



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL!



On 1st September this year Paula Holloway became the fifth Principal of St. Clare's in its five decades of existence. A graduate of the London School of Economics, she went on to complete a Masters in Educational Studies at Jesus College, Oxford. Paula spent three years in the financial services sector before moving to Hong Kong and entering the teaching profession.

She comes to St. Clare's with a wealth of experience, having been

Head of the prestigious Latifa School in Dubai and of Ashford School in Kent.

There will be opportunities to meet the new Principal at forthcoming College Open Days, and at the traditional Christmas Mulled Wine Evening, or at the St. Clare's Association events. Even if you are visiting Oxford at another time of the year, do come by. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

## Raising Funds for Scholarships at St. Clare's

Last year saw the establishment of the St. Clare's Annual Fund, which is the yearly appeal we make to our alumni, parents, governors and friends for funds to help us do better. We ask people to support the Annual Fund to enable the College to do more than is possible through the normal fee income. By giving to the Annual Fund our alumni, parents and governors are investing collectively in the future of St. Clare's, ensuring that new students will continue to benefit from the best facilities and the highest standards of teaching.

During the year 2004 – 2005 we raised over £16,000 which enabled the College to complete the installation of the new wireless internet connection.

This year we are concentrating entirely on Scholarships, as we have identified this as the most pressing area for which we require further support. The St. Clare's mission is "to advance international education and understanding", and we want to be able to offer the opportunity to experience the unique atmosphere and education

of St. Clare's to students who would not otherwise be able to come here. We also want to attract students of exceptional ability in a range of different subject disciplines including music and the arts.

Further information will be sent out shortly, but in the meantime please get in touch with the Development & Alumni Office if you are interested in helping to fulfill our mission – see back page for all contact details.

Kay Honner  
Development Director

READ MORE ABOUT THE COURSES ST. CLARE'S NOW OFFERS:  
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# Letter from the Principal



Dear parents, alumni  
and friends of the  
College,

Recently, I had a meeting with an editor for BBC South Today. The conversation was about the kinds of programmes he was hoping to produce. He was looking to see how international news events could be given a local twist by relating them directly to the lives of ordinary people in and around Oxford. He then asked me what I thought the difference was between St. Clare's, an international college, and schools which taught "international awareness" as part of the curriculum. My response was that international education was not an adjunct, an add-on to the curriculum, but that it was something which we tried to embed in the College in everything that we do – I could not describe St. Clare's without using the word "international".

Over the last few weeks I have listened to the extraordinary range of languages being spoken around the College. Language is important here because it both expresses who we are and it reinforces our efforts to communicate with each other. One of the key facets of promoting international education and understanding is the ability to communicate, to listen and, as importantly, to disagree.

Each year, St. Clare's arranges a number of International Days. During the most recent one, the morning was given over to discussions about all kinds of issues such as "Should Turkey be a member of the EU?", "Aid to Africa – more harm than good?", the afternoon to films from all over the world and the evening to an international buffet followed by a concert.

I enjoyed many things about the evening not least of all the witty, irreverent way in which the students

were able to gently laugh at themselves – always a healthy sign in any community. Although different ethnic groups represented their own communities, another very positive feature was the multi-ethnic groups which chose to perform together.

The morning discussion groups showed a strong level of maturity and sensitivity in the way that difficult topics were discussed. Having spent nine years in the Middle East I was particularly interested in the discussion about Islam. I listened, fascinated, by the highly personal and robust account of what Islam meant to a Saudi student and the parallels which were then drawn between her own religion and that of others.

What then about the second dimension of the St. Clare's mission "education"? One group of students talked about the importance of being educated and how an educated person is able to question what they hear, see and read. "Isn't education about knowledge?" said one student. "If education is only about gaining knowledge", said another "then we are all wasting our time". "Learning has to be about thinking and being critical about our own knowledge and the knowledge of others." I would agree with the views of the second student and go on to add another dimension - the importance of being educated in a liberal, open environment such as St. Clare's and the impact that living and working in such an environment has on individual motivations and beliefs.

International education and understanding had a very different meaning in 1953 when the College

was founded. Framed in the context of the Cold War and the Atlantic pact, St. Clare's was a place which tried to forge new relationships by encouraging young people from all over Europe to come and study in Oxford. Today, the emphasis is still on bringing young people together but from a worldwide catchment area from over 45 different countries. International education and understanding will obviously mean something different to young people who have lived in two or three countries by the time they are fifteen, have travelled widely and have constant access to the internet and SKY TV. This does not make the St. Clare's mission any less challenging – the importance of bringing young people together in a world that appears increasingly fractured can never be underestimated.

