



AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI February 2019

Our Final 60th Birthday Student Assemblies!

**AHS 60th Birthday
Celebration Day
Saturday 6th July**



Many friends of AHS have contacted us regarding arrangements for our 60th Birthday Celebration Day and we would like to invite as many of our Alumni as we can, to a Special 60th Birthday Alumni Reunion that day, to mark this very special occasion.

Our dedicated Alumni venue will be the Sixth Form block where we will provide refreshments, display AHS memorabilia, archive materials, show some of our Living History podcasts and the Students' 60th Birthday Film.

Our AHS History Book will be on sale on the day, together with the Sixth Form Subject Leaders 60th Birthday Magazines and our 60th Birthday mugs.

There will be guided tours of the school and its facilities, and every opportunity to take part in the day's presentations and celebrations!

This Alumni event will be open to all AHS Alumni and former staff from across the years, and everyone is welcome!

Tickets will be available after Easter from apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk

February saw the last set of our 60th Birthday Student Assemblies, covering the 2000s, and once more we were delighted to welcome back Alumni Women Who Inspire to speak at our student assemblies: **Paralympian Gemma Collis McCann, Louisa Johns and Becca Harty.**

Each of these Alumni shared their memories of AHS and the inspiration and influence it had on their future careers and aspirations.

Alumna Gemma Collis-McCann, 2004-2011, always had a love for sport at school and fondly remembers her sporting success here, as well as her school trips to Germany and to Washington. When she became unwell, she remembers how AHS staff helped her to regain her confidence. Gemma went on to study Law at Durham University, but was soon spotted by the Paralympian Fencing Coach, who suggested that she could excel at this sport.... the rest is history! Gemma's advice to students: 'take every opportunity no matter what you think of it. Follow your dreams. Do not let anyone tell you that you cannot do it!'

Alumna Louisa Johns, 2005-2012, is currently a Data Scientist at Trainline and vividly remembers Duke of Edinburgh and World



2000s



Challenge trips via AHS. She went on to study Physics at Durham University and a Masters in Data Science at King's College, London. Mr Rosen's advice that school prepares you for jobs that don't exist at the moment was especially relevant for Louisa, and her advice to students is that there are increasingly roles for women in science, so take advantage of this!

Alumna Becca Harty, 2007-2014, is currently working at AHS as a Pastoral Assistant and Alumni Projects Assistant, whilst finalising her postgraduate Journalism qualification; having studied History & Politics at Nottingham University. Becca shared with students how she loved being at AHS and how it

inspired in her a further love of history, dance and travelling; as well as debating and women's rights. Her advice to students: to take advantage of every opportunity offered to you and to follow your inspiration!

We would like to thank all our Women Who Inspire for coming back to AHS to speak at these assemblies and for taking part in our Living History interviews.

Through meeting and talking to our Alumni from the past 60 years, we have gained a much better appreciation of our school's history and so have discovered even more reasons to celebrate our sixty years of success!

Did You Watch BBC Question Time?

If you watched BBC Question Time broadcast from Aylesbury on Valentine's Day, you may have spotted Alumna Dani Loughran as one of the audience asking questions, and also Alumna Becca Harty in the audience too!



RAFFLE PRIZE APPEAL

COULD YOU (OR YOUR COMPANY) DONATE A HIGHER VALUE GIFT FOR OUR RAFFLE?

We really need your support to find some exciting raffle prizes for our fundraising!

Please contact Mrs Pexton for more information

AHS 60th Birthday Mugs Are Now For Sale!

£6.50 per mug
(to be collected from AHS)



In celebration of our 60th Birthday, we now have celebration mugs for sale, to order via our online [AHS School Shop](#) (please click on this link).

The mugs feature our 60th Birthday logo and they are dishwasher-safe too!

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60th Birthday Fundraising Campaign To Refurbish The Tower Block



Our 2019 ambition is to transform the ten 1959 Tower Block classrooms into modern, attractive spaces for the best possible learning.

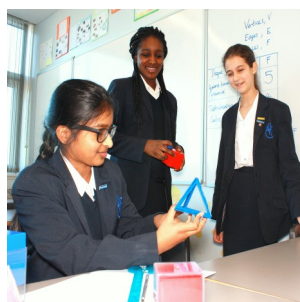
Building work will start on 28 May 2019 and we anticipate the project will be completed by the Autumn Term. With your generous support, we hope to raise £75,000 to contribute to the costs!

Why the Tower Block?

- It is the highest priority on our Premises Improvement Plan
- It presents a real opportunity to enhance teaching and learning
- Maths and Geography are core subjects, so every student benefits
- The Tower Block classrooms are the smallest in the school

What will we do?

- Improve room layouts
- Update IT facilities to fit in with I:1
- Install interactive display screens (with the kind help of AHSA)
- Optimise storage facilities



How can you help?

We are asking our parents, Alumni and friends of AHS to support us with our 60th Birthday fundraising, by donating to campaigns of their choice:

A Regular Donation

[Please click here](#) to make your online choice and online donation

[Please click here](#) to download a donation form to complete and return to AHS

Maximise Your Donations With Gift Aid

Aylesbury High School is a registered charity (No 1058760) and can reclaim tax on all donations that UK taxpayers make under the Gift Aid scheme, increasing the value of the gift to AHS and decreasing the cost of the gift to donors.



When you complete your AHS School Fund Donation Form and sign the Gift Aid declaration, we can claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you donate.

'Buy' A Commemorative Plaque For Our AHS Memory Wall

Alumni are being invited to 'buy' a commemorative plaque for a £100 sponsorship to permanently remember their time here at AHS. These plaques will

feature on a bespoke AHS display board in the Main Reception Area.



[Please click here](#) for a plaque donation form.

'Buy' a Number*

Select a number of your choice, make a donation and have your name displayed on the Number Donation Plaque



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Select a country of your choice, make a donation and have your name displayed on the Country Donation Plaque



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**All Number/Country donations over £25 entitle you to have your chosen name inscribed on the Donation Plaque. This will be displayed in the completed Tower Block, to commemorate this 60th Anniversary project.*

Please remember, every donation of whatever size helps, and every penny is put to good use!