

Kensington Alumni Drinks

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Just before half term, we were delighted to welcome back different members of our Alumni community to Thomas's Kensington. The 'Old Thomasonians' relished the opportunity to meet up again to share memories with former friends and teachers, and of course our Founding Principals, David and Joanna Thomas.

Our current Head, Kelly Miller, welcomed three former Heads: Anne Charlesworth, Diana Maine and Jo Ebner who were in attendance and enjoyed hearing our plans for the future, including the development of Atlantic House. This is the first time all four Heads have been in the same room – each of them representing an exciting chapter in the evolution of the school.

On the night, we offered tours of The Prep School, which clearly brought back many memories. A lot of laughter echoed through the corridors of Cottesmore, with eagerly shared tales of misdemeanours and sporting and academic triumphs.

There was a certain group of thirty year olds who were clearly on a mission to track down a millennium capsule that had been deposited in the attic of Cottesmore Gardens at the turn of the century. I too remembered that morning when we had managed to squeeze the entire prep school into the current 3KE and had thrown the capsule up into the eaves.

It is always such a privilege to welcome back our former pupils, parents and staff to Thomas's Kensington. The Alumni Evening was an opportunity for us all to time-travel as we were surrounded by familiar - and the not so familiar- faces from both our past and present.

Hearing about our pupils' achievements after their Thomas's adventure is a genuine thrill. As teachers, we love to hear of talents that have been nurtured and dreams that have become a reality. It is so heartwarming when a pupil who was perhaps not the best at Maths is now studying Advanced Maths at Oxford, or when an anecdote or a small event in a classroom is remembered with relish from years hence. Such are the benefits of teaching and the rewards of being part of the Thomas's 'family'.

Thomas's Kensington has always been a very special community and we hope that there will be many more opportunities for us to connect in the future. If you are an alumni or are in touch with a former pupil or parent, do please encourage them to join us. We would love to continue to grow our membership.

Full details of how to join The Alumni Association can be found in the alumni section of the Thomas's website or use the link below.

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Alumni reunion highlights







