



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN ENGLAND



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



We hope that you like the December 2023 TASH England Holiday ecard.

Thanks to our amazing TPA, the campus has enjoyed a Winter Wonderland makeover with some special international decorations this year.



Our fabulous Thorpe Place Christmas tree decorated with flags and treasures from around the world to represent our truly global community of learners!

[See more festive December 2023 campus photos here](#)

TASIS England named Boarding School of the Year 2023!



As many of you will be aware, we are not just celebrating the Winter Holiday season.

Last month, the Independent Schools Association named TASIS England **Boarding School of the Year**

2023!

We are absolutely thrilled to receive this prestigious award and so proud of our dedicated boarding team for their incredible commitment to making our school one of the best in the country.

Read more about this outstanding achievement [here](#).

TASIS England 007 Gala - A License to Thrill!



Continuing the theme of celebration, we would love to see members of our alumni community - including alumni parents - at our forthcoming fund raising Gala on:

**Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the Fairmont Windsor Park, TW20 0YL
from 7 p.m. – midnight**

Along with our Head of School, Bryan Nixon, the TPA requests the pleasure of your company for an evening of cocktails and dinner, a selection of enticing live and silent auctions, and dancing until midnight.

The Fairmont Windsor Park is offering TASIS parents and alumni special room rates for the night of the Gala (please refer to the Gala Q&A linked below for full details). To book a room at our special rate, please email groups.windsorpark@fairmont.com and quote "TASIS Gala Dinner."

Please click on the **buttons** below for more information and to purchase your tickets or make a donation. **The deadline for ticket sales is Friday, December 15 so please respond ASAP.**

Buy Tickets or Make a
Donation

Gala Q&A

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Scan the QR Code to visit our dedicated Givergy website page. There you can buy tickets, make a donation, see our sponsors, and find out more about the TASIS England Financial Aid Fund.

Outstanding Alum Mum



2021 grad mum Toni Hargis is the author of *How To Stand Up To Sexism*; *Words for When Enough Is Enough*. Toni has spoken to several groups at TASIS about sexism, is a frequent panel member on LinkedIn professional discussions and was recently the guest speaker at the Sam Beare bookshop in Weybridge at an evening hosted by Brooklands radio.

How To Stand Up To Sexism delivers comebacks to everything from microaggressions to outright insults and worse, giving readers the perfect responses for various situations. Toni is passionate about helping women (particularly young women) identify their boundaries, find their voices and challenge

sexism confidently and effectively. No more lying awake at 3am thinking of all the great things you *could* have said! She also writes for men, discussing allyship and how to support women.

Toni is a member of the TASIS Working Moms group, and will be hosting a meeting in January to talk about all things Sexism. It's sure to be a lively and informative evening.

Earlier this year she was a guest on the popular podcast Two Women Chatting, which is the brainchild of her friend and fellow '21 alum mum Michelle Ford. Check out their spirited discussion [here](#).

You can find more information about Toni, the book (plus where to buy) and where else she writes, on her website. www.tonisummershargis.com



Friendship and Networking Hand in Hand



We are delighted to share this wonderful story from Pamela Calero Class of 2008.

And - we would love to share more stories and updates from you! Please email
alumni@tasisengland.org

"It's a pleasure to meet you! My name is Pamela Calero, a member of the Class of 2008. I've been an avid reader of your newsletter for quite some time, and this is my very first contribution as a writer. I'm contacting you today because I'm eager to share a heartfelt piece with the TASIS community. This article encapsulates the essence of my friendship and professional collaboration with another alumna, Andrea Terminal, Class of 2010.

I've chosen the title "**Friendship and Networking Hand in Hand**" to best describe our story.

Without further delay, I would like to present the text that both Andrea and I are enthusiastic about sharing with our fellow community members.

Andrea and I crossed paths back in 2006 at TASIS. Armed with little more than our suitcases filled with clothes and an insatiable curiosity for the unknown, we embarked on a journey from our respective home countries in Latin America to a foreign boarding school. She hailed from Mexico, and I from Colombia, leaving behind our familiar landscapes and venturing into the new.

Our initial encounter likely occurred within the walls of a Shakespeare Studies class. However, it was a serendipitous meeting on a bus during a school-organized excursion to see a musical in London that truly sealed our friendship. We sat in adjacent seats, initiated conversation, and have been friends ever since.

What bound us was our shared Latin-Americanism, our taste for the new, the unorthodox, musicals and lyrics. Although our studies at TASIS lasted just one year, I'm delighted to say we have remained in each other's lives ever since. Together, we've explored various cities, crossed international borders to visit each other, and maintained a bond that, while not as constant as we'd like, remains a source of celebration and encouragement in each other's achievements and joys, despite the temporal and spatial constraints that limit our IRL interactions.

Two years ago, Andrea reached out to me, disclosing her involvement in "Hace La Fuerza," a mentorship initiative involving several women from Latin America and backed by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Through a months-long mentorship program pairing first-generation female university graduates with successful professional women in their field, Hace La Fuerza, or HLF, seeks to address gender gaps in the Latin American workforce. In 2021, Andrea invited me to meet the other members and submit a proposal for the Visual Identity. Happily, I was selected and developed the brand design and graphic universe for HLF, a project that resonates with me on a deeply personal level.

Collaborating with friends, and even friends of friends, has always been an enriching experience that never loses its charm. Sharing one's endeavors with loved ones often paves the way for extraordinary opportunities. This mutual appreciation for both our friends and the projects we engage in fosters a symbiotic, fertile, and rejuvenating process that continually fuels our passions and pursuits.

