



OMK Day & Dinner - Saturday 11 May 2019 Guest Speaker: OMK Phil de Glanville

We are delighted to announce OMK and former England rugby captain, Phil De Glanville (Mount House 1978-81), as our guest speaker for the OMK Dinner in May. Phil won 38 England caps in his seven years in the England squad, including both World Cups in 1995 and 1999. We are privileged to hear from Phil whose illustrious career on the rugby pitch, and now in business, will make for an excellent evening. The day's events at the School start at 2pm with the OMK cricket match against the School team, and this year the OMK golf competition at Tavistock Golf Club will take place on the same day (with a midday start). Bookings for the Day and Dinner will open in the new year - we will send you an email and application form by email.

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New Head Master announced



The Governors are delighted to announce that, from a very strong field of candidates, Mr Guy Ayling has been appointed as Head Master and Principal of the Foundation. Mr Ayling succeeds Mark Semmence who, after a highly successful tenure, leaves Mount Kelly in April to take up the post of Head Master at Repton School. Guy joins Mount Kelly from Llandovery College where he is currently Warden (Head Master), a post he has held for six years. He will be in post from April 2019.

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Strictly Come Dancing



Lauren Steadman (2007-11), usually known for her success in the world of paratriathlon, was a contestant in this year's series of BBC Strictly Come Dancing. Competing with her dance partner, AJ, she made it all the way to the semi-finals, a fantastic achievement. Having won the title of ITU World Triathlon Champion (PS4 category) only the week before the series began, her confidence grew on the dance floor as each week went by, and the MK community has been avidly supporting her all the way. [Photo: BBC]

[Well done Lauren](#)

The 560km English Channel Long Swim

Endurance swimmer and environmentalist Lewis Pugh (1980) successfully completed his challenge to swim the full length of the English Channel (560km or 348 miles) from Land's End to Dover in 49 days. His campaign, The Long Swim, aimed to raise awareness of the threat to the UK's coastal waters from climate change, over-fishing and plastic pollution. A UN Ambassador of the Seas, Lewis Pugh campaigns tirelessly for the protection of our oceans worldwide. [Photo:



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Pedalling for Prostate Cancer UK

Having been fighting prostate cancer for five years, Simon Aylett (1977-80) decided to undertake an incredible bucket-list journey pedalling 2,430 miles from Sussex to Syracuse in Sicily. He set off on 1 September, riding his e-bike and towing a bespoke lightweight caravan (with sleeping room, a solar roof, a battery bank and a small kitchen). Despite a few knockbacks, he arrived at his destination on 31 October, and has raised over £27k for Prostate Cancer UK in the process.

[Support Simon](#)

£100M raised for UK charities

Fellow OMKs David Weil (81-83) and Mark Hannaford (81-84) jointly founded events management company, Across The Divide, over 20 years ago. The organisation once again provided all the logistics behind the BBC Rickshaw Challenge for Children in Need. This year's rickshaw team raised over £78k, and crossing the finishing line marked an incredible milestone for ATD itself - the company has now raised over £100M for UK charities since 1997!

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Avalon Quartet wins Gold Medal

Well done to Sophie Wilson (2002-09) and the Avalon Quartet for winning a national gold medal at the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers Convention in October. The video of their winning performance can be seen using the link below.

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Graham Cooper, former Newton Housemaster

The Mount Kelly community was saddened to hear of the death of Graham Cooper, former teacher and Newton Housemaster at Kelly College from 1968-1990. The wake after Graham's funeral service was held in the College Library and was attended by over 130 OMKs, former colleagues and friends. Also fondly remembered as a great rugby coach, we are hoping that many of Graham's "rugby boys" will reunite this summer at the OMK Dinner on 11 May - to find out more, please email Anne Williams: anne119@sky.com



Rugby Semi-Final Natwest Cup

Congratulations to the 1st XV rugby team who beat Ravenswood School 24-14 in the quarter-final stage of the national Natwest Bowl in December at Bromley RFC. The team will go through to the semi-finals in the Lent term.

[Well done boys!](#)

Devon School Choir of the Year in Italy

In October, the Mount Kelly Chamber Choir travelled to Venice to compete in the Grado International Choral Festival (where they won a Silver Diploma) and were privileged to sing for Holy Mass at St Mark's Basilica. The choir has also been named the 'Devon School Choir of the Year' and will perform in a Christmas charity concert at Exeter Cathedral on Friday 14 December (to be recorded and broadcast on BBC Radio).



Attorney General Geoffrey Cox QC

The College welcomed former parent Geoffrey Cox QC MP to Mount Kelly in November. Mr Cox spoke to Sixth Form pupils during a relaxed Q&A session in the College Library about his career and his key role as Attorney General.

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OMK Hockey

Thank you to all the lovely OMK Ladies, and their supporters, who played hockey against our 1st XI Mount Kelly team on 17 November. The 7-0 score to MK does not reflect the quality of the match which was played in great spirit.

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50 Years On

On 13 October, we welcomed back a fantastic group of OMKs who left the College in 1968 for a highly successful and very happy 50 year reunion. Some had travelled from as far as the States, Canada and Belgium and for many it was their first time back since leaving; everyone enjoyed meeting old friends and teachers, John Killingbeck and John Mann.

[More images](#)

OMKs in Sydney

Many thanks to James Nicolle (78-83) for organising the biennial Oz Reunion in Sydney in November. Everyone had a very jolly evening and James read out a special message from the Head Master

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Hong Kong Drinks 9 January

All Hong Kong based OMKs are invited to join Mark Semmence and our Chairman of Governors, Dr Kevin Wilson, for a drinks reception at the W Hotel, Kowloon, on 9 January from 6.30pm

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Bristol Pub Night 5 February

All OMKs based in or near Bristol are warmly invited to the annual pub gathering at Somerset House, 11 Princess Victoria Street in Clifton on Tuesday 5 February, from 6pm onwards.

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Joyce Lee Memorial 20 March

Mount House alumni and staff will remember with fondness Ms Joyce "M'Lai" Lee who taught at the Prep from 1947 until 1992. We are dedicating a tree bench in her memory on Wednesday 20 March. All are warmly invited to attend.

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OMK Events 2019

Wednesday 9 January, 6.30pm
OMK & MK families, Drinks Reception HK

Saturday 2 February, 10am
OMK Boys' Hockey v. Mount Kelly

Tuesday 5 February, 6pm
OMKs Pub Gathering in Bristol

Saturday 9 February, 11am
OMK Ladies' Netball v. Mount Kelly

Wednesday 20 March, 2pm
Joyce Lee Memorial and Dedication

Saturday 11 May, midday
OMK Golf (Tavistock Golf Club)

Saturday 11 May, 2pm
OMK Day

Saturday 11 May, 2pm
OMK Cricket v. Mount Kelly

Saturday 11 May, 7pm
OMK Dinner

June 2019 (date tbc)
OMK Pub Gathering in London

Saturday 6 July
Mount Kelly Foundation Summer Ball

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