with a lot of different ideas and approaches.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

My A-Level drama classes with Mr Lord, who never gave up on us, regardless of how frustrating we could be, always kept our spirits up, gave us confidence and spent so much extra time outside of classes helping us understand the material. The world's best teacher!



JENNIFER ANAFI-ACQUAH

2007 – 2009

TV SCIENCE PRODUCTION

Most important skills needed in your job?

For my job I think the most important skills are organisational skills and the ability to effectively communicate to a large repertoire of personalities.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

My A-levels in biology and chemistry were crucial in studying biomedical science at university, which in turn I use aspects of in my role. Additionally my AS-level in critical thinking has played a part in the way I analyse information.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

My best memory of Ursuline was probably being Head Girl. Having the opportunity to work with the student body to achieve goals we set out. I also very much appreciate teachers I had; Mr Le Doaré and Mr Nichols.



“TRY NEW THINGS IN
ORDER TO FIND OUT
WHAT YOU LIKE AND
ARE GOOD AT, AND
TAKE IT FROM THERE.

WORK HARD, ASK
QUESTIONS, BE OPEN
TO LEARNING AND
BE YOURSELF.”

GABRIELLE LEE
(1984 - 1989)



JENNIFER ANDERSON

PSYCHIATRY

1986 – 1991

Most important skills needed in your job?

Observing, listening, compassion and commitment.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

My chemistry and biology A-Levels. Sociology gave me an insight into societal norms and values and I'm sure was the beginning of my path to Psychiatry. History GCSE helped me in my medical school interview and also led me to do a History of Medicine degree.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Inspirational teachers and having the opportunity to be a Wimbledon Ball Girl.



JENNY RANSON OBE

TV WRITER AND PRODUCER

1956 – 1961

Most important skills needed in your job?

Technical skills in shooting and editing TV, speaking and interviewing, writing for different media in a way that holds the audience's attention, team management and leadership, including ability to delegate well, tenacity and a belief in what you are doing, an ability to function at all levels and in all environments and attention to detail in all things.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

An excellent general knowledge of both Arts and Sciences that was especially important when I became a writer and then producer of TV documentaries on a wide variety of themes. I am grateful to the language teachers I had at school, as they left me with a curiosity and love of words that have helped me pick up different languages and made life much easier.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

I did enjoy my Latin lessons – compulsory then, up to O-Level.



JOANNA LEDOCHOWSKA

DENTISTRY

1967 – 1969

Most important skills needed in your job?

Communication, listening, team working, leadership, critical thinking.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Persevere, do not take no for an answer.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Friends I made, zoology lessons.



LAURA MILONE

2003 – 2008

MARKET RESEARCH

Most important skills needed in your job?



Attention to detail, being passionate.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Learning how to work and interact with different personalities.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

My friends, going on the Ski Trip in Year 10 was great fun.



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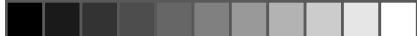
ABIGAIL JOHNSON
(2002 - 2010)

“IN MY YOUTH I HAD A WONDERFUL
MENTOR... WHO ENCOURAGED ME TO
ACHIEVE AS MUCH AS I COULD!”

JIM TAIT
(1939 - 1943)

COLOSSIANS 3.23 “WHATEVER
YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL
YOUR HEART, AS THOUGH YOU
WERE WORKING FOR THE LORD
AND NOT FOR PEOPLE .”

ANTOINETTE TORTO
(2005 - 2012)



LINDA FAIRBROTHER

1961 – 1968

TV BROADCASTING

Most important skills needed in your job?

Interest in people and stories, a calm head under pressure, accuracy and listening skills, clear voice, self-confidence, being good with words, hard work and quickness to learn.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

A love of learning new things! Confidence in presenting myself, through debating, drama and speaking exams. Belief in my ability to tackle something from first principles.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Sitting in the cloakroom in the lunch breaks with a group of 5 or 6 of us, especially in the Sixth Form, when we talked about everything and anything. Performing Chaucer's Prologue in the original form and pronunciation, at St Paul's Church (the Actors' Church in Covent Garden).



LORNA LONGWORTH

1996 – 2003

LAW

Most important skills needed in your job?

Empathy, enthusiasm, resilience and discipline.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

A love of learning. Hard work and respect for others will get you as far as you need to go. Being female is an asset not a disadvantage. The power of female friendship and how to pass exams!