I can see no better way of concluding this letter than to refer to the words of Alec Peterson (the founder of the International Baccalaureate), who thought that students should recognize that all persons are of equal value and that they should develop the skills to empathize with others and the situations in which they find themselves: They should acquire the knowledge to understand their own motivations and the motivations of others and develop a set of moral principles and act upon them. An inspirational set of values for a unique institution!

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paula Holloway".

Paula Holloway  
Principal

## Development & Alumni Office Round-Up

2005 has been a year of new beginnings in the Development and Alumni Office. In January Rebecca Lynchsmith joined St. Clare's as Development Officer and has been working with the Development Director, Kay Honner, on a number of new initiatives that have been set up this year.

As many of you will know from the last newsletter, we have established two annual events that take place each June. This year saw the very successful first ever St. Clare's Association Weekend take place here in Oxford. The event was attended by Miss Anne Dreydel and many former staff and alumni from all over the world. Next year's St. Clare's Association Weekend is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

June and we look forward to seeing many of you there. This June also saw a very well attended Recent Leaver's Reunion, which will be held next year on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. This second reunion will be for alumni from the years 1997-2005.

We have seen the number of registrations on our 'Friends Reunited' style database soar over the past year and we have managed to reunite many of you with friends with whom you had lost touch. We are also working on improving the Careers Network within St. Clare's Online and it is for this reason that we ask you to please fill out the small Careers Card that comes with this newsletter and return it to us in the envelope provided.

In the last newsletter we introduced our Alumni Ambassadors Programme and asked for those of you interested in the programme to let us know. We have received a pleasing response so far, with alumni from various countries enthusiastically coming forward to offer help in their part of the world. If you are interested in becoming an Alumni Ambassador, send us an email at [alumni@stclares.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@stclares.ac.uk) and we will be happy to forward the job description to you.



Kay Honner & Rebecca Lynchsmith

## St. Clare's Dynasties

It is always encouraging to see how many of our current students have come to us to study because a family member had such a positive experience here in the past. At present we have at least three IB1 students who have a parent who was also at St. Clare's. Andrea Torras Guiarrusso's father, Javier Torras, was here in 1979, making him one of the first IB students. Laura Pastre-Chauveau's mother, Catherine Chauveau, studied English at St. Clare's in 1974, while Trinity Hutton's mother, Charity Charity, came to St. Clare's to do A-Levels in 1977.

In addition, we have Matilda McFall, currently in the second year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Her grandmother, Philippa McFall, studied at St. Clare's in 1954, only a year after St. Clare's was founded.

Not only do we have three IB students whose parents are alumni, the term also started with two students at Bardwell Road whose parents had either studied at St. Clare's or at the Oxford Academy. One student is Camilla Cravetto, who has not only extended her booking with us, but also persuaded her brother to come to St. Clare's. Her father, Edoardo Cravetto, was here over 30 years ago in 1972. The other was Bianca Schwarz, who left not long ago after 3 months' study, whose father had been a student at the Oxford Academy.

There are probably many more St. Clare's Dynasties out there that we haven't discovered. We would love to see even more alumni bringing back family and friends, or alternatively, you could re-enroll like the 38% of the students currently studying English Language, who are on their second or subsequent course at St. Clare's!

## A truly international community

We are proud of the diversity of our student body. One way (but obviously, not the only way) of indicating diversity is nationality, so you might be interested to know that we have 45 nationalities on site at present - 35 on pre-university courses; 28 on senior courses.

The largest numbers are from USA (36 students), UK (34), Holland (31), Russia (25), Germany (22), China (21), Brazil (18) and Kazakhstan (18).

Countries with only one representative of their nationality currently are Albania, Australia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Colombia, Czech Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Greece, Indonesia, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Portugal, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

# What do we offer?

## The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

The IB Diploma is a two year programme for students aged 16 and above, preparing for university entry. It is a very well established and highly regarded alternative to A-Levels. The IB provides a strong preparation for university study and is accepted by all UK universities and most universities world-wide.

At St. Clare's, with over 27 years experience teaching the IB, the programme is well-established and consists of around 100 IB students in each of the two years. Class sizes are small and are on a 1:7 teacher:student ratio and exam results and university placements are excellent. (Have a look at the article 'International Baccalaureate Results hit a new high' on pg.6.)

