



Range High School

Alumni Newsletter 2- Dec 2020

Dear Alumni members,

I hope all is well with you all and that you are coping as well as possible in these very difficult and strange times. At last we have the second Alumni Association newsletter, hopefully this will now be produced on a yearly basis. I hope you find it interesting but would welcome any ideas or suggestions that you may have for inclusion in future editions.

Wishing you and your family a lovely Christmas and healthy 2021.

Judy Lowe

Alumni Officer

Introducing our new Head teacher



Mr Mike McGarry, MA, PGCE, NPQH



Range High School: hello to everyone in our Alumni Association!

Dear All,

I hope you and your families remain well at this strange time in our lives. It is unfortunate that I haven't had the opportunity to meet many of you as yet due to the pandemic and I hope that will change later in this academic year and beyond when things get back to some sort of normality. I have met several times with Judy and I am delighted with the growth in numbers in our Alumni Association. I am hoping that we will be able to organise further social events in the coming years- particularly as your 'alma mater' makes its way towards being 50 years old in 2025!

Judy has asked me to give you a little bit of background information for this edition of the newsletter.

I have been in teaching and education over twenty five years and I have held senior posts in three different schools for the past fifteen years. I have also held the position of Advanced Skills Teacher supporting a number of schools and colleagues in a range of settings across the Wigan Local Authority. I am a governor in a Liverpool Primary School and I have been involved in educational consultancy support in setting up several British Schools abroad.

Prior to starting at Range last year, I held the post of Associate Principal at Belvedere Academy in Liverpool. It was a real challenge and a pleasure to take a small fee-paying independent school and to play an integral role in transforming it into a state-funded, fully comprehensive Academy. Belvedere is one of the top performing schools in the North-West of England and received 'outstanding' in all areas in its two Ofsted inspections in 2010 and in 2015. I have always worked closely with trustees, senior colleagues, governors, staff and students to ensure a thriving curriculum that is delivered in a stimulating and cost-effective manner to ensure the very best outcomes for the students.

It was my privilege to be appointed as the new Head teacher at Range High School, taking up the post in September 2019. Similarly, I am now working closely with all stakeholders to ensure that Range is back on a trajectory of excellence in all aspects. Educational outcomes, curriculum aims, financial security and personal development are just some of the areas evident in our new school development plan which will help secure Range's future as an outstanding school. Obviously, things were and continue to be disrupted due to the pandemic but I am so proud of our school community, particularly the staff and the students for the way they have adapted to a new way of doing things as we work together to get education back on track.

I enjoy a very busy family life, I am married with two teenage daughters, and my wife is an ex-Range student and a member of your organisation. I enjoy socialising with friends, attempting to play golf (!), reading and travel.

I am sure you have many fond memories of Range when you were a student here. Again, I look forward to getting to meet with many of you and possibly discussing some ideas as to how you could support the school moving forward at a very important time in its history.

I wish all of you and your families a very peaceful Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year when it comes.

Yours sincerely

Mike McGarry
Head teacher





Science

Unilever Bright Future Programme

Congratulations to Team Range on a phenomenal planet-friendly project!

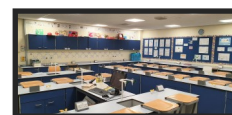
At the end of last year, All About STEM facilitated a three-day event for regional schools to take part in the Unilever Bright Future Programme hosted by Unilever Port Sunlight. This year, due to the impact of Covid-19 they could not host their annual Celebration and Assessment Day at Hulme Hall in March, although this did not deter our team from completing their project. In October, our team virtually presented their project to Unilever's judges via Zoom; 28 schools took part in the programme and Unilever have said that the competition was extremely difficult to judge.

The teams had to design their own environmentally friendly/sustainable product. Our team chose the 'affordable sun care challenge' and designed and developed a low-cost sun protection product for people who usually don't have access to it. Along with their product, they also designed a workable app!

