

# The Lancing Society

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A powerful network bringing people together with a common interest, a fondness for their time at Lancing and a willingness to help each other.



## Friends and connections for life

Long-lasting firm friendships are made at Lancing. OLS, parents and staff know that special relationships made here give them a lifetime of connections professionally and socially.

The Lancing Society brings together a network of over 10,000 members. It exists to ensure that everyone who has been involved with Lancing College can benefit from being part of this large, engaged group. Through a wide range of social, professional and sporting activities, we aim to nurture life-long relationships with the College and with its members.

### Member Associations

The Lancing Society includes current pupils, OLS, parents (current and past) and staff (current and past).

### Aims

We want every member of the Lancing Society to enjoy and benefit from their association with the College. Being part of the Lancing Society brings:

- The opportunity to stay in touch with old friends and acquaintances from Lancing.
- Professional connections across a wide range of sectors including: medicine, journalism, marketing, engineering, science, advertising, technology, law, finance and the Third Sector.
- Advice and guidance in your professional career, mentoring and work experience.
- Access to a wide range of social and business opportunities facilitated through a vibrant events and communications programme.
- Opportunities to share the latest news from Lancing.

**The Lancing Society aims to support and represent all Associations within the Lancing family and their members.**



## Pupils

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Being part of the Lancing Society becomes increasingly important as pupils approach the time to think about university, careers and life after Lancing. As they leave the Sixth Form, pupils gain access to *Lancing Connected*, an online platform providing opportunities to connect with OLs around the world.

### Careers

Working within the wider College programme, OLs and parents are part of a valuable effort to support pupils in developing their CVs and career pathways. Many OLs and parents on *Lancing Connected* are offering mentoring and help with reviewing CVs – a valuable resource for those applying for jobs. As part of the wider *My Future* programme we provide information to enable every pupil to select subjects to study while at school, consider options for higher education and investigate different career paths. We host an annual Careers Day which is designed to expose our Fifth Form students to a range of potential career options and their entry routes.

### Careers in Depth

We are always looking at ways to assist our pupils' transition to life after Lancing. One of the ways we do this is to bring panels of OLs and parents together from different industry sectors to talk to pupils.

### University Ambassadors

Thinking about university choices and becoming a 'Fresher' can be an anxious time for some young people. This experience can be so much better when OLs already at university can offer help and advice. The Foundation Office and *Lancing Connected* enable pupils to make contact and establish early introductions before embarking on university life.

### Business networks

Pupils are invited to attend different Business Network groups during the Sixth Form. These events are generally hosted in London and provide an open forum for pupils to talk with OLs and parents and an insight into different sectors.

### Internships and work experience

Increasingly offered by OLs and parents. In consultation with College staff, requests are co-ordinated by the Foundation Office and placements are advertised on *Lancing Connected*.

### Events

The Foundation Office and The OL Club will invite current students to a variety of events throughout the year, ranging from House reunions to sporting events such as the Sports Dinner hosted by the LOBFC (Lancing Old Boys' Football Club). This gives students an opportunity to meet the Lancing community and experience the social events available to them once they become OLs.



# The OLs

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Pupils become OLs when they leave the College. All OLs are members of The OL Club, the largest association within the Lancing Society.

## Events for all ages

A varied events programme including Young OLs drinks, Over 60s lunches, overseas and House reunions.

## Business networks

Professional networks for OLs and parents in a variety of sectors, providing the opportunity to make new contacts, share ideas and offer mentoring to current pupils.

## Sports clubs

OL teams play football, cricket, Eton Fives, squash, hockey, golf and netball throughout the year. Teams compete in national and regional school alumni competitions and against current Lancing pupils. The annual sports dinner is a popular event in the OL calendar, celebrating the success of OLs – men and women – in contributing to Lancing's sporting legacy.

## Lancing Connected

Launched in 2017, this online platform provides opportunities to reconnect with old friends, make new connections and keep up-to-date with news and events. 74% of members are 'willing to help' by providing advice on CVs, mentoring, offering career guidance and industry insight.



**The Old Lancing Club was founded in 1878 for the benefit of former Lancing College pupils known as OLs.**

The Club facilitates contact between OLs from all years through a variety of social events, clubs and sports. The Club has an active committee with subcommittees for Events, Communication and Finance. The Club provides financial support to the Founders Campaign and the Chapel Completion Campaign.

# NICOLAS ASSOCIATION



## Parents Groups

**The St Nicolas Association** – established in 2002 to provide a social network for current parents. It supports special projects at the College that cannot be funded from the school's existing resources.

**The Lancing Association** – formed in 1995 to give parents of former pupils the opportunity to maintain links with the College and its staff. A number of seats for Association members are reserved at principal concerts, plays and the Carol Service, and members receive a copy of *The Quad* each term. It also funds special projects at the College.

## Parents

Parents are an integral part of the Lancing Society and continue to be involved after their children have left the College. Both the St Nicolas Association and the Lancing Association are key groups for parents to socialise and network.

### Welcome to new parents

A Hog Roast and BBQ held for all new parents and pupils at the beginning of the new school year is a good way to meet and get to know other parents and pupils.

