

### **TASIS England Alumni Newsletter - December 2022**

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Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a new year of peace, health, and happiness.

# **Happy Holidays!**

We hope that you like this year's TASIS England Holiday ecard.

Thanks to our amazing TPA, our campus has been transformed into a Winter Wonderland!



See more festive campus pictures here

#### December 2022

We want this newsletter to be for you *and by you*. We would love to hear from you: tell us what you are doing now, send us pictures of you and your family, and old treasured TASIS pictures.

We would also love to receive articles from you which would be of interest to the community. Our email is alumni@tasisengland.org.

We hope that you will all continue to keep in touch with us and look forward to organizing regular anniversary reunions along with lots of informal visits when you are in the area.

Congratulations to the Class of 1982!







Speaking of anniversary reunions - It was wonderful to celebrate the 40th Reunion of the Class of 1982 in NYC last month. This inspirational and tight-knit class have managed to meet up at least annually since their graduation from TASIS 40 years ago!

Huge thanks to the awesome Class Agents - Kristen Jackson Seymour and Ian Watson - for maintaining this very special TASIS connection.

# All Class TASIS England Reunion in Boston, MA - Saturday, January 28, 2023



# Reunite, reminisce, and reignite your TASIS England connections!

Join Head of School Bryan Nixon and Executive Director, Development & External Relations Mary Biddlecombe from 19:00 EST on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles Street, West End, Boston, MA 02114

We hope to see a big crowd as we celebrate the New Year and our very special TASIS community.

Please sign up here for our Boston Reunion



#### **NEXT STOP - TOKYO!**

And – we are delighted to announce that we are planning another All Class Reunion in Tokyo in **February 2023**. More details to follow soon.

# TASIS England Class of '93 Reunion - June 23, 2023



# A Message for the TASIS England Class of 1993 from Class Agent Sherilyn Holcombe Waxler:

"Hello, TASIS England Class of '93!

If you would like to attend our 30th reunion at TASIS England (with the opportunity to rent a room in a boarding house), please email me at <a href="mailto:shw@waxlerlaw.com">shw@waxlerlaw.com</a>."

# Are you interested in gaining paid Work Experience in our 2023 Summer Program?



Return to campus this summer and be part of our award-winning TASIS England Summer Program! If you plan on being in England this summer (June 25 - August 4) and have right-to-work status, we would love to hear from you.

This is a chance to work with wonderful colleagues, make life-long friends, and provide an amazing experience for our students from across the world.

If you are a teacher or coach and/or would like to help accompany and supervise trips and activities, please contact Darren Singh-MacPherson at dsinghmacpherson@tasisengland.org to discuss this exciting opportunity.

Learn more about our Summer Program



Class of 2022: The College Counselors are asking for feedback about your experience to help us build a database of information. We are looking for students' feedback about gap years, military, work, or higher education institutions. They are also looking for volunteers to come back (virtually or in person!) to speak with TASIS students about your experience. If you are interested in helping, then please complete this short survey: bit.ly/TASIS2022.

# Welcome back to Campus!



Since our last newsletter in the summer we have enjoyed visits from alumni, their families, and friends almost every week! It's always a pleasure to welcome you back, hear your wonderful stories, and observe the joy of your reunions with faculty and staff.

The reaction of Mr. Bagley (captured in this photo) when he received a surprise visit from Colin Burns (Class of 2011) shows how much your visits mean!

Colin visited us in September with his parents and was even able to join us for lunch too.

### **Visit Reflections**

We are pleased to share below some brief reflections from Sarah Eury (Class of 1983) who visited with her husband and children, Andrew Domorski (Class of 2004) who visited with his wife, and Brendan Denilson (Class of 2020) who helped with some volleyball coaching during his summer break from university.



What a treat it was for me to bring my husband Gary and children (Caitlyn, 25 and Nathan, 24) to TASIS England this past August! Although I have seen photographic updates over the years in the Alumni newsletters and campus news, it was still a shock to see firsthand how the campus has grown in the almost 40 years since my graduation in 1983 (and last visit in 1987). I was lucky enough to be a boarding student from 1980 - 1983, and I still have such fond memories of my time at

TASIS England, from trips to the PO after school, trips into London and Staines on the weekends, inprogram trips to more exotic locations such as Paris and Berlin (before the wall came down!), and ISST basketball tournaments to Paris, Brussels, and Frankfurt. For a girl from a small town in the Texas Panhandle, TASIS England really opened my eyes to the world in so many meaningful ways – locations, culture, and people. From my very first day there in 1980, I felt like I was part of a big family and made friendships with students and teachers with whom I remain in contact to this day. My time at TASIS definitely had an impact on the rest of my life and the directions I have taken. I loved seeing the campus

- changed in so many beneficial ways but still maintaining the original buildings and charm. Many

thanks to the Alumni team for a fantastic walk down memory lane!

#### Sarah Eury, Class of 1983

Thank you for being such a wonderful host and taking the time to welcome me back to campus! I really appreciate you going above and beyond, in allowing me to revisit some special areas and reconnect with some familiar faces. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed learning about all of the recent accomplishments and changes, and are so happy to hear that the school is continuing to thrive.

Mrs. Fleming portrait (see photo below) - My parents (Paul and Terri Domorski) were presidents of the TASIS Parents council in 2000 - they ran an auction that raised 7,000+ pounds, of which a portion was used for this portrait.

<u>Samsung</u> - I am currently a Senior Category Manager at Samsung Electronics America (SEA). My job function is primarily to execute the go-to-market strategy for all Smartphone devices in the US market. This includes inventory management, lifecycle planning, profitability management, promotional planning and leading cross-functional teams to execute these plans.

Thank you once again for the great trip down memory lane!

#### Andrew Domorski, Class of 2004



Andrew discovers the TASIS - Samsung partnership.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Domorsk! This portrait is appreciated by everyone in our community. Andrew even wore his old rugby top which delighted Mr. Tait!



It was delightful to practice in TASIS with the new boys. Thanks to everyone on the team, I felt like a senior again! It is nice knowing that TASIS has a talented volleyball team and I wish them good luck on their season and studies.

Thank you so much for having me.

Brendan Denilson (center back in photo), Class of 2020

## More News from Across the Classes





Michael Johnston visited with his wife Diana and enjoyed meeting Bryan Nixon, our Head of School, for a review of his Yearbook!





Charles Davenport and his family visited campus during their holiday in the UK. Everyone enjoyed the tour and Charles's daughters asked some pointed questions about why they didn't get to attend TASIS England, too!





Samantha Hale visited with her family during their vacation in the UK. She enjoyed sharing the great memories she had while attending here,

and was able to show her children her Yearbook photos and all the activities she was involved in.





Diana Dalton, along with her husband and daughters, thoroughly enjoyed their tour which concluded with a visit past Orchard to the popular Thorpe Village Post Office!





Kyosuke Tomofuji with his father, brother, and family friend entertained us with his memories - including some ghost stories! And what a good memory Kyosuke has - he recognized our Security Guard Caroline from all those years ago when she was part of our catering team!





Joseph Medeiros surprised us in October when visiting the UK with his wife. He enjoyed seeing

the campus and its features, old and new, during an impromptu tour.



Christina Miller



Stephanie Miller



Stephanie and Christina were visiting the UK with family in October and couldn't resist dropping by to see if they could find their family donation bricks outside the Science Center. They found them - phew!



An added bonus was finding Mrs. Reinikainen on the crosswalk and sharing appreciation for the incredible service trips to Romania.





Patrick Clarke visited with his wife during a quiet October Break and enjoyed his tour of a peaceful campus courtesy of one of our accommodating Security Guards, Caroline.





This was Emily Avery's favorite photograph as it brought back so many happy memories of being a boarding student in our historic Renalds Herne building, which is now our Admissions office.





