Vice President's Report: 2024-25

Welcome everybody to our 2025 AGM and especially to the Old Boys from the 1975 intake who are having a 50-year reunion this weekend.

I formally took over the role of Vice President from March this year when I partially retired from the NHS.

2025 has been quite a year for both RHS and RHSA

- RHSA celebrated 100 years with a formal dinner and informal drinks reception in Greenwich.
- RHS got a new Headmaster Irfan Latif and RHSA therefore got a new President
- RHS informed parents and pupils of the plan to drop the Combined Cadet Force, then partially reversed the decision after feedback
- Greenwich Hospital sold RHS to the Inspired Learning Group.

I briefly met many of the Board of Governors at Speech Day, and I plan to meet the new Chair and Board members when they are in place. The Alumni department co-ordinates many more activities than it ever did before, so I have met with Lauren and her team to understand their roles better, so can we work out how best to work together in the new world.

RHSA has continued to support recent leavers reunion, various regional networking events, this Remembrance weekend and the annual Army-Navy match. The welcome introduction of the house badges will continue that inter-house competitive nature.

Many thanks for the hard work of the RHS Alumni Office team (Lauren Bayliss-Fuller, Katie Gould and Rebecca Kidger), the RHSA General Committee (Nick Gill, Mark Lucas, Stephen Traynor, Aimee Frankham), Maggie Good who has been giving me valuable guidance, Andy Redwood for covering the VP role as an interim, Clare and Howard Redwood, Brian Gatward and John Wood for ongoing work with the digitisation of the RHS Archive. Thanks also to those who continue to donate into the RHSA and into the RHS Charitable Trust.

I look forward to receiving your support in working with our new owners and School Leadership Team to continue to develop RHS whilst being cognoscente of our history.