



Welcome to the Winter 2021 Edition of "Keeping in Touch"!

## OA NEWS

### The "Generation" Game



One unique aspect of the College is that numerous families have had different generations attend over the years. Today we celebrate the Dunn family who have had four generations pass through the main door of 45 Hill Street.

Representing the 1st generation of the family is OA William Joseph Dunn (1948) – known as Billy – who was born in 1933 and who attended the College during the War years.

In contrast is Olivia Dunn (2021), the youngest OA, born in 2003, who recently left the College to study at Oxford University alongside her siblings OAs Michael (2017) and Georgia (2019). [Read Billy's Q&A session](#) and learn about Michael, Georgia and Olivia's wonderful achievements.

### On This Day ...

Happy birthday to any of our OAs who celebrate their birthday today, 22nd December. Other Capricorn personalities who share the same Earth sign are actor Ralph Fiennes (born 1962), Lady Bird Johnson (born 1912), First Lady and wife of US President Lyndon B Johnson, and scientist Mary Archer (born 1944).

Did you know that, on this day, in the year :

401	St. Innocent I begins his reign as Catholic Pope
1882	First Christmas tree to be illuminated by electric lights is displayed Edward H. Johnson, Vice President of the Edison Electric Light Company, became the first person to decorate a Christmas tree with electric lights at his home in New York City
1894	United States Golf Association forms in New York
1932	Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers 1st joint movie "Flying Down to Rio," directed by Thornton Freeland, premieres in New York City
1967	"The Graduate" American comedy-drama film directed by Mike Nichols, starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft, is released (Best Director 1968)
1972	The Chilean Air Force finds 14 survivors two months after their plane crashed in the Andes

## Here's to the Ladies Who Lunch

The Aloysian Association Ladies Lunch was held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Radisson Blu and was a great success, with over 340 ladies in attendance. Dr Martina Rodie, President, added:

"We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the Aloysian spirit of generosity and I would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors, to those who donated fantastic prizes and of course to all of the ladies who came along on the day.

"We are delighted to be able to support several charities this year – The Wayside Club, The College Opportunity Fund for Bursaries, and the Green Spaces for Green Blazers Project. I must also say thank you to the Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the day ran smoothly".



## A Time for Change

Whilst the pandemic has caused anxiety in and disruption to everyone's way of life, there was a silver lining for OA Daniel Bryan (2014).

Daniel seized the opportunity to make positive changes by starting up his own watch business with his dad (the name of the watches being inspired by his Duke of Edinburgh experience at the College!), combining his passion for luxury watches with his entrepreneurial flair. [Read his story](#)



## A Very Special Birthday Celebration

OA Francis Andrew Desmond Flanagan (Class of 1933) celebrated his 100th birthday on Tuesday 30th November 2021. What a milestone age and how well he looks! He is pictured with his College jumper and silk tie, and his card from the Queen! Huge congratulations to Mr Flanagan.





# College News

## The Green Blazer's Green Agenda

Whilst the COP26 Climate Conference was held in Glasgow in November, at the College our pupils took the lead with our own green agenda, as Eco Captains, Evie Wilson (S6) and Jonathan Stock (S5) shared their observations about their involvement at the Conference.

"We are reminded by Pope Francis that care for our common home through sustainable practice comes hand in hand with care for our brothers and sisters." [Read More](#)

We hear from [Ross McLean](#), the College's Eco Warrior & Geography Teacher about the various Climate Change activities within the College.



## “Do Ask, Do Tell”

This year's Anti-Bullying Week Campaign centred around kindness, and how just one kind word can help us understand and respect one another more. Inspired by one kind word, Olivia Ritchie (S6) worked on a short film, [“Do Ask, Do Tell”](#), which highlights the dangers of bullying.

We are delighted to share that Olivia's film was one of the selected winners in RespectMe Scotland's young Filmmaker Competition in the Secondary Age Solo Category!

RespectMe will now use her film over the next year as part of their educational work in schools across Scotland.



## A Play For Today

“.....The students and I are extremely proud of the work that we have created and are even more excited to welcome a live audience back to the College”.  
(Miss Singh)

Mirroring the unprecedented times in which we are living, the Drama Department, in a striking departure from the usual musical production, chose to produce a powerful play – Arthur Miller’s The Crucible. The pupils rehearsed extremely hard for eight weeks to produce a stunning performance, of which we are all justifiably proud.