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Too many to mention! I am very lucky that my closest friends are the girls I met at school and have known them for most of my life.



LEAH DE SILVA

1989 – 1994

FUNDRAISING

Most important skills needed in your job?

Relationship management and effective communication, as well as the ability to negotiate with senior property professionals and CEOs.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

How to create long-lasting relationships and negotiate effectively.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Probably the fundraising *Walk to Washington* in the Sixth Form - the team spirit we enjoyed on that trip was great. Co-editing the School Magazine in the Sixth Form.



MARGARET FREETH

1961 – 1968

JOURNALIST

Most important skills needed in your job?


All my jobs required the analysis and communication of information, plus understanding of the needs of different audiences. Working in a team and working alone.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Thinking for myself.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Singing hymns in assembly - the one thing I missed when I left school and which prompted a lifelong membership of choirs and interest in music. Taking part in the Speech Choir's performance of The Prologue to Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. I spoke the Prioress and the Pardoner.



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KNOWLEDGE BASE, SKILL BASE OR
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ABIGAIL JOHNSON
(2005 - 2012)

“MAKE SURE YOU STUDY SUBJECTS THAT
A) YOU LIKE AND B) YOU CAN ENVISAGE
CONTINUING TO LIKE.”

CHRISTINE BICKERSTAFF
(1961 - 1962)

“IN THE WORDS OF MR LE DOARE,
A PIECE OF ADVICE THAT HAS STUCK
WITH ME: “*WORK SMARTER NOT
HARDER.*”

TISHTRYA MEHTA
(2007 - 2014)



MICHELE PRIGENT

1982 – 1985

BUSINESS SALES/FILM

Most important skills needed in your job?

A can do attitude, a willingness to continue learning, being able to adapt to change, hard work, seeing the bigger picture, flexibility, leadership skills to mobilise resources.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

You have to put in the effort to reap the benefits. Planning and organisational skills, camaraderie and team building (from my friendship group and netball team).

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

When the class I had most lessons with got carried away in music lesson, singing songs from *Grease*, then dressing up and putting on a performance for the whole school (1984) - I've got some photos of us dressed up as T-Birds and Pink Ladies somewhere! Also a retreat to Allington Castle, and a netball tour to Bradford.



MICHELLE ALEXANDER

1998 – 2002

TEACHER

Most important skills needed in your job?

Patience, vision and resilience.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I have taken away the importance of friendship and loyalty from the Ursuline. But it also gave me the confidence and ambition to succeed and to know I could achieve what ever I wanted. Ursuline High School really does empower young women.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

Sports trip to Italy and Spain with good friends and training as a ball girl. Such a happy time at the Ursuline making lifelong friends and also skills that have set me up for life.



MARGARET HEBBLETHWAITE

1962 – 1967

WRITER AND PHILANTHROPIST

Most important skills needed in your job?

As a writer, it is important to have good vocabulary and grammatical skills: without these, no inborn originality and creativity will ever reach fruition. As a charity worker, it is important to have listening skills and patience - so that you learn from the local people what their needs are, rather than telling them what you think they ought to have - and to combine that with an ability to enthuse others (for fundraising and recruitment).

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I'm glad I learnt French, Latin and Greek, which helped me to know something about how languages work. This is also important in my work as a teacher of the English language. I'm also glad of the Religious Education and the school retreats: without the faith basis that the school gave me, my life could never have turned out the way it is.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

The day in a school retreat by a Jesuit team when I found faith - not something that either parents or teachers had given me, but something that was my own and undeniable.



MARY-CLARE O'SULLIVAN

1973 – 1978

NURSING

Most important skills needed in your job?

As a nurse, stamina, a good sense of humour and an ability to get on with all types of people.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Studying foreign languages and traveling abroad opened my eyes to other cultures and countries, and enabled me to turn 'holiday jobs' into the start of my first career in travel.

What is your best memory of the *Ursuline High School, Wimbledon*?

Running the Sixth Form tuck shop, for a profit! Miss Clarke, teaching me German.

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LEARNT AT SCHOOL WAS HOW TO
SOCIALISE AND BE PART OF A TEAM
IN SPORTS, ODDLY, MUCH OF MY
LEARNING HAPPENED OUTSIDE OF
THE CLASSROOM!”

CIARA DONAGHY
(2002 - 2009)

“PRAY, LEAVE EVERYTHING TO GOD,
THEN THE OPPORTUNITIES COME.”