Judges comments:

"I was really impressed with their presentation skills and amount of research that clearly went into designing their product. They had a fantastic idea for a supplementary app to go with their product and answered some extremely tough questioning particularly well. They really hit the brief of creating an affordable product, but made sure that this wasn't at the expense of sustainability. It was a really well put together Unilever product."

Salters' National Awards for Science Technicians 2019



What an achievement!

Congratulations to our fantastic Science Technicians, who found out that they had won an award -The Salters' National Awards for Science Technicians.

After being shortlisted, they hosted members on the awarding panel, who visited the school to meet and discuss their work. As a result they were notified that the team were to receive one of the awards of £1,000. They were invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at Salters' Hall in London.

Miss N Nibhan - Head of Science



Mathematics

Hidden Connections

Some of our last year's Y11 students attended a Hidden Connections course held at the University of Liverpool Mathematics School. The focus of the course has been to develop connections within GCSE Mathematics to give students fluency and confidence to achieve Grade 8+ in GCSE Maths. Here are the experiences of the students in their own words.

The lessons focus around problem-solving questions which are very relevant for our GCSEs and also our recent mock exams. I personally thoroughly enjoy attending these classes and they have given me a great amount of confidence. I hope the Maths department continues to offer this opportunity to other years in the future.

Maisie Gallen

I found the Maths lessons at the Liverpool University very helpful. They allowed me to evaluate the different methods there are to work out problems. It also helped me to understand how and when to use maths in order to help me solve a problem. I am very thankful for this opportunity as it has helped me to apply my new knowledge to questions in exam papers.

Jasmine Spence

Recently a few of us have been attending extra sessions at Liverpool University Maths School called 'Proofs, Problems and Possibilities.' The sessions are aiming to stretch the students who enjoy problem solving to apply to more challenging maths concepts. They have been a great help to all of us and certainly have improved our maths skills. We will definitely continue to go after Christmas!

Amber Smith

The extra maths course has enabled me to practice high level exam questions whilst understanding which steps to take in order to solve them. Covering a range of different topics, both support and challenge has been given. The course is enjoyable and given me confidence in achieving a high grade at GCSE.

Eby Hanson

**COUNTDOWN TO
CATASTROPHE
18TH NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE**

The University of Southampton National Cipher Challenge is a national code-breaking competition whereby teams or individual pupils compete to break a series of codes in the fastest possible time. Last year's challenge was entitled 'Countdown to Catastrophe' and the background story relates to a saboteur who is working deep in the heart of NASA. The cipher team need to discover who they are, what they want and how far they are willing to go.

Katie Thomas-Lee, Abigail Towle, James Connaughton, Isabella Hatch and Lucy Williamson formed a team and used their maths and computer programming skills to aid them to solve the weekly cipher challenges.

The challenge demonstrated the close link between Maths and Computer Science and has showed the students other possible avenues Maths can lead to including Cryptography and other possible career choices.

The team finished to completion placing joint 17th out of over 200 entries – a superb achievement!

Miss G Ellison - Head of Mathematics and Numeracy



Expressive Arts

In 2019 the Arts Theatre was given a face lift. A new floor was laid, the theatre painted and the purchase of new chairs. As well all of our fabulous drama productions the Arts Theatre is also used for assemblies and examinations.

The Drama Department has undertaken some fabulous productions recently including Sister Act, Dracula Spectacular, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Annie and Grease.

Mrs A Grace—Head of Drama

The Arts Theatre



Dracula Spectacular



**Midsummer
Night's Dream**



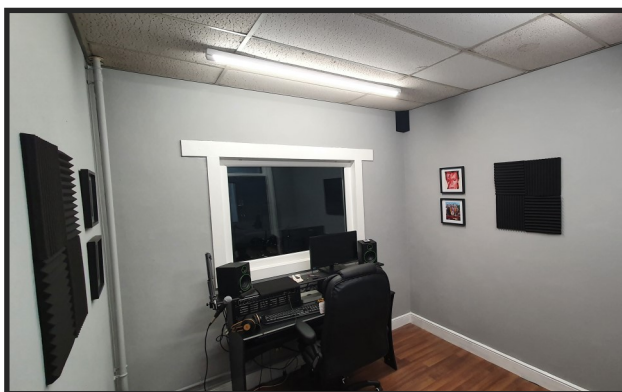
Oliver



Sister Act



Buggy Malone



The Recording Studio

The Music Department now has a recording studio. A dramatic transformation which saw the music practice rooms combined to form an industry standard recording studio and live room. An amazing resource playing a significant role in delivering KS4 and KS5 BTEC courses as well as launching the school's first record label. The official opening will take place early in the New Year.