Nick Lee, Director of Studies, writes: *"We have always offered an exciting programme for the able and well-motivated. In the last few years, we have managed to improve it in two main areas. First, the appointment of a Dean of Students has meant additional support for our students both academically and socially. Second, the enhanced Activities Department has provided students with an ever wider range of activities outside class."*

## The Pre-International Baccalaureate Programme/English 16+

The Pre-IB/EC16+ is designed for those students who require further academic preparation or need to improve their English before starting the IB. It is also suitable for students who wish to take a study break at St. Clare's before returning to their own school, as students can join the course for the whole year or at the start of any of five modules.

## The IB Institute

The Institute normally runs during vacations and draws on the College's extensive expertise and resources to provide introduction, revision, review and extension courses for students and technical workshops for teachers.

### IB Diploma Introduction:

This introductory course is designed for students who are about to embark on the IB Diploma programme. Devised and developed by the Diploma teachers at St. Clare's, this unique three week course enables students to refine and develop their study skills in preparation for the Diploma programme in their own school.

### IB Diploma Review:

The IB Diploma Review Course is designed for students who have completed the first year on an IB Diploma programme. It entails a thorough review of the first year's studies and enhances performance throughout the second year and in the build up to the final examinations.

### The IBO Approved Teachers' Workshops:

These three day workshops for teachers of IB Diploma subjects aim to provide guidance in and discussion of syllabus interpretation, assessment criteria and more. The workshops are conducted in small informal groups with IBO approved leaders.

## English Language Summer Courses

In June, July and August, St. Clare's offers a wide range of high quality English Language courses for students of four distinct age groups; adults (see English 18+ Courses opposite), the 16-18 age group, the 13-16 Junior age group and the 10-12 Young Junior age group.

Students in the upper age ranges can attend a General English course consisting of 21 hours of language tuition per week or a more intensive course with additional English language learning. English Plus Shakespeare is a 3-week course aimed at students wishing to improve their General English skills, but who also want to learn more about the famous playwright, with theatrical performances in London, Oxford and Stratford. We also offer English for Academic Purposes for students preparing for academic study in England.



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## English Language Summer Courses continued ...

Our Junior courses are held at a safe and secure residential campus in Oxford and run throughout July and August. These 3-week programmes of General English include a rich variety of activities and excursions and special care for our young learners.

All of our courses are residential and full-board with excellent on-site facilities, good food, well qualified and caring staff and an exciting social activities programme including sports and excursions. Students come from over 50 countries worldwide and receive a first class international experience combined with the St. Clare's reputation for excellent teaching.

## English 18+ Courses

St. Clare's is widely accepted in the EFL world as one of the foremost providers of English Language programmes in the country. We have been a leading member of ARELS (Association of Recognised English Language Services) for more than 40 years and since its creation in 2004 of English UK.

The St. Clare's Bardwell Road Centre offers English Language programmes throughout the year for adult students (minimum age 18). These generally culminate in an externally-validated examination: IELTS for university entrance in the UK or a Cambridge Certificate (Preliminary English Test, First Certificate or Cambridge Advanced or Proficiency) as proof of language competence for future studies or a career back home. There is also a unique opportunity to share the site and certain subject-related lessons with native speakers.

In the summer, many students take the opportunity to benefit from the exciting range of shorter courses. These normally last for two or three weeks and combine a serious academic programme with all the cultural advantages of living in a college residence in North Oxford.

Whatever the ambitions of the student – whether it is English for examinations, English for university entrance, English for career development or simply English for pleasure - there is a programme at St. Clare's to suit all non-native speakers.

## Liberal Arts Programme

This programme enables visiting university and gap-year students to earn 9 to 15 units of credit towards their undergraduate degree. As of January 2006, a revised menu of courses will be offered including new courses in the humanities and social sciences that incorporate international and comparative perspectives. A key component of the LA programme is the St. Clare's Seminar series. All students are encouraged to participate (with the option of earning credit) in this lively, multidisciplinary forum for academic reflection.

Students may apply for the Scholar's Programme, a joint initiative between St. Clare's and Blackfriars Hall, a small Permanent Private Hall of Oxford University. In September 2006, the LA programme launches an innovative programme of study for undergraduate education and licensure students. The Educational Studies Programme addresses key issues in educational theory and practices in the UK and internationally. It also includes a monitored internship in a local primary or secondary school.

## Advanced Studies Programme

This programme enables non-native English speakers to enrich their English Language skills through a combination of English Language classes and academic subjects drawn from the Liberal Arts courses. ASP students have a good command of English and study alongside native speakers.

## University Foundation Course

A programme to prepare international students for application to a UK university. The year-long programme provides students with essential study skills and prepares them to achieve English Language proficiency requirements for admission to a university degree course. Students take courses in either Business Studies or the Social Sciences.