Pamela Calero (class of 2008) is a communication artist and visual storyteller. She runs her art and design studio (www.pamelacalero.com) with a poetic and conceptual approach that allows her to give visual form to ideas to simplify projects that think outside the box. She holds a Master's degree in Comparative Studies in Art, Literature, and Philosophy from Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Her work has been featured in Marie Claire Spain, the Women of Type book, and she has exhibited and presented her work at the Museo Valenciano de Ilustración y Modernidad, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Bogotá, the University of Graz and the University of Manchester.

Andrea Terminel Lemberth (class of 2010) is currently head of technology for Hace La Fuerza and holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Oxford. She is also a social entrepreneur, executive producer and co-host of the Spanish-language podcast Jungla de Ideas, and was formerly a Diversity and Inclusion Specialist for firms like Accenture, Walmart, and Coca-Cola FEMSA.

Please find attached, a photo of Andrea and me from 2019, meant for illustration and perhaps a little

amusement.

Wishing you all the best,

Pamela Calero

Communication Artist & Visual Storyteller

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Friday, December 8 - Alumni Uni Chat with the Classes of 2018 - 2023

Will you be in the area on Friday, December 8, 2023?

If so, please come back to campus to meet your friends and share advice and insights with our juniors and seniors who may be considering applying to your current college or planning a gap year. They would love to hear from you!

The informal chat will take place in Magna Carta Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and will be followed by a special lunch.



[Sign up here](#)

TASIS England Summer Program



It was wonderful to welcome children of our alumni to this year's Summer Program and applications are now open for 2024.

For further information - including a webinar on December 7 - please review our website.

[Visit Our TASIS England Summer Program Website](#)

International Festival & May Fair

We are already starting to plan for these unique and fun-filled TASIS England events, and you are welcome to join us!

Our 2024 International Festival will take place on April 26 (3:30 - 5:30 p.m.) and Mayfair will take place on May 11, 2024 (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Here are some photos from 2023.



TASIS England International Festival 2023 - Click on the image above to see more photos



TASIS England Mayfair 2023 - Click on the image above to see more photos

Reunion News



Thanks to Sophia Haller for organising a mini Class of 2011 reunion in Frankfurt earlier this year. We love this feedback from Sophia:

"It went great!! It was like graduation had just been a month ago - we laughed, we looked through yearbooks, and explored Frankfurt together...! We stayed up late and talked about our lives, our ideas, and our projects. The past 12 years enriched us all, and yet it was like nothing had changed."

Let us know if you are planning a reunion and we will send you an alumni reunion kit!



Upcoming TASIS England All-Class Reunions

Boston, MA – Saturday, January 27, 2024 – with VIP Guest Lyle Rigg

Reunite, reminisce, and reignite your TASIS England connections!

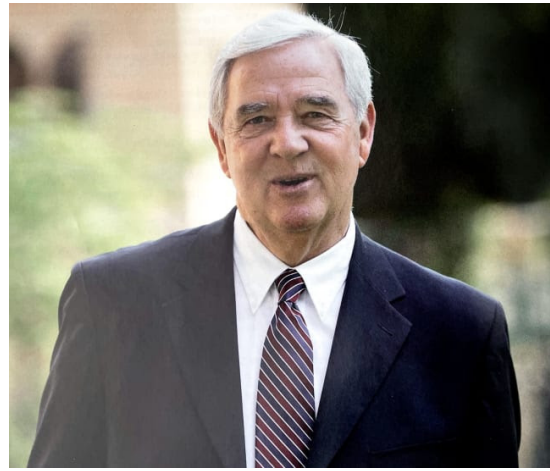
Join Head of School Bryan Nixon and Executive Director, Development & External Relations Mary Biddlecombe from 7 p.m. EST on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles Street, West End, Boston, MA 02114

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



If you wish to treat yourself to an overnight stay in the fabulous Liberty Hotel, we have negotiated a special TASIS England rate. You can book directly via the link below.

[Click here to book your group rate for TASIS The American School in England Alumni Room Block](#)



We are very excited to announce that Lyle Rigg, the longest-serving TASIS England Headmaster and Patron member of the Board of Directors, will be joining us for our Boston All-Class Reunion!

Please sign up here for the Boston Reunion

Next Stop – Houston, Texas!



We are excited to confirm the All-Class Reunion in Houston on **Friday, March 22, 2024**. The reunion will take place in the Galleria area and we are selecting the hotel shortly.

Sign up to follow in January.

Special Anniversary Reunions – Save the Dates!



Following the success of our 30 and 35-year reunions on campus, we are offering multi-class anniversary reunion celebrations on our best two available dates in June 2024. There will also be the opportunity to stay in one of our new/refurbished boarding houses (first-come, first-served bookings as spaces are limited).

We will be sending out sign-up forms in January. For now, please note and save the dates for your special anniversary reunion.

Classes of '79, '84, '89, and '94 Reunions – June 14, 2024



Classes of '99, '04, '09, and '14 Reunion – June 21, 2024



Your Visits to TASIS

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Our email address: alumni@tasisengland.org

Contact person: Mary Biddlecombe - Executive Director, Development & External Relations

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We know our Alumni often move around the world and experience new professional adventures. We would like to have your up-to-date contact details so we can keep communicating with you. Please also let us know what you are doing professionally, and whether you would be willing to advise our current students about their future career paths. **If you have moved recently or think that your details may be outdated**, please fill in [this form](#) and send it to us. We will update your details on our database.

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