

HIGH STORRIANS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR OUR ALUMNI - SUMMER 2023

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD CLAIRE TASKER

It is a sunny afternoon at High Storrs as I type this note. The trees at the front of school are in bloom and in the piazza some birds are fighting for scraps of lunchtime sandwiches. The atmosphere in school is as upbeat and positive as usual. Any second now the bell will ring, and hundreds of students will spill out of the doors. The outdoor space will be quickly filled with colourful figures (in all manner of outfits) and the air filled with laughter, chat, whistles, and shouting. They will share tales from their various lessons (Maths, English, French, History, Latin, Dance, DT, Film etc etc) and any excitement from lunchtime (on the field or at a club, for example).



In many ways school life at High Storrs has not changed at all. The above will sound just as familiar to you if you left two years ago or twenty-two years ago. You might even have had some of the same teachers! Regardless of age many of you will have memories of being part of the ever-fabulous HSS production or playing for the football team. You will remember being on our massive school field or trekking down the long, long corridors. There is so much shared history and happiness in every bit of this school building. That is one of the reasons why we have such a strong alumni community, and I am so grateful for the support and interest from you all. And I hope we can find even more ways to keep you up to date with all that is going on and ensure we welcome you back to HSS to inspire and support our current students.

Some things have changed too. We are bigger than ever – 1700 students bursting out of the building. Our Sixth Form has gone from strength to strength and exam results at GCSE and A level are very strong. We were named in The Times top 12 state and grammar schools in the north. Despite national shortages we get good numbers of applicants for jobs we advertise, and surveys tell us our staff and students are happy. In some ways I still feel like ‘the new Headteacher’ but I have been here for nearly seven years now. High Storrs remains the happiest place I have ever worked.

Best wishes,
Claire Tasker





High Storrs School Alumni Newsletter Questionnaire 2023

Our Alumni Newsletter is designed to keep you informed & part of our community. We would like to make sure that it contains the most useful information for you so please take 5 minutes to complete our short questionnaire [HERE](#)

Thank you



COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING LEAD PAULA LEE

Hello, I have recently joined High Storrs School bringing with me over 25 years' experience in MarComs including over 7 years in the private healthcare sector & 15 years in Higher Education. I am responsible for marketing, events, communications (internal & external), design & content, increasing awareness, social media, website, advertising & whatever else comes my way!



I am looking forward to helping improve our engagement with you, our Alumni. So, to start off the process I hope you will [complete our short questionnaire](#) so I can ensure our content is what you are wanting. Thank you.

Paula Lee

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM LAURA NEWELL

When I joined High Storrs six years ago I was quickly struck by the school's impressive alumni network - something we didn't have at my previous school. I have been privileged to meet many alumni, who have all supported and added value to the experiences of our current students. Everyone exudes passion and enthusiasm about High Storrs!



Many of you have helped with our 'Alumni Talks' to Y12 students each autumn, speaking about your career pathways since leaving High Storrs; others have provided mentorship for students exploring specific career pathways; many more have supported students with mock interviews for university courses or jobs. As Director of Sixth Form I really can see the positive impact you have on our students as they navigate their way into the world of work. So... for all of this, and so much more, I thank you!

Laura Newell

If you have anything that you think would be useful or other Alumni would be interested in please contact us [here](#) or email communications@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk