



The Royal High School (RHS) Club

Who are we?...

- We are an elected body of Former Pupils
- The Club was founded in 1849
- Committee leaving years range from 1968 to 2008
- We meet on a regular basis, with the Rector in attendance

What do we do ?...

- We provide funding for School Projects, Prizes and Bursaries.
- We provide support to the School for a variety of ceremonial occasions
- We provide connectivity among all former pupils, and with the current School population
- We provide specialist employment advice and experience opportunities for present and former pupils
- We maintain the School archive

In the Barnton 50th year



The nation Captains at the 2018 RHS Club Dinner



The Barnton 50th decade popup displays in the foyer



The World War 2 Memorial tablets unveiled – November 2018

Members of the RHS Club organise the Annual Dinner, to which The Captains and the Nation Captains are invited. An RHS Club member designed and commissioned the Barnton 50th decade popups, and also the World War Two Memorial tablets.

The digital history



The digital history has been created in past few years using material gathered over the past twenty or more years. It is intended to replace the hardback versions which date back as far as 1849, but unlike its paper predecessors it is a constantly evolving product. Pupils can acquire a copy as they leave School. The history is edited by a Former Pupil and an former Teacher.

Above L to R: the menu, the history badged pouch, the credit card USB, Schola Regia montage

What are future Club plans?

- The current practice is to join the Club by paying a once off (lifetime) subscription
- We have to recognise that social media has changed people's habits: fewer and fewer former pupils are joining the Club as they leave school.
- We may follow other Edinburgh Schools' practice by making all Former Pupils members of the RHS Club at no cost, and continue to offer the digital history to all school leavers
- We would like senior pupils to act as Ambassadors for the Club



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Our Club President

- Ian Cowie, leaving year 1972
- BBC Sound and camera man, confirmed foodie – a.k.a. Mr Snax
- Wants to encourage pupils into the media sector



...and his message to pupils and former pupils

As we leave the 50th anniversary year of the RHS moving to Barnton, I wish to welcome 2019 to be the dawning of a new 'inclusive era', whereby pupils leaving the school, by right, become members of The RHS Club, without the need for a subscription. We can keep you posted with Club news, including the events we hold. When you leave school you will have the opportunity to acquire a copy of history of the school, now created in digital form. It is very much up to date with articles and photos from your School days, but also covers many aspects of the School History over the last few centuries. Many of you will have taken advantage of the opportunities to visit the workplaces of a variety of Former Pupils, and I also encourage you to ask about those opportunities we offer. Our Former Pupils work in an extraordinary range of employments, and are keen to share knowledge and experience. Good luck to all of you as you leave the Barnton campus to embark on the next stage of your career.

Photos from Club / School events in recent years



2017 School Captain Angus Farquhar with RHS London Club President Fraser Wright



2017 RHS Club Edinburgh dinner – teachers and captains



2018 Dynamic Earth Barnton 50th Gala dinner – School fiddle band



2018 Prize Giving, FP address from Anne Richards

RHS Club events at which the School participate include the RHS London Club dinner, where both Rector and Captain deliver an address. The photos shown above include the 2017 London and Edinburgh dinners. The School fiddle band has performed at the Edinburgh dinner for the past 15 years. The Former Pupil delivering the address at the 2018 Prize Giving was Anne Richards, leaving year of 1981, now CEO of Fidelity International. She is shown above with one of her inspirational teachers, Mr Archie Davidson.

Some Photos from the past



1995 – first turf cut for the artificial pitch



2012 – 6th Form leaving School at the Prize Giving



2009 – RHS Club Committee dinner - Four Rectors



2017 – Platform party for the Remembrance service

Famous pupils from the Barnton years

Millennials are upstaging names such as Sir Walter Scott, Alexander Graham Bell and Ronnie Corbett, the traditionally quoted 'Famous FPs'. BBC Cardiff 2017 Singer of the World Catriona Morison, regular Hibs player Olly Shaw, Ben Cairns and Alan Macdonald have played rugby for Scotland, Dave Stewart has drummed for many artists, including Deacon Blue, Fish and Albert Hammond, 2007 School Captain Megan Shandley, is a stand-up comedian on the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

And in conclusion

The RHS Club welcomes all Royal High School pupils to the Club, and hopes they will attend Club functions and take part in Club life.

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