



OLD AYSGARTHIAN ASSOCIATION



A New Chapter at Aysgarth as 34 Girls Join the School

Aysgarth has welcomed 34 girls into our school community this September! Co-education is now available in Forms 1–4, expanding on over three decades of co-ed learning in the Pre-Prep.

The school is especially delighted to have already welcomed the daughters of Old Aysgarthians and is hosting visits from prospective OAs looking ahead to 2025. It's wonderful to see the Aysgarth family tradition continue!



Aysgarth Foundation Summer Ball - Final Result and Thanks

The Ball Committee spent the summer reviewing the figures from the Summer Ball held in June in aid of the Aysgarth School Foundation, and they are understandably delighted to announce that a total of £72,101 was raised. This could potentially increase to over £80,000 depending on Gift Aid.

The Trustees of the Aysgarth Foundation have requested that I convey a huge thank you to the Ball Committee and everyone who supported this effort. The success of the event would not have been possible without those who attended, bid at the auction, purchased raffle tickets, volunteered, and donated incredible auction prizes. Special recognition is also due to the donors, sponsors, and suppliers. Many of whom are OAs.

The Aysgarth School Foundation is already planning future events and welcomes any suggestions. Whether an OA, current or past parent, anyone interested in learning more about the Aysgarth School Foundation is encouraged to reach out to foundation@aysgarthschool.co.uk



OA Christmas Carols - Thursday 19 December: Book Now

We are delighted to confirm that there will be an OA Carol Service, held in the School chapel at 6 pm on Thursday 19th December. Book below:

[Book Here](#)

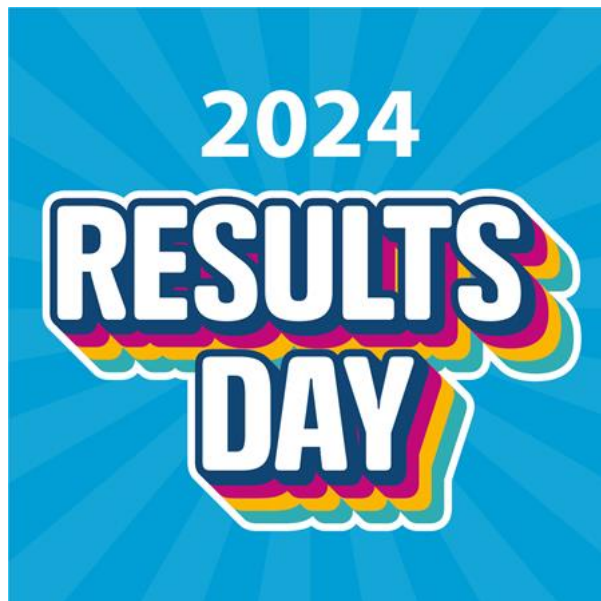


Open Heritage Day - September 14, 2024

A huge thanks to Ted Haslam, our school archivist, for making it possible to open our doors for Heritage Open Days. On Saturday 14th 2024 we welcomed members of the public (including two former matrons, Janet Sheppard and Christine Childon) to explore our school's rich history. The day began with the Chapel Choir and a beautiful music recital, followed by a tour of the library where visitors admired the scholars' boards. Ted then regaled the audience with stories of the men commemorated on the war memorials before the group continued on a tour of the school.

"I just wanted to convey our thanks for the wonderful tour this morning, the choir was outstanding, as was Ted - his knowledge was captivating. You have a fabulous school!"

"thank you for organising such an interesting and informative visit this morning. We all really enjoyed it and were impressed by the friendliness of everyone. A lovely school."



Results - GCSE & A Levels

We hope that all those OAs receiving their GCSE and A Levels results this summer received our card. If you did not get a postcard from the Old Aysgarthian Association just before results day, we do not have the right postal address for you. Please update your details here - <https://www.aysgarthschool.com/oaa/oaa-membership> and use the update form.

