

SENIOR SCHOOLS

New developments and new starters



Fan favourite: drama scholar Amira is part of the *Bridgerton* cast

ON THE SET OF BRIDGERTON

The Leys' sixth form drama scholar, Amira, has returned to Emmy-nominated Netflix drama *Bridgerton* for the third season as a 'debutante'. Amira first appeared in the hit show with a non-speaking role in the last series. Her musical ability also sees her perform weekly in the pupil-led music committee she helps to run. Amira's passion for drama is clear as she has appeared in a large volume of the schools productions.



BACK TO EARTH

Mack Rutherford, from **Sherborne School**, has become the youngest person ever to fly solo around the world, after a five-month journey involving 52 countries on five continents. He wanted to show that grit, determination and resilience can help anyone to overcome challenges and achieve success. Mack has now returned to Sherborne to complete his A-levels.



ZERO-CARBON BY 2030

Haileybury School has launched a whole-school approach to sustainability and aims to be zero-carbon by 2030. The school's initiatives include immediate changes such as reducing electricity, gas, paper and water usage, as well as addressing sustainability in the curriculum. Long term strategies include converting the transport fleet to electric.



PUPILS BECOME TEACHERS

Tonbridge boys are gaining new perspectives on teaching and learning by taking part in the School's Learning Mentor Programme. Led by Hayley McIntock, Head of Learning Strategies, the training includes developing mentors' numeracy, literacy and communication skills, and how to support neurodiverse pupils in their learning. The mentors also take part in enrichment activities with the pupils, including visits to the Barton Science Centre and a music-into-literacy session in the School Chapel.

FRANCIS HOLLAND BURSARIES CAMPAIGN

At **Francis Holland School, Sloane Square**, their vision is to provide an inspiring education in a community which empowers girls. They recently launched the Francis Holland Foundation Scholarships, new awards for those who could not attend the school without significant financial support. But, fee income alone is insufficient; the school has launched a Promise Campaign which aims to build a £15 million endowment fund by 2032 to support Foundation Scholars.

CHANGING FACES

Heads on the move



The Governors of **Lady Eleanor Holles School (LEH)** are pleased to announce that Rowena Cole has been appointed as the School's next Head Mistress. Rowena will take up the position in September 2023.



Blundell's has appointed a new Director of Cricket, Dean Headley, who will be joining Blundell's in the summer term. Dean had a very successful career as a cricketer, most notably as an international player for England from 1996 to 1999.



Amy Wallace joined **Queen's Gate** as Principal in September 2022, having previously taught at St. Catherine's, Twickenham, St. Francis' College and Wycombe Abbey. She is also a governor at Badminton School and Halliford School.



Magnus Bashaarat has been announced as the new Head Teacher of **Maida Vale School**, London. Magnus, formerly head of Milton Abbey and Bedales schools, will start his role in April 2023, following the departure of current Head, Steven Winter.



Carlien Shelley was appointed Headmistress at **Malvern College Switzerland** in September 2022. Carlien has previously held posts as founding head at Wycombe Abbey School, Nanjing, and of Shrewsbury School, Guangzhou in China.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS



NEW OLYMPIA SCHOOL

The **Alpha Plus Group** is to open **The Wetherby Arts School** in 2025, a co-educational senior school for children aged 11-18. The new school will be located in Kensington, London, and will feature high-tech facilities, including classrooms enabled for hybrid teaching and learning, which will allow students to attend lessons on site or remotely at the same time. Alpha Plus will provide funding for some children to attend the BRIT Kids classes free of charge.

NEW CRICKET CENTRE

In October 2022, **Merchant Taylors'** Head Master, Simon Everson, and a small group of guests gathered to break ground ahead of the construction of the Julian Hill Cricket Centre. The new centre will have specified bowling lanes that will replicate the conditions for both spin and seam; a specialist fielding area; video analysis equipment; a viewing gallery and an events space.



PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES



AROUND BRITAIN IN A BOAT

Wellington School Sixth Form student Harry Besley is committed to demonstrating the potential of electric engines, so will be attempting to drive around Britain in an electric boat this summer. This is part of the Round Britain eRIB Challenge which has been set up to encourage the marine industry to a more sustainable future.



A-LEVELS IN A YEAR

Charterhouse has launched an online school, Charterhouse Online, which offers fast-track International A-levels through live lessons, subject clinics and carefully structured self-study. There are opportunities to study International A-levels in Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Maths, Further Maths and Physics which can be completed in a year and open up doors to universities across the world.

CHESS CHAMPIONS

Three **Brentwood School** students have gained prestigious chess accolades over the festive period at the London Junior Chess Championships. Brentwood School Chess Captain, Nina Pert (Year 10) became London Girls' Under 18 Champion; Max Pert (Year 8), Under 16 Champion and Jaden Omoruyi (Year 8), Under 14 Minor Champion. Yahya Ferdhaus (Year 8), Anushka Kishore Kumar (Year 8), Aryan Gohil (Year 7) and George Nanayakkara (Year 5) also took part in the event.

