



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN ENGLAND

Welcome to our Summer 2023 Newsletter

August 2023

We love to hear from you! Please keep telling us what you are doing, and send us pictures of you and your family, along with old treasured TASIS pictures too.

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

And remember to visit us when you are in the area – just complete our simple booking form so that we are ready to welcome you. It can be found in the [Alumni section of our website](#) or by clicking on the button below.

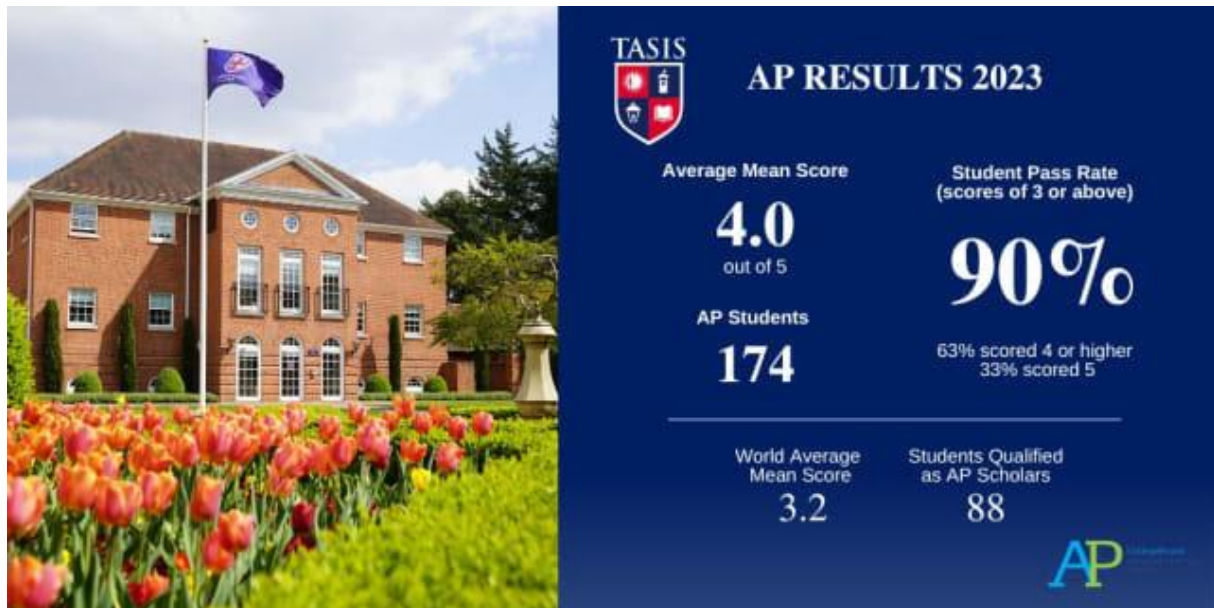
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Congratulations to the Class of 2023



June 10, 2023, proved to be a glorious day for Commencement! We celebrated the achievements of our seniors, reflected upon their TASIS England learning journey, and encouraged the class to make their future mark as principled, open-minded, and compassionate members of a global community.

And just a few weeks later, the TASIS England flag was proudly flying as we celebrated an excellent set of examination results across both our AP and IB programs.



Class of 2023 Alumni Representatives



Class Agents stay in touch with their classmates after they graduate and work alongside the Alumni Team to keep their classmates connected to each other and the School.

Our recent graduates voted for Lily N. and Ryan L. to serve as representatives of the Class of 2023. Congratulations!

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. They would love to hear from you!

The informal chat will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and will be followed by a special lunch. We will send out the first sign-up form soon.

TASIS England Financial Aid Fund – Donor Board Update from Bryan Nixon, Head of School



I wish to extend a heartfelt message of thanks to our generous alumni community.

When we launched our Financial Aid Fund Donor Board campaign in the spring, we hoped to achieve 50% coverage of our specially commissioned Donor Board in Thorpe Place.

We are delighted to announce that as we reached our deadline in June, the Board was 100% full!

 TASIS England Financial Aid Fund Donor Board In recognition of those who have provided the transformative benefit of a TASIS England education.			
Nick Wormley	Class of 1996	Shannon Witte Stoglar	Class of 1995
Kristen Seymour	Class of 1982	Jennifer Witte Vesser	Class of 2000
Siobhan Nixon	Class of 2018	Thijmen List	Class of 2021
Ruari Nixon	Class of 2020	Sylke List	Class of 2023
Niamh Nixon	Class of 2022	Lucy Cook	Class of 2021
Bea Escudero	Class of 2023	Sophie Cook	Class of 2023
Tomas Riera-Fluxa	Class of 2023	Geoffrey Cook	Class of 2028
Matteo Poloni	Class of 2023	Oreoluwa Agoro	Class of 2023
Alexis Friedlander	Class of 2011	Olaoluwa Agoro	Class of 2026
Jeremy Friedlander	Class of 2014	Mabel Santiago Silva	Class of 2023
Kayla Friedlander	Class of 2015	Kako Tsuboi	Class of 2023
Kade Friedlander	Class of 2021	Taiki Kato	Class of 2023
Seann Stubbs	Class of 2013	Ksenia Gudim	Class of 2023
Mauritius Glanz	Class of 2011	William Shaulis	Class of 2022
Alena Glanz	Class of 2011	Benjamin Shaulis	Class of 2023
Sherilyn Holcombe Waxler	Class of 1993	Aubrey Shaulis	Class of 2026
Dianna Holcombe Elam	Class of 1989	Aidan Shaulis	Class of 2028
Cynthia Holcombe	Class of 1986	I-An Hsieh	Class of 2023
Izzy Drewer	Class of 2023	Joseph Bunch	Class of 2021
Poppy Drewer	Class of 2026	Samuel Bunch	Class of 2023
Jocelyn Junker	Class of 1987	Theo Bunch	Class of 2026
Eric Junker	Class of 1990	Carl Tohme	Class of 2023
Julie Junker Anderson	Class of 1995	Athena Quinto	Class of 2023
Scott Stein	Class of 1993	Margherita Donzelli	Class of 2023
Paul Pistell	Class of 1990	Charles Hayden McLeod	Class of 2021
Adria Kelly Pistell	Class of 1990	Lauren McLeod	Class of 2023
Sean Witte	Class of 1993	Gael Garcia Guzman	Class of 2023
Paige Pistelle Witte	Class of 1993	Emilia Payan Flores	Class of 2023
Brandon Witte	Class of 1991	Mathias Chan	Class of 2023
Sofia Smirnova	Class of 2023	Sofia Lyra Farias Mafra Costa	Class of 2023

This is a wonderful achievement. A total sum of **£40,000** was raised, including some anonymous donations. This money will be allocated across our current means-tested bursary students in our Lower, Middle, and Upper Schools, and will enable us to discount tuition fees and retain outstanding families.

As this initiative has proved so successful (and the Board looks terrific), we are commissioning one more Donor Board to sit on the right-hand side of the same wall. We understand that many alumni missed the June deadline but wished to participate, so we are delighted to open up this new campaign.

Every single donation counts and helps transform the educational journey of our students. Thank you in advance for your support and, if you would like to be part of the transformation, please visit our [website Giving page](#).

Donors of £500 (\$635) or more are invited to have their name and class (along with any alumni siblings) printed on the new Board. If you made an anonymous donation and now wish to include your name and that of any siblings on the new board, simply email us at alumni@tasisengland.org.

We look forward to unveiling our second Donor Board and, if you wish to be featured in the listing, we do urge you to contribute soon!

Max Page and Pam Daly Award Winners



Chantal Gordon

Winner of the Max Page Award 2023



Niki Burns

Winner of the Pam Daly Award 2023

At the close of the school year, we announced the faculty and staff winners of the 2023 Max Page and Pam Daly Awards and were delighted to honor Chantal Gordon (Head of Modern Foreign Languages and Teacher of French) and Niki Burns (IT Department Coordinator) for their service leadership.

During our Opening Banquet on August 17, 2023, Niki and Chantal inspired us with their speeches and we are pleased to share some extracts with you below:

Extracts from Chantal Gordon's speech:

"Our faculty award is named after Max Page, a man I have had the good fortune to know both as a colleague and a friend. As a teacher, he was absolutely dedicated to education, to his beloved cello, and to his wonderful garden. He was able to communicate his passion and establish lasting relationships with his students. His mind never stopped. His unquestioned excellence as a teacher and his obvious love for his subject serve to reinforce for us where the real importance of our job lies. Years later, his students reminisce about him in very special ways. Strong relationships with his classes, high standards, and a sterling ability to communicate are hallmarks of his teaching. Here is an example from a former student.

This summer, the Class of 1993 held a reunion on campus, and one of them sent this message to his wife, Marcia. "Please let Mr. Page know that several of us were reminiscing about his class on Friday morning at breakfast. Brady Mears (a Class of '93 member) and I were able to recite "Break, Break, Break" and "My Papa's Waltz" pretty easily. We were a little shaky with "Symphony in Yellow" but the internet helped immensely. It is no secret that Mr. Page is a gifted educator but sitting with other adults who 30+ years on can recount specific lessons, assignments, and ideas that changed the way they thought about literature or the English language reinforced how remarkable a man he really is. The most important thing that we learned in that Thorpe classroom is that while nothing will come of nothing, everything will come of a great and patient teacher. Mr. Page has made all the difference and we are sure that Mr. Page still has much, much more he can teach us! (This reflection was sent to Chantal Gordon by Allison Niedzwiecki, Class of '93)"

Read Chantal's full speech [HERE](#).