**Mr P Povey
Head of Music**



PE & Dance



In 2019 the sports hall floor was completely renewed and has recently been painted in colours to match the rest of the school. Two classrooms have also been amalgamated and refurbished providing a fully functioning dance studio.

GCSE / A Level PE allows for the majority of traditional sports but we also use Awesome Walls Climbing Centre in Liverpool and Crosby lakeside for kayaking. We play a lot of golf using Formby Hall and Formby Golf Course.

The School teams did really well in 2019 with Year 11 football Sefton Cup Winners and Year 7 cross country winners together with success in netball at National level.

We have had a number of trips which included a weekend at the FA Headquarters St George's Park and Rugby school for A level PE. Football tours to Barcelona, Real Madrid, PSV, Feyenoord, Ajax and Jan 2020 joining Man City academy for a weekend coaching and premier league fixture. There have also been trips for netball to Marbella and Gibraltar.

We also have our own Instagram and Twitter accounts where current news and items are shown.

Miss K Singleton - Head of PE



Sixth Form Centre



Range Sixth Form is thriving, and we were delighted to welcome 102 new students into Year 12 in September 2020. As well as “home-grown” Range students, sixth formers have joined us from other schools; enriching Year 12 and contributing to the positive, focused, and vibrant atmosphere in Sixth Form. Students in Year 12 and Year 13 have been a credit to themselves and their families throughout this difficult first term - returning to school, to an ever-changing landscape, after being away since March.

Acting on student feedback, we have made some major changes to Sixth Form over recent years. Responding to student requests, we have introduced A level Psychology and now have a thriving Year 12 and Year 13 class. Following physical changes to the building, we were delighted to open the “Snack Shack” in 2019; a catering facility available to students between 10.00 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. each day. The opportunity to buy a coffee and study with friends, has really helped to create an adult working environment, which is preparing students for university, apprenticeships, and employment beyond Range.

It is great to see our students taking initiative and setting up their own academic study groups. One Year 12 student has set up a Medical Society which meets weekly; aimed at budding medics, dentists, and vets. When the situation allows, the plan is to invite outside speakers and to set up practical sessions. A Year 13 student has established an Economics Society which meets weekly: providing opportunities for debate on key issues. As you can imagine, there is plenty to talk about!

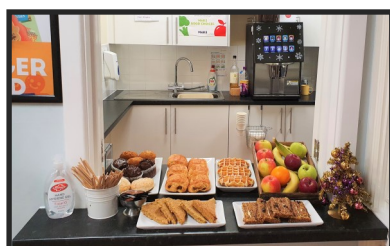
We are proud of our Sixth Form students. They are role models for our younger pupils to aspire to and the involvement of the School Council in the appointment of this year’s Head Boy and Head Girl, was a welcome new addition to the process.

It is a privilege to see our sixth formers mature and develop during their two years with us. In this year of challenge, our Class of 2020 achieved great things and many are now studying for degrees across the country; including International Hospitality and Tourism Management at Surrey, Maths at Edinburgh, Physics at Oxford, Veterinary Medicine at Liverpool, Accounting and Finance at Durham. They are also taking advantage of excellent apprenticeship opportunities including with the Police, Royal Navy and in Accounting and Finance.

If you attended Range Sixth Form, we hope you look back fondly at your time in school. We are sure you have achieved great things, both personally and professionally. This is our aim for all our students. It would be great to hear from you and to learn about what you have been doing since you left. Maybe you feel you could come into school and share your experiences with our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us on ca@range.sefton.sch.uk to let us know of your successes.

