



Offshore Sailing at Mount Kelly

Mount Kelly is delighted to announce that, through an exciting partnership with Sailing Tectona, a Plymouth-based community interest company, *Olga* has been officially adopted as the Mount Kelly boat. *Olga*, a 56 foot cutter built in 1909 in Porthleven, is one of the most significant boats on the National Historic Ships Register. With growing evidence linking outdoor education to improved educational outcomes, *Olga* will sit at the heart of the School's extra-curricular programme and provide the ideal environment in which to develop the skills and qualities that lie at the heart of Mount Kelly's ethos; teamwork, leadership, resilience, tolerance, self-confidence and courage. Furthermore, it is the School's intention to make *Olga* available to OMKs for day cruises or even longer cruises and expeditions. Contact the alumni office for further details.

[Read more](#)

Mount Kelly celebrates excellent GCSE and A Level results



We are delighted to celebrate another year of outstanding examination results. A number of our pupils achieved straight A* and A grades at A Level and we are particularly pleased to see the continued strength in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) subjects, with over 55% of all papers in these subjects graded at A* or A. 76% of our pupils secured places at their first choice university.

[Read More A Level news.](#)

Over 40% of all GCSE grades awarded were 7-9, almost twice the national figure, and over 90% of all candidates were awarded 9-4. 20% of Mount Kelly pupils scored 8 or 9 in five or

more subjects. [Read more GCSE news and results.](#)

Sofia Oxenham in Poldark



Former Mount House pupils may have spotted fellow OMK Sofia Oxenham (1998-2006) in the fifth and latest series of Poldark, screened this summer, in which she played troublemaker Tess Treggiden. Sofia has also featured in Grantchester and Doc Martin. It was clear from an early

OMKs join Mount Kelly staff



This new academic year, Mount Kelly Swimming welcomes two Old Mount Kelleians onto the staff team. Ollie Taverner (2014-19) joins us for a year as the new Swimming Intern, and Hannah Morris (2009-16) is employed full-time as Assistant Swimming Coach with special responsibility for our

age that she was a talented actor, and is still remembered for long-serving staff for her portrayal of Maid Marian in the Mount House production of *Sherwood* in 2007!

Prep swimmers. Tessa Hansford (2015-17) continues to inspire our younger musicians and is now employed as Music Assistant at the Prep, having completed her Gap Year here as well.



Class of 2016 Courtenay boys return

We were delighted to welcome back many of the Class of 2016 Courtenay boys on 7 September for an informal reunion. Organised by Nico Cording (2011-16), it was great to see so many return for the occasion. They were joined by Housemaster, Richard Stanyer, as well as other members of staff who taught them and who were delighted to hear how well they have done since leaving School.

[A great reunion](#)



Alumnet - Online Platform for OMKs

Over 400 of you have already signed up to Alumnet - our OMK social networking platform. Alumnet allows OMKs to keep in touch with friends, and is especially useful in making new connections for business/career purposes such as finding work experience of career advice. Alumnet will provide huge benefits, both personal and professional. It is as easy to use and access as any other social media platform, but is dedicated solely to the needs of the Old Mount Kelleian community.

[Sign Up](#)



Head Master to meet OMKs in Hong Kong

Head Master, Guy Ayling, will be visiting Hong Kong next month with our Director of Marketing & Admissions, Vanessa Bowles. He would be delighted to meet any former pupils, former parents and current parents whilst he is in the city. Please join Guy and Vanessa at the WOOPAR, W Hotel, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon Station from **7.30pm on Tuesday 15 October**. It will be a very informal gathering to which all are welcome; please let us know if you are intending to join them via this [LINK](#).

[RSVP](#)

Save the Date: OMK Day & Dinner - Saturday 2 May 2020



The eagle-eyed amongst you will have spotted that the early May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been moved back by four days to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8 May. This is usually the weekend of our OMK Day and Dinner, so the event will therefore take place on **Saturday 2 May**. It will include the usual cricket match, golf tournament, family fun and dinner in the evening. This year will also see the inaugural OMK Masters Swimming Gala, which will give some of our former swimmers the opportunity to race in the Olympic Legacy Pool. Please save the date in your diaries now.

Old Mount Kelleian Magazine 2018

The 2018 OMK Magazine is available to download by clicking on the link below. We hope you enjoy reading OMK news from 2018, as well as news that covers the academic year 2017-2018. Please note, we no longer send hard copies of the magazine unless specifically requested, but copies are available for free at all our events. [Please send us your news for the 2019 edition of the OMK Magazine using this LINK](#)

[Download the 2018 Magazine](#)



John Mann, Mark Tailour & Agnes Wellman



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of three much-loved members of staff. Full obituaries will be included in the 2019 Old Mount Kelleian Magazine.

John Mann, OBE (pictured) was appointed in 1955 and left in 1993, after an incredible 38 years during which time he held various roles including House Master, Head of CCF and Head of Languages. John passed away on 25th September; memorial service details will be published in due



course. The family have requested for any messages of condolence to be posted or [emailed](#) to the Alumni Office at Mount Kelly for forwarding on.

Mark Tailyour was appointed in 2010 as a teacher of Physics and a Science Technician. Diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in early 2018, Mark passed away on 5th September. A memorial will be held at St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, on Saturday 26th October to which all are welcome.

Agnes Wellman (fondly known as the Blue Dragon), was Head Matron of Mount House from 1984-1992 under the Headship of Charles Price. Agnes died on 23rd July, aged 98.

OMK Events 2019 & 2020

Tuesday 15 October 2019
OMKs gathering in Hong Kong

Friday 8 November 2019, 6.30pm
Mount Kelly Bonfire Night (Prep)

Saturday 8 February 2020
Ladies' Netball v. Mount Kelly

Saturday 8 February 2020
OMK Netball

Wednesday 12 February 2020
OMKs Pub Gathering in Bristol

March 2020 (tbc)
OMK Men's Hockey v. Mount Kelly

Saturday 2 May 2020
OMK Day & Dinner
OMK Golf (Tavistock Golf Club)
OMK Cricket v. Mount Kelly

June 2020 (day tbc)
OMK Pub Gathering in London

Saturday 4 July 2020
Mount Kelly Foundation Summer Ball

[Click here to enquire about any of the above events](#)



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