**More Summer Course Information:**

[www.stclares.ac.uk/summer/](http://www.stclares.ac.uk/summer/)

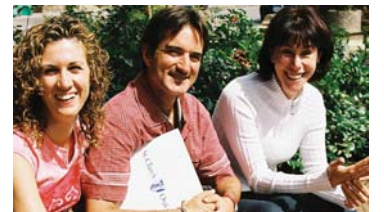
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# Student News

## International Baccalaureate results hit a new high



July 6<sup>th</sup> this year was a time of great tension. The IB results were due to be issued. We were expecting good things. At the first possible moment I logged on to the IB website to get the news. In some years I have been unable to get access, as the system has been swamped by the number of schools and candidates wishing to find out their results. However, this year there was no problem. I quickly found my way to the site to look at how we had done. There they were....

Abdul Hussain, Zainab – *good result – Theory of Knowledge pending;*

An, Qi – *good result – ToK pending;*

Balcerzyk, Gregorz – *good result – ToK pending;*

Beckershaus, Nora – *good result – ToK pending;*

Berksoy, Caroline – *good result – ToK pending ...*

There we were. We had what appeared to be our best results ever, but without a ToK grade we could not know the final points for any of our Diploma candidates. In between the frantic calls from students saying, 'What does P mean on my result?' 'Does it stand for plagiarism?' (Interesting one that),

I managed to call the IBO. 'Results are due soon', they said.

An anxious 24 hours then followed before the IBO managed to fax me a complete set of results, and at that point we knew the good news for sure. Our largest ever IB Diploma entry (102 students) had managed to achieve our best ever results. After a few adjustments over the summer these now stand at:

- \* 97% of students passed the Diploma – our best ever.
- \* The average points score was 34.54, again our best ever, and by almost one point.
- \* 53.5% of students gained 35 points or more, often equated with achieving 3 As at A level (or better).
- \* 19 students gained the coveted 40 points or more, at 18.8% our highest ever in that bracket.
- \* 4 students gained 44 points. These were Tian Chen, Cassie Hancock, Mato Lagator, and Christian Reinecke. This puts them in an elite with 0.6% of students who take the Diploma worldwide.
- \* 1 student, Deviyani Misra-Godwin, gained the maximum 45 points, which this year was

gained by only 59 IB Diploma candidates out of almost 28,000 worldwide. Truly outstanding.

In an e-mail to the College shortly after she heard her result, Deviyani said:

*... I definitely do feel honoured. I also think I've had such a privileged education. I really cannot say how much I appreciate the encouragement from my teachers, and the incredible quality of teaching. ... I really think St. Clare's knows how to get the best out of its students. I have a group of friends from Cambodia and we were all roughly on the same level when I left, but my marks are so much higher than theirs now...not because of me, but because I think the teachers I've had and the education I've received was just amazing. I really cannot thank you and the school enough!*

Deviyani – we are honoured to have had you at St. Clare's as a student and indeed we feel the same about all our students. It is pleasing to have a record year, but the most important thing is one that is unmeasurable. We want all our students to do all that they can to fulfill their potential - just as the Class of 2005 appears to have done so brilliantly.

Nick Lee  
Director of Studies (IB, Pre-IB & English 16+)



## From Friends at St. Clares to Business Colleagues...

Matt Schenck of the International Baccalaureate class of 1990 recently got in touch with us. After becoming close friends with Swedish IB student Tom Adams during his years at St. Clare's, Matt has informed us that he and Tom are now also business colleagues. Both work together as a part of the senior management team of Rosetta Stone, the US based language learning software company. Tom is the company's CEO and Matt Vice President of Corporate Development.

In typical IB fashion, their lives after St. Clare's took them all over the map. Matt returned to the US for university, moved to the UK, Spain and then Sweden. Tom lived and worked in the UK, Switzerland, China and Mongolia. They ultimately landed in the US, realizing a long term goal of running an international company together.

The two are planning to visit St. Clare's in the near future to see how the College has developed over the years and to reminisce about how

it started them down their current path, first as close friends, then as business colleagues.

Matt has mentioned that he even has a poster of St. Clare's circa 1989 on his office wall!

We love to hear how our alumni get on after leaving St. Clare's: do get in touch to tell us what you are doing now. We look forward to hearing from you!



**Above:** Matt and Tom at St. Clare's in 1990.

**Right:** In front of the company logo.



## Sebastian Knoop-Troullier (IB94)

My wife Teresa and I are overjoyed to announce the arrival of our firstborn son, Ethan Robert Knoop-Troullier. He has been a bundle of joy for the past four months and is finally sleeping through the night. We are still very much enjoying the California weather and I have recently become a dual citizen, adding the US citizenship to my German one. I am busy working at Polycom. If you have ever been into a conference room you may have noticed our triangular shaped phones in the middle of the conference room table. They keep me busy working on their worldwide network which includes frequent trips overseas.



