



# AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE May 2018

**Tickets Are Still Available!**

**AHS/AGS 1997-2017  
Leavers' Reunion  
14th July 2018**



We would love to see as many Leavers as we can from the years 1997 - 2017 at our joint 14th July event with AGS.

To add to the fun, Leavers can now purchase tickets for their partner to attend the event as well.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to see your school again, reconnect with past students and staff, meet our current staff and governors; as well as having guided tours of both schools.

There will be live music from our student bands, a hot buffet and other refreshments available, including an informal cash bar.

**To buy your ticket, please contact**

**Alison Pexton**  
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### GDPR Is Almost Here!

If you have not done so, we would appreciate you completing and emailing in a [Contact & Consent Form](#) to:  
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## Our Inspirational Alumnae In The News !

Well Done and Congratulations to Alumna and inspirational Paralympian, **Gemma Collis**, who in April was voted by the International Paralympic Committee as Athlete of the Month, having recently won a gold medal at the Montreal Wheelchair Fencing World Cup after a long period of illness.



The 25-year-old two-time Paralympian has Complex Regional Pain Syndrome which affects her nervous system and last year opted to have her right leg amputated below the knee after nine years of pain because of the condition.

Gemma is the first British female World Cup gold medallist and the first female to win a gold medal since a Paralympic gold in 1988!

Alumna **Cinzia Imbriano**, a teacher at Aylesbury's Green Ridge Academy, is a finalist for the 'Outstanding New Teacher of the Year' award, one of the prestigious Pearson Teacher Awards. Nominated by her Head Teacher, Aaron Wanford, Cinzia is one of five finalists. Judges from the



Alumna **Claire Foy** has been in the headlines this month about the gender pay row on The Crown.

The revelation that the actor Claire Foy was paid less than her male co-star, Matt Smith, in the Netflix hit The Crown caused a scandal in March, amid allegations of sexism in the entertainment industry.

Now she will reportedly receive back pay for her performance as the Queen, as the makers of the Netflix drama seek to



teaching awards spent a day in the school and spoke to students, parents and staff as they make their important decision about who is crowned 'winner' for 2018. We wish Cinzia the very best of luck!

Congratulations to Alumna **Emma Hollis** for her appointment as Executive Director for the National Association of School Based Teacher Trainers.

In her interview with the Times Educational Supplement (TES) in March, Emma shared

close the gender pay gap.

In a recent interview Claire disclosed that she was embarrassed by the controversy 'I think that's really changed my approach to myself and other women in this industry. It's been only a positive thing - even though, embarrassing."



her view that there is a need to reduce the pressure on teachers, by introducing teaching apprenticeships and extend newly qualified teacher NQT induction.

**If you have any news about Alumna, we would really love to hear from you, please email to [apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk)**



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Please remember our Building A Brighter Future Fund which helps us to develop the school's resources to ensure that every girl is able to fulfil her potential, wherever her strengths may lie.



**Any donation to our Fund is very gratefully received and contributes significantly to our school's development.**

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## Supporting Our Year 12 Future Success Day on Thursday 5 July

Our Year 12 Future Success Day is on Thursday 5th July and we are asking Alumnae to support our students as they plan their futures by researching their futures, preparing personal statements to support university and job applications and finding out more about apprenticeships, gap years and other opportunities.

One of the compulsory sessions for the day is on interview skills. The objective is to give students an introduction to good (and bad) practice in interviews which will include: key aspects of interview behavior, students practicing mock interviews and students observing and commenting on a model interview between staff/volunteers

We would be delighted if any alumnae with an interest in



this field would be willing to join school staff in delivering these workshops.

The format of the day means that we need to deliver 2 or 3 workshops simultaneously and there are 3 sessions of around 50 minutes during the morning, so we would be very grateful for offers to support either 1, 2 or 3 workshops (refreshments and lunch will be provided).

In addition, we offer a number of opt-in talks and workshops and would be keen to offer the students something on preparing a CV. This would be a slot of about 30 minutes in the early afternoon. We would be really grateful if anyone is willing to give a talk on this. You would be very welcome to join us for lunch beforehand.

If you would like to find out more, please email; [apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk)

## Our AHS Archive Structure



We have received a good response to our request for support to create an AHS Archive and we are very thankful for all your offers of future involvement.

Looking more closely at the project we believe we now

need specialist expertise to help us to design an archive structure.

If you have experience of this and can help us, please email

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## An Informal Alumnae Lunch Reunion in June

Alumnae **Odette Harris** (nee Gibbs) and **Sue Rickard** are arranging a lunchtime reunion on Saturday 16th June in the Aylesbury area for alumnae who were in their year groups at AHS: 1964 - 1971 or 1964 -1969.

They would love to reconnect with alumnae who were at AHS at that time, to share memories catch up on news



and to plan further reunions. If you would like to join them in June, please could you forward your details to

Alison Pexon at AHS, who will let Odette and Sue know.