VERONICA HILDA MURRAY AYRES
(1940 - 1946)

“...BE BRAVE AND NOT THINK
SMALL ABOUT WHAT YOU COULD
DO IN LIFE AND THE IMPACT THAT
YOUR LIFE AND ACTIONS COULD HAVE
TO HELP OTHERS.”

HANNAH McGREEVY
(2003 - 2007)



NORA ASHWORTH

TEACHING

1940 – 1947

Most important skills needed in your job?

Patience, understanding, adaptability and dexterity. The ability to relate to colleagues and pupils and to listen.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I learned the importance of a strong catholic faith and belief in Christianity, to offer and to volunteer and to follow the school motto SERVIAM. We learned to use our natural ability, give your best and to strive to improve at all times.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

The kindness of the Ursuline Sisters, the girl guide troop. Life in wartime, having our lessons in the bomb shelters, harvest camps at Chilmark, Wiltshire, helping as a girl guide at the old people's home higher up the Downs after it was bombed. Playing games – netball, lacrosse, tennis, rounders with many interschool and sports days.



POPPY RUSHFORTH

JOURNALISM

2006 – 2013

Most important skills needed in your job?

Accuracy is crucial - the slightest typo or factual error will be noticed and pulled up by a reader on Twitter. Flexibility - 'The Brief' goes out at 7am every weekday and has to be up to date with all the latest news. If something big happens out of office hours, I'll be up late in the evening or (very) early in the morning to make sure the story is out there. Also just being generally plugged in with current affairs.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

The main thing I took from school was the need to take control of my own education and work independently.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

The thing that has proved most valuable is the encouragement and influence of some excellent teachers - for me, especially Mrs Harrison, who taught me English for GCSE and very sadly passed away a few years ago. We stayed in touch after I left Ursuline and her belief in me and dedication to education remains an immense source of inspiration.



SANDRA BROWN

TEACHING

1959 -1966

Most important skills needed in your job?

Patience, dedication, innovation, understanding and resilience.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Gaining two good A-Levels, one S-Level and a very good facility for English. The friends I made for life. We still meet up as often as we can as one lives in Canada and the other in Devon.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

Enjoying all the school had to offer, especially being part of the netball team; winning the Under 15 Surrey Rally and the first VII Surrey and Ursuline rallies twice. As well as being Games Captain.



SIOBHAN BENITA

1985 – 1990

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Most important skills needed in your job?

The ability to see things from other peoples' perspectives, to understand what motivates and excites them and to build relationships that stand the test of time.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Academic qualifications are important and will open the doors to top universities and employers, but "softer" skills such as the ability to listen, to communicate effectively and to treat other people with respect, are the ones which will really make a difference in your career progression.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

Having lunch outside in the Quad in summer and selling homemade biscuits and popcorn to raise money for charity. I also remember how excited I was not having to wear a uniform in the Sixth Form!



"DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE BRAVE
DECISIONS, FOLLOW YOUR HEART...
THE GLASS IS ALWAYS HALF FULL
AND LIFE IS SHORT, SO GO FOR IT!"

BRENDA MCDONALD
(1979 - 1984)

"IT IS OF COURSE IMPORTANT TO FOCUS,
WORK HARD AND BECOME QUALIFIED,
BUT... ENSURE YOU'RE WORKING TOWARDS
SOMETHING YOU CARE ABOUT AND
ACTUALLY LIKE DOING,..."

TISHTRYA MEHTA
(2007 - 2014)

"I AM ONE OF THE ONLY FEMALE
ENGINEERS I KNOW WHO NEVER
HAD ANYONE AT SCHOOL SAY
"YOU CAN'T DO THAT!""

CLARE COURTNEY
(1987 - 1992)



SIOBHAN NICHOLSON

1979 – 1982

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Most important skills needed in your job?

Logic, problem solving, effective communication, ability to be independent and also work well in a team and ability to work under pressure.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

How to get on with a diverse set of people. Education is important to get a good start in life.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

Sr. Anne's willingness and encouragement to me to continue both my education and my tennis. She was extremely forward looking and was willing to make it happen for me to continue my tennis (I was allowed to drop two subjects so I could use the time for practice) - I will always be forever thankful for Sr. Anne's support. I also loved the vibe and buzz of activity and enthusiasm around the school - I have very happy memories of my time at Ursuline.



