

Friday 24 June 2022

Dear everyone

If you're into *The Great British Sewing Bee*, you'll know it is right up there for feel good telly, and my word do we need it. I won't spoil this week's ending if you have yet to see it, other than to say we all cried.

The programme makes way for *News at Ten*, and I have no words than despair, and today the Supreme Court in the US overturned *Roe vs Wade*.

Earlier on Wednesday, however, we hosted the grandparents' tea. It is one of the absolute highlights of the year. An opportunity to meet the people who have made what we know and love today possible. One couple wistfully remembered their early days of marriage – one with a glint in their eye, the other blushed and giggled. And so, it was fitting that the jazz quartet signed off with Nat King Coles' *L O V E*.

Here's the original

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZYtesIRO\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZYtesIRO_w)

Grandparents are very often the silent helpers in the background, and we are all enormously grateful to you. One of our grandparents told me proudly that they have been connected to the school now for 17 years!

### **Art Gap Needed for September**

As you may know, we employ gap students for a year between school and university, and I need your help to find a young artist in the making who would like to spend a year with us attached to our art department. Please pass my details to anyone you know in London who has a budding artist in their family currently in their Upper Sixth year who wants a breather before University or art school.

### **Web Updates**

We have updated our web page on the school development to include a detailed account of the building works, as published in the *Architects Journal*.

<https://www.spcslondon.com/about/recent-developments>

The school predates that other extraordinary building that rose from the bombed-out areas of the City, the Barbican. Love it or loathe it (I love it) this programme on Radio 3 is thoughtful and worth the time. It comments on that very period when many of our wonderful grandparents were first stepping out.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0014y71>

Finally, a last call for *Strictly Heads*. Here's a teaser...

<https://twitter.com/StPaulsCathSch/status/1538638204420628480?s=20&t=KOq4lrORQ1lvwanSJH33nQ>

And tickets are available here.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=26857&>

Best wishes

Simon