



Bench for Graham Forward, former DSL teacher

On Monday, March 27th, friends, colleagues and pupils of former DSL teacher Graham Forward, who died in 2014, commemorated a bench to him in the gardens in front of Douglas House. He taught English at the DSL from 1980 to 2003 and is fondly remembered for his humour, eccentricity and ability to inspire his pupils. Please feel free to use his bench; I'm sure he would be delighted.

Am Montag, den 27ten März trafen sich Freunde, Kollegen und Schüler von Graham Forward, eines ehemaligen Lehrers an der DSL, der 2014 verstarb. Graham Forward unterrichtete Englisch an der DSL von 1980 bis 2003 und wird liebevoll erinnert für seinen Humor, seine Exzentrizität und seine Fähigkeit, Schüler zu inspirieren. Um seiner zu gedenken, wurde im Vorgarten des Douglas House eine Bank eingeweiht. Bitte fühlen Sie sich eingeladen, diese zu benutzen - er wäre gewiss darüber erfreut.

Sue Avenell



What started off as an idea between a current teacher and former student became a reality on a lovely spring day outside the Douglas House.

A sizeable crowd gathered around a bench and listened to the same current teacher and former student share some memories and thoughts about a man who mastered his craft.

Graham Charles Forward managed to find the perfect blend between amusing his pupils and educating them. As the plaque on his bench aptly reads, he inspired his pupils and made everyone who knew him laugh.

Andreas Contandinos (former pupil)



When my generation of DSL students meet to reminisce about their school days, Graham Forward's inventive lessons and wit are always a topic of conversation. He expected much of his pupils - both academically and socially. None of us dared to forget his definition of onomatopoeia. And it could take us minutes, and sometimes days to work out he'd ribbed us again. At our 20 year reunion, we shared our most memorable Graham Forward quizzes and questions. For some it was an irresistibly funny multiple choice test set, typically for him, just after a class trip. It was headed: Are you considerate? A warm and generous man, he will be greatly missed by us. Colin Thomann (former pupil)