SOPHIE WALTERS

1977 – 1982

FINANCE/ACCOUNTANCY

Most important skills needed in your job?

An ability to listen and to see things from the other person's point of view.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Qualifications are only important to get you to the next level. The most important thing I learnt in school was to live by the school motto SERVIAM; I have always tried to serve others first.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

The sense of community, which was especially noticable during assembly or school Masses and being part of a remarkable group of women, who really cared for and wanted what was best for one another.



SORACHA HEALY

2005 – 2012

MEDICINE

Most important skills needed in your job?

Good communication skills and the ability to work well in a team. You end up meeting a range of people from a variety of backgrounds and being able to connect and understand each other is very important. Also all health professionals work as part of a multi-disciplinary team - so getting on with people and making a positive contribution is essential!

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

I've learnt that while teachers guide you, the responsibility for learning lies with the individual. As qualifications go, my GCSES and A-levels have proven to be pretty important too.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

The friends I made there, as any memory I can think of involves them! The school Ski Trip had some highly comedic moments too!



TISHTRYA MEHTA

2007 – 2014

PHYSICS STUDENT

Most important skills needed in your job?

Thinking critically, discipline, resilience, enthusiasm.

What did you learn at school which has been important to you in your life after school?

Maths, physics, and further maths A-levels allowed me to explore what aspects of the sciences I found particularly exciting and spurred me on to wanting to learn more, giving me the drive to pursue the physics topics to higher education. Furthermore, French AS-level gave me a greater appreciation for foreign cultures and has been an invaluable skill during my travels abroad.

What is your best memory of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon?

Taking part in enrichment clubs with my friends, from art, choir, drama, French film club etc, there was always something fun to do! Once my friends and I entered a competition to design a Subway sandwich with the enterprise group in school (which ended up being made into a 6ft long sub), which was tremendous fun!



"LISTEN AND LEARN FROM EVERYONE,
YOU'LL LEARN TO FILTER OUT
WHAT HELPS AND WHAT DOESN'T
AND DON'T EVER BE AFRAID
TO ASK QUESTIONS."


ALISON LOBO
(1985 - 1990)

"I LOOK BACK AND REALISE THAT THE
URSULINE REALLY MADE ME FEEL
THAT WOMEN WERE EQUAL TO MEN IN
EVERYTHING WE CHOOSE TO DO."

GERALDINE LYONS
(1983 - 1988)

"A SISTER ONCE TOLD ME THE PERSON
WHO NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE NEVER
LEARNS ANYTHING."



JULIE SHEAHAN
(1959 - 1966)



"CONTINUOUS LEARNING
AND WORKING HARD ARE
CRITICAL TO SUCCEEDING
IN ANYTHING YOU DO.
ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN B.

THE ABILITY TO STAND ON
YOUR OWN TWO FEET AND
SUPPORT YOURSELF IS
IMPORTANT IN WHATEVER
YOU DECIDE TO DO."

SIOBHAN NICHOLSON
(1979 - 1982)



"FOLLOW THE SCHOOL MOTTO -
SERVIAM... USE YOUR NATURAL
ABILITY, GIVE YOUR 'BEST' AND
STRIVE TO IMPROVE AT ALL TIMES."

NORA ASHWORTH
(1939 - 1947)

"GO FOR IT, IF YOU DONT TRY, YOU
WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO SUCCEED."

ABIGAIL JONES
(1999 - 2006)

"... SOMETIMES OPPORTUNITIES
PRESENT THEMSELVES WHEN
YOU LEAST EXPECT THEM AND
LEAD YOU DOWN DIFFERENT
PATHS THAN THOSE YOU MAY
HAVE INTENDED TO TAKE."

AGI DONOVAN
(1985 - 1991)



Ursuline Wimbledon 125th Mural 2017



Glimpses of Alumnae

In this anniversary year we have been thinking of the contributions of many women; sisters, staff, students and alumnae. The timeline at the front of this booklet gives the key dates in the life of the school, but this year has given us some other glimpses of past alumnae. We learn something about them from the history written by Avey Pounder (who taught generations of students English here at the Ursuline) with the able assistance of Sisters Angela Mary Reidy, Ann Godfrey and Veronica Lyden.

Time Capsule

Alumnae at school in 1957 have a special place in Ursuline history as their names are all listed in a time capsule buried under the new Hall built that year, together with a set of coins and the medals of a great many saints. The hall was built with money raised a pound per brick by parents.