### Social events

Our Parents Groups organise events such as the May Ball, Burns Night celebrations, Comedy Nights and Quiz Nights. These events primarily aim to bring parents together whilst raising funds to support the College. Recently a significant donation was made towards the refurbishment of the Observatory. Parents also form strong networks overseas, attending reunions and welcoming new parents. Parents are also invited to the series of Head Master's Lectures held throughout the year featuring a range of notable speakers from the Lancing Society and beyond.

### Music calendar

A variety of concerts are held throughout the year and provide an opportunity to meet up and hear from Lancing's talented music scholars and pupils. There are also regular opportunities for OLs and established musicians to play at the College and parents are very welcome to attend.

### Business networks

Parents are encouraged to participate and support the Lancing Society business networks. These occasions are for OLs, parents and pupils in the Sixth Form.



# Giving back to the community

Alongside its work with the Lancing Society, the Foundation Office is raising funds for the Foundoners campaign – *bursaries that change lives* and supporting the Friends of Lancing Chapel with the Chapel Completion Campaign.

## Lancing Foundoners

The Foundoners campaign was launched in 2017 with the aim of raising £3 million to fund 25 Foundoners by 2022. Bursaries are awarded to vulnerable young people from challenging backgrounds. Two years on, we are pleased to report that we have raised £2.8m of our first stage target of £3m. The Campaign is supported by the enthusiastic commitment of the Governing Body, the Foundation Council and the wider Lancing community. Donors have appreciated our promise to have a fund restricted solely for Foundoners and to be part of a project which respects social diversity.

## 1848 Society

The 1848 Legacy Society was created in 2006, in recognition of our founder's vision for the College and to allow us to thank all those who have made provision for, or are considering leaving a legacy in their Will to the College. We have received £2.1m in legacies from 17 donors and have a further £5m pledged. These are extraordinary figures and demonstrate a wonderful commitment to the College and its future. Lancing is privileged to have such loyal support from OLs and its community. We are extremely grateful to all those whose gifts will continue to sustain the school through the next century.

## The Chapel Completion Campaign

It is just over 40 years since the Chapel's west wall and rose window were dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales. Today the Friends of Lancing Chapel and the College are in the exciting position of being able to add the final touch to this glorious Gothic masterpiece. The new design on the west end is an open three-arched porch providing shelter for new glazed doors. We have raised nearly 90% of the £1.2m project cost and the works are scheduled to be complete by November 2020, with the official dedication planned for May 2021.



**The Lancing Foundation was established in 2005 to provide long term financial support for the College's development plans.**

The Lancing Foundation has raised over £4.5 million for projects at the College including the Foundoners campaign, the new Reception area, refurbishment of the Swimming Pool, the Gym, the Grubber and the Shearwood Pavilion.

The Foundation aims to maintain and strengthen the tradition of philanthropy that has enriched the College since it was established in 1848. Members of the Lancing Society are encouraged to support the work of the Foundation and get involved with fundraising projects wherever possible.



# Friends of Lancing Chapel

**'The Friends of Lancing Chapel' is a charity completely independent from the school. It cooperates with the Lancing Chapel Trust, the charity which owns the Chapel building, and maintains close contact with the College.**

Lancing's remarkable Chapel has a very significant role in the lives of pupils and of the school community. It symbolises the importance of Christian worship at the College and has a major influence on pupils' strong sense of moral and spiritual awareness.

The whole school attends the weekly College Eucharist, and with parents, gathers to mark special events such as Remembrance Sunday, Founder's Day and the Leavers' Service. It is a moving experience to witness the entire school coming together as one community in celebration, prayer and reflection.

The Friends' objectives are to complete, maintain and conserve the Chapel of SS Mary and Nicolas. The Friends built the west wall and rose window, completed the glazing, lighting and furnishing of the Chapel and contributed to the Handford Porch, the South Aisle door and the new Crypt altar.

They have also given over £1 million to a series of stone conservation contracts over the past 30 years. Once the Chapel is finished, the Friends and the College can concentrate on conserving and enhancing this inspiring building for future generations.

Apart from visitors' donations and specific appeals, the Friends depend on Members' covenants and legacies.

Parents and all members of the Lancing Society are encouraged to support the Chapel and to become Friends of Lancing Chapel.

To find out more about the charity, please email **FriendsOfLancingChapel@lancing.org.uk**





## Meet the team

The Foundation team supports the Lancing Society by arranging events and reunions, reconnecting OLs, fundraising and acting as the central point of communication for OLs, parents and staff. They are also responsible for *Lancing Connected*, business network events, and the Lancing Society and OL websites, e-newsletters and sections of *The Quad*.

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## The worldwide Lancing Community

### GLOBAL NETWORK

Pupils from

**43 COUNTRIES**

OLs in

**83 COUNTRIES**

### FOUNDATION

**£5.5m**

total raised for  
the Foundation

### EVENTS

**2,463**

OLs and parents  
have attended  
events since 2010

### LANCING CONNECTED

**70%**

of OLs are  
willing to offer  
career advice

### THE LANCING SOCIETY

**£517K**

given to projects including: Shearwood Pavilion; Foundationers Campaign; Chapel Completion Campaign; Observatory; Theatre and Green Room; and the refurbishment of Great School and Dining Hall portraits.



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