

From the Head

A slightly belated Happy New Year! We are delighted to welcome you to our new look Alumni newsletter for 2011.

There's been a lot happening over the last six months! Building on the excellent work of the existing Alumni Committee, we have changed our Constitution and name and hope to broaden our reach to former students, especially the younger generations, to enable them to enjoy closer links with the school.

On 2 October we held our first 5 year reunion for 2004/5 leavers. Several of the former students who attended the evening have already signed up to help with a variety of school initiatives from mentoring to helping with sport and the arts. If you would like to become more involved in School life, please do get in touch.

You may well have seen Nonsuch feature in both the national and local press as we celebrated another year of record-breaking examination results. The number of top grades matched last

year's achievements at A-level and set a new record for GCSE, placing Nonsuch high up in the national league tables, sixteenth in the Sunday Times Good Schools Guide and as the top Grammar School in Sutton for GCSE results. I am incredibly pleased and proud of our students' achievements and the strong sense of community which has come together to produce these fantastic results.

As you may have heard already, the Governors are currently investigating Academy status for Nonsuch and will shortly commence a consultation with the wider community, details of which will be on our website in due course. We would welcome your views.

Talking to former students reinforces the important role that school plays in preparing our students not only to excel in exams, but also to develop as confident, happy and successful young women ready to take on the world. I am delighted that some of you have been able to come and share your experiences of university and your career with

students. These discussions are highly valued and appreciated by us all. I hope that you will be able to join us during the coming year at the various events detailed in this newsletter.

So lots of changes and much information to absorb. A new email address for a start alumni@nonsuch.sutton.sch.uk. Please remember to update your address book! We have introduced a new life e-membership for leavers from 2010—more details on page 2. We hope that this along with our new database (currently in development) will help you to stay in touch with one another and the school. If you would like to update your details, please download and complete the Data Form from the website and return it to the school.

We are also interested to hear your ideas for the future. If you have any suggestions or news you would like to share across the Alumni community or know of anyone who might like to join, please let us know, we would love to hear from you.

Karin Rowsell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9-10 Feb	School Production: <i>My Fair Lady</i>
2 March	"Be Inspired" careers evening
3 March	Music Tea
10 March	Rag Week cabaret
24 March	Spring Concert
29-30 March	Gym & Dance Display
5 May	Arts Award showcase
6 May	Alumni AGM and Supper
12 May	Jazz evening
30 June	Music for a Summers eve
11-12 July	Student Production: <i>Legally Blonde</i>
20 July	Alumni Summer meeting and invitation to "Theatre in the Quad"
16 September	Alumni Autumn meeting
1 October	5/10 year reunion for 2001 and 2006 Leavers

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please email alumni@nonsuch.sutton.sch.uk for more details and costs.

Students of 2004 & 2005 Reunite



Over 30 former Nonsuch students who left the school in 2004/5 joined Mrs Rowsell and staff on Saturday 2 October for their first Nonsuch Reunion. The event was the first of a series of annual 5 and 10 year reunion events organised by the newly launched Nonsuch Alumni (formerly the Nonsuch Old Girls' Association).

Along with catching up with friends and teachers, the girls enjoyed an evening of music and school tours

organised by current students followed by a three-course supper. Former student Clare Grout, now working as a Flood Risk Consultant at Atkins, Epsom, said:

"It's great to catch up with friends and teachers and see how the school has changed since 2005. I am looking forward to keeping in contact and helping current students prepare for university and their future careers."

