



West Kirby
Grammar School

Membership of the Alumni

All Year 11 and Year 13 leavers automatically become members of West Kirby Grammar Alumni (WKOGA) **FREE** of charge and will receive the annual mailshot and invitations to events by email.

Other new members will receive **FREE** membership and all communications by email. New members requiring communication by post will be asked to pay a **subscription of £10 for 5 years** to cover printing and postage to the Treasurer, address below.

Present members who already receive communications by email will no longer be asked for a renewal subscription when it next becomes due, but will get **FREE** membership.

Present members who receive communications by post have the option to change to email or will continue to pay a subscription increased to £10 for 5 years when their subscription is next due.

Membership forms can be found on our webpage on the school website:

www.wkgs.org/about/past-pupils

Please inform our membership secretary (h.peel58@outlook.com) of any changes to your email, or if you wish to receive email communications in the future so that we can keep our membership list up to date.

*Donations to the work of WKOGA are always acceptable and will be used to continue our support of WKGS. These can be paid by cheque payable to 'WKOGA' and posted to **WKOGA Treasurer, 3 Hawthorne Drive, WK Wirral CH48 9XJ** or by BACs to: Sort Code 20-50-36*

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Alumni Newsletter June 2022

Dear Member,

Firstly, apologies for the delay in sending out our 2022 mailshot. Although life is returning to some form of normality the committee has had several challenges to overcome and have unfortunately been unable to confirm dates with school for our usual AGM and Afternoon Tea. We hope to resume these in 2023.

Life at West Kirby Grammar seems to have become a little easier and it is good to read of the return of the many extra curricula activities that enrich students learning. Despite all the challenges of the past two years pupils produced another impressive year of outstanding achievements at GCSE and A level and congratulations must go to everyone who contributed to these successes.

The school paid tribute to the loss of acclaimed author and illustrator Shirley Hughes during the year. Shirley attended school from 1935 to 1943 and lived in Easedale House, which was later gifted by the family to school in the early 1980's and is now the 6th form centre.

Having been unable to hold our AGM this year means that we have been unable to recruit some new members on to our small committee. We have all been in post for a good number of years and although most of the committee are happy to continue myself and Sue Stewart (Treasurer) are standing down this year. We have a new Treasurer in place, Paula Cowen and I am pleased to report that Lucia Jordan is going to take over the role of Chair for the moment. **Please consider whether you could join the committee and if so, get in touch with Lucia. (wksoga@gmail.com)**

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee and keeping in touch with past pupils both home and abroad. Recent highlights have been the School Reunion dinners and logging the school archives following its centenary celebrations. These archives are now safely stored at Wirral Archives, Birkenhead rather than scattered through various stock rooms, cupboards and under the stage in school. Finally thank you to the committee for all their friendship, help and support.

Sue Dutton

We were unable to hold our AGM again in 2021 so under the circumstances the present officers of WKG Alumni agreed to continue in office, as have the Committee members although we would welcome new members to join us.

Treasurer's Report for year ending 31/08/2022

<u>INCOME</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Subscriptions	50.00	Archives	
Donations		Donations to school	300.00
Pens		Pens	
		Expenses	
Postage		Print/Postage/Stat	
	<u>£ 50.00</u>		<u>£ 300.00</u>
Balance Sheet as of 31 August 2022			
<u>ASSETS</u>	£		£
Balance 31 Aug 2021	2,634.67	Represented by:	
Excess Exp over Inc	-250.00	Cash at Bank	2,384.67
	<u>£ 2,384.67</u>	Cash in Hand	nil
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Activities & Achievements in 2021/22

School now awards an overall House Trophy for events and achievements, including sporting, musical, artistic, and academic successes.

Charity Fundraising included:

Harvest Festival gifts for Charles Thompson Mission
 Macmillan Coffee Morning
 Sponsored Walk for overseas project in Malawi
 £1,000+ raised by staff doing Race for Life/Breast Cancer

WKGS were named in top 10 North West State Schools and nationally rated in top 100 in the Sunday Times Schools Guide for 2022.

A level Results: 87% pass rate at A* - C, with 70% of grades A* - B
 And 11% all results awarded A*

6 Students have been offered places at Oxbridge

GCSE Results: 100% Standard Pass in English and Maths (previous A* - C)
 And 65% all grades achieved were at grades 9 - 7
 (Previous A* - A)

After two very difficult years for both staff and students, life at West Kirby Grammar has started to return to some normality. Learning on-line has proved to be more difficult than in the classroom so the girls, and staff, should be congratulated on achieving another year of outstanding results.

As restrictions have been lifted it has been good to see extra curricula activities starting up again and theatre trips have taken in 'The Railway Children', Robin Hood Rock & Roll Panto, Red Riding Hood and 'Noughts & Crosses' Malorie Blackman's modern-day tale reminiscent of Romeo & Juliet. A trip to London's National Theatre saw 'Jack Absolute Flies Again' starring Caroline Quentin and Kelvin Fletcher, while closer to home 'The Tempest' at the outdoor theatre at Hillbark, Wirral.

Other visits have included a Year 8 trip to Normandy, Tatton Park Flower Show, the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham, the Queen Elizabeth Law Courts in Liverpool and an RE trip to The British Museum to view the exhibition 'Feminine Power: From the Divine to the Demonic'

Field trips have ranged from the Lake District to Iceland and everywhere in between. The schools overseas project has been based in China since 2003 improving conditions in over 5 rural schools projects and many students have been to see how their money was spent. Support has now been moved to projects in rural Malawi to help children's education and female empowerment. Already funding has helped to build new sanitation blocks and water supply for 3 maternity units.

Two teams of Years 9-13 students took part in the AstraZenica's 'GirlsBelongHere' Innovation Challenge finishing 1st and 2nd overall, whilst a Year 13 student represented the UK at the European Mathematical Olympiad in Hungary winning the Bronze medal.

Sporting successes have included Amelia from Year 10 gaining a silver medal in U17Triple Jump at the National Indoor Athletics Championships. U13 Football team winning the Wirral Schools FA Cup, Year 12 student Sienna being accepted into Wales National Netball Academy, Year 7 Isla representing Merseyside coming 1st in Cross Country against Cheshire.

This is just a snapshot of school activities; further details can be found about all these, plus more on the school website under 'Latest News'