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MORE NEWS JUST IN  
FROM ALUMNI

**Alexander Dobrev**, German  
(IB 2001)

After taking my 2.1 PPE degree at Oxford I moved to Germany. I am now working for a small ICT consultancy in Bonn. The work involves mainly EU funded research projects in the eHealth domain (use of ICT in healthcare).

**Richard Romero**, American (IB 89)

Richard recently visited St. Clare's with his fiancée Julia, whom he will be marrying in the spring next year. He will be relocating to Oxford in early December with the company 'Cambridge Scientific Abstracts' (CSA) based in Oxford Business Park. Julia will join him after their wedding in May.

## 1950

**Pedro Donde Escalante**,  
Mexican  
(English 1957)

I am still working with HSBC in Mexico and I am having a very interesting relationship with the new overseas executives that have joined the bank's local operation in the last three years. It is a great experience to work in a company based in U.K.

## 1960

What has happened to all of you?  
We haven't received any news from the 1960's alumni - Let us know what you've been up to!

## 1970

**Gillian Pelton (nee Leonard)**,  
British  
(A-Levels 1973)

Married to army officer. Lived in Germany, Australia and U.K. 2 Children:- Katherine (1987) A-Level year at Downe House; William (1990) GCSE year Radley college. I guide at Salisbury Cathedral and work for their education centre. I apologise for not updating, but with 20+ moves our addresses were always changing.

**Carol Higgins Clark**, American  
(Liberal Arts 1976)

I live in New York City. I write mystery novels and have published eight "Regan Reilly" mysteries so far. I'm working on my ninth. I go on book tour every year and give talks about writing all over the country. I'm speaking on the Queen Mary 2 in October. We sail from Southampton, England on October 14th and arrive in New York on October 19th. I wish I had time to go to England much earlier for a

vacation, but my book is due on October 31st so I'll fly over the day before the ship sails. I want to get back to Oxford one of these days!

**Franca Chiarello (nee Protti)**,  
Italian  
(English 1978)

I completed a Journalist degree in 1981. I'm still at the press office of the City Hall of Milan. I got married to Marco Chiarello two years ago.

## 1980

**Amanda Harbourne (nee Cole)**,  
British  
(A-Levels 1980)

Happily living in North Hampshire with three children of 12, 10 and 6. Currently not working as have a travelling husband and spend school holidays in France. Previously we had two interesting years living in Thailand.

**Harald Zahl**, Norwegian  
(English 1981)

I have been working professionally as a high school teacher and a lobbyist for voluntary organisations in Norway. Also been working for various government ministries and sub-organisations. My great hobby is biking - I own a Kettwiesel Titanium trike.

**Petronella Blanchard (nee Edwards)**, British  
(IB 1982)

I am married with 3 children. Currently, teaching English and running a small business in tables from Italy.

**Sally Iseli (nee Smith)**,  
(IB 1984)

Moved back to England from Switzerland 5 years ago with my two boys Jonny 14 and Mike 12. Now studying crystal healing near Norwich and teaching cookery at Raphael Steiner School. Best wishes to everyone who knows me!

**John Gruber**, Austrian  
(Liberal Arts 1984)

After St. Clare's I did a postgraduate course at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. I started a banking career at an Austrian International bank in Vienna and then Amsterdam. In 2003 I returned to my home country and became the Chairman and CEO of Hypo Tirol Bank in Innsbruck.

**Binda Colebrook**, American  
(IB 1984)

Married with two girls - 8 and 4. Living in the East Village of NYC - good community, quiet neighbourhood. My brother Ben lives around the corner. I work as a post partum doula - I support families right after the birth of their babies in the home environment. I help with breast feeding, baby care and emotional processing of the birth. I am about to begin a Masters in Social Work.

**Amanda McCarthy**, British  
(IB 1987)

I am marrying my partner of 15 years near Barcelona on 1st October. We now have 2 schools for learning Spanish, one in Salamanca and the new one in Barcelona where I live most of the time. I would love to see any former St. Clare's students who are passing through. Does anyone have contact details for Tanja Csio?

**Marie-Laurence Edmonstone (nee Kauffmann)**,  
French (English 1988)

I got married last year on the 31st of July with Dru Edmonstone and we had a lovely baby girl this month on the 1st July 2005, called Eloise Laurence Edmonstone.

