



August 2016

## An opportunity to celebrate

The Class of '16 were in high spirits as they celebrated a superb set of A Level results. Parents and staff were delighted and the girls have now embarked on their chosen courses at a range of prestigious UK and international universities.

Among the impressive individual results, we saw 14 girls achieve all A\*/A grades and 25 girls awarded at least two A\*s/As. Three girls gained places at Oxbridge, seven girls achieved top grades to win places to read Medicine while a further three girls won highly competitive places to study Dentistry. We were also very proud to send two girls to one of the world's most prestigious Schools of Dance – Laine Theatre Arts.

Prizegiving at the Sage Gateshead was an opportunity to formally celebrate the girls' successes. Parents and guests joined staff and girls along with inspirational broadcaster Victoria Derbyshire as Guest Speaker for a memorable evening.

June 2016

## A fond farewell

On Saturday 25th June, NHSG and Central Newcastle High School alumnae spanning the decades gathered together for a last view of the Eskdale Terrace School buildings.

The event was informal, allowing Old Girls to join tours or wander around at their leisure, reminiscing about their school days and catching up with old friends. After a last look around, guests settled down in the Hall to enjoy an afternoon tea.

Although the day was bittersweet, it was lovely to hear the laughter at old memories and excitement as old treasures were found new homes at our mementos stall. The curiosity and enthusiasm for the new facilities were also evident, and we look forward to building such fond memories in our new surroundings too.



September 2016

## A Tankerville reunion

On Saturday 24th September, we were delighted to welcome Church High alumnae to the first Annual Lunch at the newly refurbished Tankerville Terrace facilities.

The day began with coffee and a catch up before Old Girls were led by current girls around the School on tours. There was an atmosphere of excitement as our guests finally got to see the fruition of two years' work on the Victorian building, now called The Dame Catherine Cookson Building, and were bowled over by the new building.

The tours were followed by lunch, when the chatter was non-stop as old friends shared memories and news and alumnae became reacquainted with their former teachers.

It was wonderful to see so many Old Girls and staff turn out to to enjoy the event. Photographs of the day can be found on our Facebook page: @tankervillehouse.



October 2016

## Old friends reunited

October saw girls from the Classes of '06, '96, '86, '76, '66 and even '56 at Central High return to School for their 2016 reunion.

The atmosphere was jolly and the reaction to the new school buildings was wonderful. The prevailing response from Old Girls was how much facilities had improved from "their day", and how lucky our girls are to benefit from such an outstanding learning environment. It was a sentiment popularly repeated as our guests later had a chance to sample the delicious School catering at lunch!

Reunion photographs can be seen on Facebook: @centralhighalumnaeandfriends.

The first day of the Autumn Term marked the beginning of a new page in the history of Newcastle High School for Girls as we started the School year in our new facilities on Tankerville Terrace. While the facilities have changed, the School spirit has not and it is amazing how quickly we have settled in and felt at home.

The response from alumnae to the move has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic. As ever, please continue to keep in touch - the panel below explains how.

## Unrivalled 21st century facilities



We are delighted that our 15 month development project is complete and Newcastle High School for Girls Senior School now boasts unrivalled facilities to match the the Junior School at Chapman House, setting the standard for 21st century education in the region.

You can see more images of the development on the facilities section of our website [newcastlehigh.gdst.net](http://newcastlehigh.gdst.net).

## A fantastic opportunity

The iconic red-brick School building has retained its beautiful exterior, but has been completely modernised and refurbished on the inside. Now named The Dame Catherine Cookson Building, highlights include light and airy classrooms, beautiful art studios, a fully-equipped home economics suite, an excellent learning resources centre (Library in old money!) and a large common room and library exclusively for Sixth Form use.

Alongside the Victorian building stands a new copper-clad three-storey building which features a multi-purpose assembly and performing arts venue, a fitness studio and science laboratories leading to a roof terrace.

Each classroom is fitted with state-of-the-art equipment including interactive



smartscreen technology. Every space has been carefully designed to support modern methods of learning and to enable our girls to thrive.

The best praise on the new learning environment has come from the most important source - the girls themselves

As three Year 10 girls commented: "We have been given a fantastic opportunity to learn in a modern building that embodies the spirit of the school."

## An ethos of giving

You will remember from your own school days the energy and effort of girls to raise money for charities and voluntary groups. That ethos of giving is as strong today as it was in years past and is indeed a special feature of our School community.

Our School has also benefited from the generosity of others, helping to create life changing opportunities and experiences for the girls.

Most recently, alumnae and friends have kindly supported our project to raise funds for a Grand Piano and we have now raised over £11,000. We will keep you posted on the next steps.

The generosity of The Dame Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust has also led to three significant donations and we are so thankful for the most recent support for bursaries for the next five years. We hope that naming one of our Senior School buildings as The Dame Catherine Cookson Building is a fitting token of our gratitude.

In November we held an Evening of Celebration at our new Senior School which was attended by supporters and friends. We were delighted to welcome Peter Magnay, Trustee of the Dame Catherine Cookson Trust as Guest Speaker. Peter spoke of the lasting legacy of Catherine Cookson and the impressive work of the Trust. During the evening we also heard from alumna, Jasmine Summers. Jasmine is currently reading Economics at Edinburgh University as well as running her own successful online business. As a beneficiary of a bursary, it was wonderful to hear her story and just how grateful she is for the support she was given at School.

## How to stay in touch with School and one another

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