For everyone changing school for A Levels, taking a Gap year or going to University, please update us on your plans by either completing the form linked above or simply email - OldAysgarthianAssociation@gmail.com



University Meet Up 2025 - Oxford

Calling all Old Aysgarthians studying in Oxford, be that at Oxford University, Oxford Brookes or Oxford Media & Business School (OMBS)! If you're currently studying in Oxford, or know a fellow OA who is, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to Debbie at dstanford@aysgarthschool.co.uk

We're aware of at least nine OAs in Oxford—are you one of them? Let us know! Next year, we'll be bringing some of your old teachers to Oxford, and we'd love to invite you for pizza and a pint.



Aysgarthian Magazine

We are working on the 2023/2024 Aysgarthian magazine and gathering information for the 2024/2025 so if you have got engaged, got married, had a child or anything else you would like to share from changes in careers to experiences, please get in touch.

If you have any news you would like to share or announcements to make for the 2024 edition, please contact us [here](#)



Aspects of Aysgarth, School Ties, Books, Scarves and now a Framed Print!

Visit the OAA School shop [here](#)

We're thrilled to announce a new addition to the Old Aysgarthian merch! Now available: a beautifully detailed 30 cm x 23 cm (40 cm x 33 cm framed) print of Aysgarth by the

talented [Laura Wallace](#) (sister and wife of OAs as well as a former parent). A perfect keepsake for any OA! - £125 including postage.



Oak Leaves - By Ted Haslam, School Archivist

"All of us will recall walking past the World War 1 and 2 Memorials that are situated just outside the school chapel. When these memorials were built the men recorded on them were vividly remembered by their families, friends and schoolmates. As time has passed living memories of them have gone and the names have become just names. My archives project this year has been to change that and I have researched and written biographies of the 113 Old Aysgarthians and one teacher who died in World War 1 and the 51 and two teachers who were killed in World War 2. I have named the project Oak Leaves.

The stories are, by definition, tragic, but also inspiring. Each man, as boys, sat in our classrooms, played on our school fields and ate their meals in our dining room, just as we did. Aysgarth was part of them and they are a major part of Aysgarth.

To select only a few stories to tell in this article is very difficult and almost seems unfair to those that I do not mention. From World War 1 Ingleby Jefferson (OA 1905) was killed when the submarine he was in was hit by a German torpedo. The thought of what a submarine would have been like in 1917 amazes me. Ingleby was 24 and had been awarded the Humane Society Medal for saving the life of a man from drowning. Five OAs died in the horrors of the Gallipoli campaign, including Henry Moore (OA 1878) who was one of the "originals", joining Aysgarth when it was founded. He was

49, the oldest of the fallen. Tom Whitney (OA 1911) who was killed in a training accident, was the youngest aged just 18.

Turning to World War 2, Bill Astell DFC (OA 1933) was one of the legendary Dambusters. He was killed on that mission. Derrick Atkinson DFC (OA 1932) and John Sample DFC (OA 1925) were pilots who died in the Battle of Britain. Roger Marshall-A'Deane DSO, DSC, AM. (OA 1915) was possibly the Royal Navy's most decorated sailor in WW2. He drowned when diving into the sea to rescue a man whose ship had been sunk. He had been rescued himself only that morning.

These are just a few of the stories behind the names. Now that I am nearing the end of my research the question is just what to do with it. I am hoping to place it all, with photos of each person, into binders to be kept in the chapel so that these heroes of our school are not forgotten."



"Your time at Aysgarth holds a special place in our history, and we believe that preserving those memories is invaluable. Whether it's photographs, memorabilia, or personal anecdotes, each piece contributes to the rich tapestry of our shared experiences.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any memorabilia or photographs you'd like to share, or if you simply want to reconnect and reminisce about old times.

Yours, Ted Haslam, Archivist -
thaslam@aysgarthschool.co.uk

I hope that you have enjoyed this latest OAA and we look forward to welcoming many of you to the school chapel (and afterwards for drinks in the dining room) for the OA Carols on 19th December – please don't forget to use the above link to RSVP.

Kind regards

Simon Price (82-87)

OAA Chairman



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