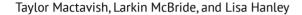
Ryan Corrigan (shown here with Ms. Bowser and Mr. Canny) delighted us with stories of her family (including her adorable baby daughter) and recent career transition from equine vet to luxury travel entrepreneur. There were tales of triathlons too!





Rachel Carreras attended Middle School from 2001-2004 and visited campus with her fiancé. She is currently living in Chicago. Rachel has been a musical theater artiste since college (where she studied opera) and has performed around the US. She loved her time at TASIS England and felt like it was one of the highlights of her life. She wanted to have her photo taken in the theater since it had such an impact on her life.







Such a pleasure to welcome these close friends and fans of TASIS from the Class of 2009. Thank you for coming to see us Taylor, Larkin, and Lisa. We loved your enthusiasm and positive energy!



Clara Lopez Liza Nechaeva



Mercedes Domenech



There was one special teacher that this close-knit group of friends wanted to see and Ms.

Gordon was thrilled to make their day – and hers too!





Colin Burns and his parents enjoyed a spot of lunch with Mr. Bowser and Mr. Canny.





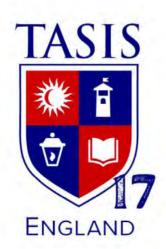
Layne LaFrance was happy to have her photo at the Science Center where she found the bricks with her name and her brother's name next to each. other.







Sisters Mary '11 and Anne Crooke '15 loved their visit to campus with their father in June and enjoyed meeting up with Mr. Bowser by Shepherds Cottage.





Mark Chernyshov enjoyed a tour of campus followed by a meal with Mrs. Bruno on his recent visit from Russia.





So wonderful to welcome Sean Ryan back and hear about his medical studies and work as a fully qualified paramedic in Boston, MA.





Anastassia De Bailliencourt was thrilled to meet up with the awesome Mr. Spencer as she missed the chance to say farewell at graduation. This was the highlight of her visit and we hope to see her back soon if she chooses London for her Master's course.

# Last but not Least - 1 year in 1 Grade

This visit request from Taylor and the accompanying pictures speak for themselves and show the strength of TASIS ties after just one year in first grade!

"My name is Taylor Pettine (formerly Taylor Kaminski), and I attended TASIS in the first grade back in 1999-2000 (I believe my teacher was Ms. Channon). I am traveling to London with my parents and my husband next week – this will be my first time back in London since I was a child.

I was curious if it would be possible to tour the campus, specifically the Lower School that I attended. It would mean so much to me to get to see it in person – some of my first vivid memories are in my first grade classroom, the welly room, and the playground and it would be incredible to get to see them in person. My family is taking a trip down memory lane while there, including driving to our old home in Weybridge. Seeing TASIS would be extra special. Attached are some photos from when I attended. We are planning to be in the area on Tuesday, October 11th. We can be flexible with timing that worked

best for you. Hoping we can make something work!

Taylor Pettine (Kaminski)"

Thanks,



At home in her TASIS First Grade Baseball kit!

22 years later and smiles all round on the steps to our Lower School building.



Once the students left for break, Taylor took advantage of having her first grade classroom all to herself!

Loving the Yearbook and finding pictures of sister Ashley too!

It was an awesome visit that we will all remember for years to come.

PLANNING TO VISIT TASIS ENGLAND? Please complete this FORM.

# **In Memorium**

Our sincere condolences to Dr. Duncan Rollo, who recently contacted us with this sad news, and his family. Many of our alumni will remember both Duncan and Paula from their tenure at TASIS England.

"It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Paula Elizabeth Rollo, my wife of 53 years. Paula was an elementary teacher in New Jersey and Virginia before accepting a place at TASIS England in 1991. She

subsequently taught in the Lower School for many years thereafter and also served as Deputy Head of the Lower School for a year prior to her retirement a few years ago. Paula was exceptionally brave throughout her fight with cancer and passed away at our home in Camberley, Surrey, with our daughters, Elizabeth and Katherine—both of whom had attended TASIS—and our three granddaughters by her side."

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Contact person: Mary Biddlecombe - Executive Director, Development & External Relations Our Alumni **Facebook Page**.

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