**Kirstan Horn**, British  
(IB 1989)

I am now living in Cambridge with my wife and two children. I run a food import and distribution company and have recently taken over a smoke house in Cambridge.



## 1990

**Anna Marcucci**, British  
(IB 1990)

After having 2 children (Isabella, now 7, and Enrico, 5), we moved to Italy (near Milan) in 2002. I have been doing teaching and translating work mainly, as well as bringing up my children. I am currently applying for jobs in the Oxford area as I would like to return to the UK.

**Fabienne de Leval**, Belgian American (IB 1990)

I was working abroad for the whole of 2003 and 2004. I am presently working in Belgium for "Doctors without Borders" and therefore travel quite a bit on various missions. My last mission was in Sumatra (Indonesia) to help the victims of the tsunami. Hopefully, I should be leaving on another mission soon, either Burundi or India.

**Sula Kiggundu**, Ugandan  
(IB 1991)

Married with one son. Recently resigned from the role of Head of Corporate & Institutional Banking (of East, Central and Southern Africa) and Sector Head for Sub-Saharan Africa at HSBC Bank PLC. Rationale for resignation was to spend more time with the family and focus on personal investments (includes shareholding in a Pan-African Financial Services Organisation). Have decided to settle in South Africa and retain directorships on various boards of directors (e.g. Kingdom Transport Services in Ghana, Kenya Equity Management and the African Bankers Forum.)

**Vanessa Orr**, American  
(Liberal Arts 1991)

Currently pursuing a Masters of Public Administration at George Mason University in Virginia. Also, managing rental properties in Washington, DC.

**Luciana Giannella Meirelles**, Brazilian (English 1992)

Married Eduardo in Sept 1996. Spent two years in Phoenix, Arizona - USA (my husband went for an MBA program 1998/1999). After coming back I had three boys: Antonio Feb 00, Joao Nov 01 and recently Felipe in March 05.

**Christian Kirsch**, German  
(IB 1993)

After studying Politics and International Studies at Warwick University, I returned to Germany, first working as a graphic designer for an advertising agency, then working for a software company as product and marketing manager for encryption software. I then completed a degree in marketing communications. In 2004, I married my long-term boyfriend, who is a German chemist and has just started his dream job at MIT this April. In August 2005, I am relocating to Cambridge to join him there. Luckily my employer was recently purchased by a US company, so I can simply transfer to a different office!

**Chesley Coughlin**, American  
(Liberal Arts 1993)



The good looking little guy is my son Chase Daniel. He was born on October 13, 2004. Chase is the first grandchild for both families, so he gets lots of love and attention. During May we took a holiday to Rosarito, Mexico, which is a short drive from our old home in San Diego.

**Victor Hu**, British  
(IB 1994)



I am currently working in South London hospitals in the area of Ophthalmology. Our exciting news this year was the arrival of daughter, Lauren, in July 2005.

**Goldie Heidi Gider**, Greek American  
(Liberal Arts 1994)

Earlier this summer, I very happily resigned my position, and headed off to Europe for a month. I seem to do this - perhaps it's a compulsion - every few years. I was only in London for a brief time, but enjoyed it immensely. Most of my time was spent in Greece. I'm not sure what I'll do next, but for now, I'm revelling in the unknown.

**Marina Pearson**, British Swiss  
(IB 1994)

Just about to embark on a Masters at NYU - New York University in the Music Business. Will be getting married next June in Spain to an American. Left Madrid after 4 and a half years, where I was working in the music business as exports manager for a Spanish record label.

**Phoebe Clay** (nee Griffith), British  
(IB 1995)

I got married in August 2004 to Richard and following a 6-month honeymoon travelling around the world, we are once again in London. Vicky Engelhorn (now Nel) came to my wedding (her daughter was a bridesmaid) and is due to move to South Africa this year. I also

bumped into Bahia Siebers on the tube and recently saw Carolina Morilles who is settled in Peru. Jorge Lopez and Andrea Bora are now both fathers, and I believe Eiric Osland is living in Thailand. Amanda Dash, Axel Tenvic, Andrea Bova and several others from the class of 1995 met last August.

**Sarah Holt**, British  
(IB 1995)

I am now in my third year of a PhD at the University of York. I am studying in the Post-War Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU) at the Department of Politics. I'm undertaking research into the Sri Lankan peace process. I finished my undergraduate studies at Leeds in 1999, then went to York in 2000/2001 to do an MA in Post-War Recovery Studies. I did my work placement in Sri Lanka and this is how it became the focus of my research. I do enjoy life as an academic, and much prefer it to 9-5. I am now married and living happily in Edinburgh with my husband. I am currently writing up my thesis and hope to be finished by the spring next year.