The Mural

Alumnae figure in the mural in the School Hall (we don't know many of their names), but one of the pupils is Sister Ann Godfrey and the lab assistant is Pat Prior who was also alumna.

Wartime

Ursuline students were not evacuated during the Second World War as Avey Pounder records "The Downs fell just outside the area for which the Government advised evacuation". Nora Ashworth a pupil at the time, recalls lessons in air raid shelters and clearing up debris and helping the elderly residents of the old people's home bombed on the Downs. The essays written by wartime students record how (Pip the convent dog) performed a useful function giving advanced warning of raids and talk of "the barrage of our ground defences being so fierce" that students had to shelter in the Convent roof passage "in order to avoid the hail of shrapnel".



(1) Source Wikipedia and Deruyk, René (1998). Louise de Bettignies: résistante lilloise (1880-1918). la Voix du Nord.

French Secret Agent

Intriguingly, Louise de Bettignies a French secret agent who spied on the Germans in Lille for the British during World War I, using the pseudonym of Alice Dubois, spent some time with Ursulines at Wimbledon (1) completing her education here, before going up to Oxford. When the Germans occupied her home town, Lille, Louise led an intelligence network in the North of France on behalf of the British army and MI6. She is said to have saved the lives of more than a thousand British soldiers. Arrested by the Germans in 1915 and sentenced to death, she died of an illness in a prison camp in 1918. She is buried in the cemetery of Saint-Amand-les-Eaux. She has been nicknamed the "Queen of spies" (1).





Can you help?

In our time at the Ursuline, learning from the stories of Alumnae, about what you have done and achieved, has given us the confidence to believe that we too can achieve. Learning from you about the relevance of what we learn at school to our future lives is incredibly motivating to us and students throughout the school. It shows us that if we work hard we can achieve our dreams and gives us insight into the many and diverse opportunities available to us beyond school. In this anniversary year we have heard from doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, HR managers, engineers, businesswomen, lawyers, chartered surveyors, scientists, civil servants, teachers, stage managers, people working in Politics, television and the Arts, musicians, accountants, , policewomen and much, more. If you can help to motivate students here at the Ursuline through sharing your story, getting involved in careers events or providing work experience please do let us know at Alumnae@uhsw.com.

Thank you for your fantastic support of our learning.

Madeleine Mamak and Molly Kennedy
Head Girl Team

Thank you for joining us at the Ursuline High School 125th Alumnae Celebration!


Can you help please?

We would welcome any support you can give the school through careers networking, work experience, mentoring, panel discussions and financial support.

IF YOU FEEL YOU COULD OFFER ANY HELP, PLEASE EMAIL US

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WILL OFTEN BE WHAT SUITS YOU
BEST AND COMES FROM BEING
OPEN TO OPPORTUNITIES."

GABRIEL MACGREGOR
(1977 - 1982)

"NEVER STOP LEARNING."

VERONICA HILDA MURRAY AYRES
(1940 - 1946)

"IF I GET NERVOUS OR WORRY
ABOUT SOMETHING, I JUST SAY
'*WHATS THE WORST THAT CAN
HAPPEN?*' THEN I GIVE IT A GO;
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOOSE,
SO JUST GO FOR IT!"

CAROLINE MCKENZIE
(1986 - 1989)



Brief History of St Angela

The Ursulines were founded by St Angela Merici who lived in Italy in the 16th century. St Angela was born around 1475 in Desenzano on the shores of Lake Garda in Northern Italy. She was left an orphan in early life and spent several of her early years at Salo with her uncle.

She acted as an advisor to the rich and influential and was known for her ability to reconcile those with differences. She was a ready helper of the poor and needy and she took a foremost place in what was very much a man's world. She moved to Brescia - the scene of her main work and where she eventually founded her company.

Prayer of St Angela

*Gracious God,
Let us remain in harmony,
United together;
All of one heart and one will.
Let us be bound to one another
by the bond of love,
respecting each other,
helping each other,
and bearing with each other in
Jesus Christ.
For if we try to be like this,
without doubt,
you, Lord God,
will be in our midst.*

Amen.

*"DO SOMETHING, GET MOVING, RISK
NEW THINGS, STICK WITH IT, GET ON
YOUR KNEES, THEN BE READY FOR BIG
SURPRISES!"*



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