

OLD CLIFTONIAN SOCIETY





Lily Owsley, 2013 Olympic Gold Medallist



Michael Cates, 1978 Lucasian Professor of Mathematics



John Inverdale, 1975 Broadcaster



Simon Russell Beale, 1978 Actor

Who we are

The Old Cliftonian Society is more than 100 years old, and is run by OCs for OCs. It works to facilitate contact and communication between OCs, and between OCs and the school. The Society's ambition is to keep members informed about events and news; connected with each other, both personally and professionally; and involved with the purposes of the Society and the strategy of the School. The OCS coordinates a wide range of events, reunions, activities, publications and networks to propagate these aspirations, all over the world. OCs are an eclectic bunch, and there's something for everyone!

It campaigns to raise funds for College projects, both large and small – historically, the OCS purchased Beggar's Bush playing fields, and, more recently, the practice pianos for the Joseph Cooper Music School.

Even more importantly, the OCS manages the Clifton College Endowment Fund [currently valued at approx. £5.5 million], which is used to support a significant number of Cliftonians via scholarships and bursaries.

How we are funded

Like any members' club, the costs of running the Society are largely met by raising funds through subscriptions. Life Membership is granted to all those who pass through the College and pay the termly charge itemized on the bill. Compared to most other similar schools, the rates involved represent excellent value.

Recent activities

- the CCEF is currently spending £180,000+ on scholarships/bursaries per year
- work experience placements and mentoring arrangements have been organised in architecture, real estate, engineering, finance, law, medicine and physiotherapy
- travel award recipients have visited Uganda, Ghana, South Africa and Borneo

What we do

- a global business network, Chapters for various professions and a very active LinkedIn group
- work experience and mentoring opportunities, especially for Sixth Formers and young graduates
- branches across the UK, from Scotland to the Channel Islands
- more than 30 branches overseas, on every continent [except Antarctica!]
- an interactive website www.oc-online.co.uk
- e-Newsletters, at least 3 times a year, detailing all OC News and events
- the annual magazine-the official record of all things Old Cliftonian
- social events all over the world—some annually, others occasionally
- reunions, typically at Clifton, for specific year groups
- monthly networking breakfasts in the Pavilion
- clubs for golf, football, shooting, cricket, hockey, rugby, real tennis, rackets, drama
- footballers play in the Downs' League; shooters compete at Bisley; cricketers in the Cricketer Cup; and golfers in the Halford Hewitt
- an OC Lodge that meets regularly in Bristol and London
- manage the CCEF and distribute funds to beneficiaries: scholarships, bursaries and travel awards being the principal items

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Patrick Jenkin, 1944 Cabinet Minister



George Paton, 1914 Victoria Cross recipient



Nevill Mott, 1923 Nobel Laureate



Lawrence Kadoorie, 1914 Industrialist and Philanthropist



OC Rugby 7s team, winners of the Richmond Summer Social, August 2021



OC Bristol dinner, 2021



OC Tel Aviv dinner, 2017