**Nicolette Linvall-Rae**, British  
Swedish  
(IB 1995)

I moved from London down to Maidstone where I am now teaching Year Six. My husband Mark and I have been married for three years now and are still happily enjoying life!

I went over to Germany for Yvette Tristram's wedding to Arvid Blume which was lovely. It was also great to catch up with Gordon Campbell and his partner Anette. I also recently attended my sister Kate Lindvall's commissioning from Sandhurst - where she has spent the last year training with Prince Harry! I also meet up fairly regularly with Celina Blaisse as she is still living in London. I have tried, unsuccessfully to contact Cathy Lindsell and other people from 1997, so it would be great if they could get in touch!

**Patrick Holmes**, British Swedish  
(IB 1996)

I have spent the last few years travelling and teaching English in Japan, Korea and Australia. I am moving back to Tokyo in September and teaching General English within the Japanese University system. Otherwise, I have been enjoying the good weather here in Sydney and have recently taken up surfing.

**Anthony Bertocchini**, American  
(Liberal Arts 1997)

I am a Financial Consultant advising individuals and small businesses in Orange County, California. My wife Allie and I are expecting our first child in February 2006.

**Javad Movsouvov**, Russian  
(IB 1997)

After finishing LSE in 2000, I came back to Oxford for one year to do my law school diploma. That extra year in Oxford was excellent - I lived in Summertown and had a chance to catch up with Roni and my other St. Clare's teachers. I have now been working for four years as a lawyer in London. I got married last summer and now live with my wife and my sister in Putney, South West London. So far no plans to leave London/UK and go do something exciting elsewhere, although thoughts of moving back to Moscow have visited me a couple of times. On a regular basis I keep in touch with a few St. Clare's IB people: Maciej, Alex Gherzi and Carlotta Gherzi. Recently caught up with my St. Clare's roommate of two years - Oliver Dixon, who is currently based in Birmingham.

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**Kaia Bugge Fougner**, Norwegian  
(IB 2000)

Still studying law at the University of Oslo. Will start my 4th year at the Law School. Then I will take my 5th and last year abroad, but haven't decided where.

**Martina Forstner**,  
(English 2000)

I am studying Spanish and Comparative Literature at the University of Vienna and I like it a lot. I'm reading a lot, and many books are in English - it's really great to know languages (your course helped me a great deal). I'm very curious about them: this Fall I'll start learning Romanian... Travelling is one of my great passions - this summer I spent 6 weeks in Spain, my next journey will be to Italy in October and who knows where I'll go for Xmas. Furthermore, I plan to study for half of the year at the University in Santiago, Chile. So you see, I'm busy all of the time!

**Lindsey Marie Jesch**, American  
(Liberal Arts 2000)

This past year I have been working in a restaurant and studying for my Real Estate Broker's test, as well as starting to work as a Voice Over artist. I recently obtained my Broker's license, and hope to be working in the industry within a couple of weeks.

**Amelie Franke**, German  
(IB 2001)

I just graduated from Royal Holloway, University of London with a BA in Geography. In the coming year I'm going to Malaysia for 3 months to do voluntary work within development projects. Next year I will be continuing my studies with a Masters in Cultural Management.

**Linn Eide**, German  
(IB 2001)

Amelie told us that Linn has also just graduated from Royal Holloway with a BA in European Studies.

**Justin Guerra**, American  
(Liberal Arts 2001)

I am a surfboard manufacturer currently working for Aloha Surfboards; and also I am starting my own business, a surfshop in San Diego, California.

**Max Pohl**, German  
(IB 2002)

Just graduated from City University with a BA in Psychology.

**Sarah Ruck**, British  
(IB 2002)

Just received BA(Hons) degree in Architecture 2:1 from Glasgow Macintosh School of Architecture. Working in London next year on a placement in an architect's firm.

**Sarah Crabtree**, British  
(IB 2002)

This June I graduated from the University of Birmingham with a 2:1 in Natural Sciences. Since then I've been living near Bicester, close to Oxford working as an au pair and in a shoe shop to earn the money to go to India next January to do charity work in Goa.

**Kimberly Namek (nee Hutchings)** American  
(Liberal Arts 2003)

There have been lots of changes this year! I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 2004 after graduating from USD. I have just completed my first year as a special education teacher in middle school in San Jose. To top it off, I got married June 18th 2005!