You can read more [here](#)



## Primary 1 Reflection Week

Reflection Week gave the Junior School Teaching staff an opportunity to consider the College’s Improvement Plan and the impact of the Curriculum for Excellence and pupil outcomes.

Watch this [engaging YouTube video](#) of our P1 pupils. (8mins 47 secs)



## Aloysian Giving - Supporting the College in 2022

Can you help to make a difference next year? We are looking for your support and all will be revealed soon, so if you can donate auction items or experiences – either personally or via your business – please contact the Development Office by email at: [alumni@staloysius.org](mailto:alumni@staloysius.org) or call 0141-331-9274 to speak to a member of the team.



## Bursaries: Transforming Young Lives **Take Your Seats!**

At the heart of our charitable mission is the provision of an education for pupils from families of modest means. Find out more by [watching Stephanie’s Bursary story](#) to see the difference it made or visit the [Opportunity Fund page](#) for more information.

We've saved you a seat. Now you can name it. Donate and dedicate a seat to support the installation of new theatre-style seating in the College Hall. From Aberdeen to Australia, seats have been dedicated, so visit [Take Your Seats](#) to make your mark today.



## Jesuit Joke

A Franciscan gets a haircut, and then asks how much he owes. The barber says he never charges clergy. The Franciscan thanks the barber and goes home. The next morning the barber finds a big basket of fresh bread from the Franciscans' kitchens.

An Augustinian gets his hair cut by the same barber. The barber also tells him that he never charges clergy. So, the next day the barber receives a nice bottle of wine from the Augustinians' wine cellar. A Jesuit gets his haircut, and the barber again says that he never charges clergy. The next day, when the barber gets to work, there are twelve other Jesuits already waiting for him!



# Events (Physical & Virtual)



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FIRST  
PHYSICAL BUSINESS NETWORK IN  
TWO YEARS!

Monday 14th March 2022  
6.30pm – 9.30pm  
at ScottishPower HQ  
320 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5AD

Look out for details nearer the time

## 1950s Get Together

Sixteen OAs from the 1950s Year Groups informally got together in real life in October at Cowglen Golf Club for “conversazione”.

They were so excited to be out and about that one or two wore their College tie! An enjoyable morning and a great deal of chat/conversazione was had by all.

Photograph courtesy of Mr Francis McCrossin (1958).



## Induction to Old Aloysian Hall of Fame



“I feel very honoured to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at St Aloysius’ College. Being back at the Church and school brought back many happy memories – and such a powerful reminder of how lucky I was to have such a great education”.

(Dr Lorna Gold)

Our first physical induction recently took place in St Aloysius’ Church, with Dr Lorna Gold (1990) being inducted during a special ceremony. Dr Gold has been recognised for her outstanding commitment to climate activism and her work within the sustainability sector. She is currently Chair of the Laudato Si Movement Board of Directors. [Read more](#) Find out about the [OA Hall of Fame](#)

## Our Australasian Zoom



At 9.00am sharp on 8<sup>th</sup> December, we said “Good Evening and Welcome” over Zoom to our OAs in Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.

Our Head Boy, Theo McKenna and Head Girl, Eilidh Boyle, each talked of the impact the College has had on their lives; in terms of playing rugby, attending Kairos retreats and the strong bonds that have been built between friends.

Our OAs had the chance to reminisce, ask a few questions and hear from the Head Master about the College today.

## Brainteasers

Add together three of the following numbers to score 35. Each number can be used as many times as you wish. How many different combinations are there?

0 5 10 15 20 25

A proverb has been split up into groups. Rearrange the groups to form the proverb. What should it say?

EWI ISO NEI NTH SIN THE UT WHE WIT

The first response with both correct answers (as usual to [alumni@stalloysius.org](mailto:alumni@stalloysius.org)) will receive a prize!

## Schola

Our Schola Winter concert recently returned “in real life” and the choristers could not wait to perform in front of a live audience once more.

We were bowled over by the wonderful talent on show – it was an amazing performance and we wanted to share some of that talent with you. The recording was taken at rehearsal the day prior the concert, [listen to it here](#): (3 mins 55 secs)



The Development Office would like to wish you and yours a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful and safe New Year. We are once again appreciative of all your support and kindness.

## The Last Word at Christmas

Although we let the Head Master have the last word, we thought we would share our Nativity photographs of our Junior School Captains, Samuel and Olive and our Senior School Head Girl and Head Boy, Eilidh and Theo.

You can watch the [Head Master's Christmas message of hope](#). (5 mins 12 secs)



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