Extracts from Niki Burns' speech:

"Well, let me talk a bit about myself. I've been here a while now, thirty-four years and eleven months to be exact. Wow. 5th September 1988. I was 19 years old. I walked through the front door of Thorpe Place as the new Part-time Admissions Secretary and I thought I'll maybe hang around for a couple of years.

I've been here longer than some of the buildings.

Well, if I'd had a crystal ball I don't think I'd have predicted that I'd still be here in 2023 ... When I started in Admissions all those years ago, I used a GOLFBALL typewriter and carbon paper. You didn't wear white in those days! Producing the re-invitation letters for the students was quite the project. That's some 400 or 500 letters all on paper. All duplicated! And, believe me, that was a time when people left me alone.

Now we type one email template, find the list of recipients, and send. Wow!

... Everything's changed. ... When computers came into the school, they were all desktops, which again, gave you the ability to switch off and go home. I think I've probably worked on every model of IMAC that APPLE has ever made since their introduction in 1998. Now, with laptops, even that is mobile!

So why did I stay? Well, let me tell you why I stayed. Mrs. Fleming, Founder and Director Emerita of the TASIS schools, was an absolute inspiration to me. To everybody really."

Read Niki's full speech [HERE](#).

TASIS England Summer Program

No sooner had we completed the 2022 -23 school year and wished our community a wonderful summer break than our Summer Program began!

This year, our award-winning Summer Program hosted 400 students from 47 countries, and it was great to welcome some alumni children once again!

Our summer school program is open to students ages 11-17 who seek adventure and wish to develop new perspectives and friendships across a three-week stay.

Further details about our 2024 program can be seen [HERE](#).



Campus Open Events – Alumni Welcome!

We are enjoying a record number of alumni visits during which we are often asked about traditional family campus events and whether they still take place.

Questions about the International Festival and Mayfair are the most common. We are delighted to confirm that not only are these annual events as popular as ever, they are also open to our alumni community.

We would love to see you at these unique celebrations if you are able to join us as part of a school visit. 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.)



TASIS England International Festival 2023



TASIS England Mayfair 2023

Reunion News

This summer we hosted some very special on-campus reunions for the Class of 1988 and the Class of 1993. We even hired out boarding accommodation for some members of the Class of 1993 who were keen to enjoy a taste of boarding life. They seemed to love the experience!



You can enjoy more photos of the Class of 1988's 35-year reunion celebration in our [Flickr album](#).



You can enjoy more photos of the Class of 1993's 30-year reunion celebration in our [Flickr album](#).



As the Class of 2023 enjoyed graduation, the Class of 2013 were anticipating their special 10-year celebration in New York. A great time was had by all and we extend thanks to the Class Agents for making the event such a success.

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!

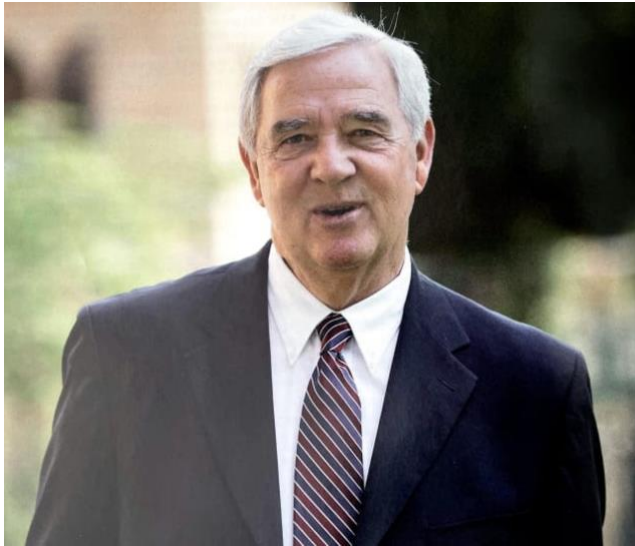
Join Head of School Bryan Nixon and Executive Director, Development & External Relations Mary Biddlecombe from 7 p.m. EST on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles Street, West End, Boston, MA 02114

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 announce that we are planning another All-Class Reunion in Houston in **March 2024**. More details to follow soon.

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 to gauge interest in the next few weeks. 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



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

Join our Alumni [**Facebook Page**](#).

Do you wish to update your data?

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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