**William Steele**, American  
(Liberal Arts 2003)

I am pleasantly surprised to hear that anyone still remembers me over there. At the moment I am living in San Diego in a beach community called Pacific Beach, and teaching English and History at a private school in Solana Beach, about 20 miles to the north. I am also playing rugby for Old Mission Beach Athletic Club on their Super League side, which is the highest level one can play in the States aside from the national team. I am also working on getting my lazy butt in grad school. I am studying hard for the GRE and plan to take it in October. I'm also revising my writing sample, a

seemingly endless process. Beyond that, I keep myself far too busy making enough money to pay rent and trying to find enough time to indulge my own individual hobbies and interests. I think taking a year or two off in between undergrad and grad school was an excellent idea. It has certainly helped me to better appreciate my time as a student. When I told one of my professors at USD that I was going to take a while off he told me to get a really horrible job that I hate, so, that when grad school is at its most difficult, I will still be able to appreciate the opportunity to escape the drudgery of the 9 to 5 workday in favor of a more intellectually fulfilling career. My job isn't horrible, and I don't necessarily hate it, but, nevertheless, it is quite clear that I will not be happy as anything less than a professor of literature at a university.

Lastly, I miss England terribly. The very mention of Oxford is enough to bring a smile to my face, and I am giddy at the chance to reconnect with some of the people who are most prominent in my memory of it. What's the weather like? At the moment San Diego has been hit by a series of unexpected thunderstorms.

**Igor Milosavljevic**  
(IB 2004)

Finished first year of the (L100) Economics Degree in Queen Mary University of London successfully. Got accepted to UC Berkeley on exchange, and going to study there for a year and maybe stay there to finish the degree after this year.

**If you would like to contribute to the next Alumni Notes section of the Newsletter - put your news in an email and send it to [alumni@stclares.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@stclares.ac.uk) or update your record on St. Clare's Online via [www.stclares.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.stclares.ac.uk/alumni)**

## Have You Lost Touch With A Friend?

If so, send an email to [alumni@stclares.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@stclares.ac.uk) with a message for the person you are looking for, clearly stating their name, the year(s) they were here, plus anything else which might help to identify them. We will post your message as a news item on Alumni Online or contact them via email or post. Hopefully either the person themselves or someone who knows them will get your message and will get in touch with you.

Please note that we cannot give out contact information without the permission of the person to whom it relates.

## Lost Alumni

**If you know another St. Clare's Alumnus who hasn't heard from us for a while, encourage them to get in touch with the Development and Alumni Office with details of their name, address and years at St. Clare's.**

**Natalie Roschnik** would love to contact her room mate and best friend for two years at St. Clare's in 1988-90, *Nibal Sahoum (nee Dawwas)*.

**Josselin Appelboom** is looking for *Norizan Shahabudin, Leon Thrane, Warren Gouws* who she knows from St. Clares.

**Simone Burrows** would love to get in touch with *Agata Girzejowska* from Poland, who was at St. Clare's in 1996.

If you are still in contact with any of these people and could help reunite old friends or you, yourself are mentioned here, please pass contact details on to the Development and Alumni Office.

# Next on the Agenda...

## EVENTS AT ST. CLARE'S

19th December 2005

### Mulled Wine Evening

Parents, neighbours, local alumni and friends are invited to come along to this festive occasion at St. Clare's.

19th January 2006

### International Baccalaureate Open Day

Bring the next generation along to this afternoon, to see if they might also like to be a part of the unique St. Clare's' experience.

24th - 25th January 2006

### IB Student Drama Production

29th April 2006

### International Baccalaureate Open Day

Another chance to bring the next generation along to see if they would like to study at St. Clare's too.

3rd & 4th June 2006

### St Clare's Association Weekend

Come back and enjoy a full weekend of events in Oxford, in the company of old friends.

17th June 2006

### St. Clare's Recent Leavers' Reunion

The Classes of 1997 - 2005 are invited back to enjoy this buffet reception with old friends.

## CLASS OF '96 REUNION

The current plans are for the **Class of 1996 Reunion** to take place in July 2006 at St. Clare's in Oxford.

If any of you IB96 have not updated your details with us, you can do so with Alumni Online, accessed via **[www.stclares.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.stclares.ac.uk/alumni)** or email us at **[alumni@stclares.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@stclares.ac.uk)**.

Keep spreading the word!

## CLASS OF '97 REUNION

It's not too early to start planning for your **Ten Year Reunion in 2007**.

Anyone interested in leading the organisation of the **Class of 1997 Reunion** please let us know in the Development Office.

Start passing around contact details and sending them on to us via email - **[alumni@stclares.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@stclares.ac.uk)**.

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