Dr Carolyn Ainsworth

Assistant Head 14-19 Education





News of Former Staff

Cath McHenry - Physical Education



I'm not too sure many of you will be aware that I started my teaching career at Formby High School where I actually met Judy Lowe. I was so surprised to get the job in such a good school but three years on in 1976 I landed the plum job of Head of Girls PE at Range High School. I was amazed but delighted, still very young, what did I know about running a department? But with a mentor like Irene Carr, there really was nothing to worry about. My first full time assistant was Anita Britton (nee Jefferson) and we remain firm friends to this day, in fact I am in constant contact with most of my assistants.

There are so many highlights for my time at Range - our family weekend of healthy eating and sport, the Kielder Challenge (amazing memories), Millennium Volunteers (who can forget Stuart "Mr Stix" McDowell and his mass warm up at the cricket club for 120 Woodlands and St Lukes pupils), and the skiing holidays where pupils gained so much more than just learning to ski.

A school like Range is difficult to leave but eventually I was ready to hand the reigns over and with the support of Mike Dixon, I applied and was appointed an Advanced Skills Teacher working with special needs pupils one day a week which left an opening for a new Head of Department. My aim throughout my career was very much concentrated on raising standards at grass roots level so it was only fitting that on leaving Range a year or so later I worked for the Local Authority raising standards in teaching and learning in primary schools throughout Sefton. A wonderful, fulfilling end to my career.

I retired 11 years ago and spend a lot of the time in the gym and walking. My husband, (whom many of you will know from his time at St Peters), and I love the Lakes and spend a huge amount of time up there. I'm still skiing and we enjoy travelling. We are looking forward to a Mediterranean cruise next year (rearranged from this year) to belatedly celebrate my husband's significant birthday!! Life is never dull.

Jean Ryan - Biology

Greetings to ex pupils of Range High school.

I began teaching at Range in a part- time capacity in 1977. Gradually over the years my teaching load increased, and I taught Biology, mainly to years 9,10,11 and 12, which I found very rewarding.

I was a regular member of the annual ski trip, and had many happy visits to Austria. It was lovely to see some of you novice skiers tackling Olympic downhill by the end of the week, many of you will no doubt remember! I've now given up skiing (anno domini catching me up) but spent my last wonderful trip skiing with my grandchildren!

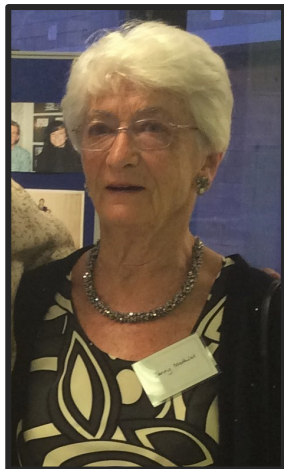
Since retiring in 2000 we have spent time travelling, and visiting family abroad. We love cruising now but don't know when the next one will be! I play golf as much as possible, but not at the moment of course.

I hope you're all prospering and avoiding the virus.





Jennifer Mathias - Religious Education



Well I joined Range in 1977 at the start of it's third year. It was still a small school and you soon knew everyone and I left In July 1997. Whilst in Range I was involved with many trips. Firstly with the Christian Union, with PGL in The Brecon Beacons and the South of France, a ski trip as well as the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Since I retired I have tried to keep fit mainly through walking and skiing. I have done three treks the first along The Great Wall of China then The Inca Trailing Peru and finally a Trail in The Himalayan foothills. All of these were to raise money for the Children's Society. I fundraise for Christian Aid and am currently On a challenge to do 300,000 steps in 30 days. I 'chair' the committee of our church's walking club. Normally I sing with Formby Choral but not at the moment due to the Pandemic. At the present time I am doing Pilates classes on line and the teacher is an ex-pupil, as is my plumber and my beautician!

I love to travel we have driven to Croatia to our friends several times, been cruising through The Panama, The Suez and Kiel Canals as well as some river cruises.

Nicola Foley - Geography

I started working as a Geography teacher at Range High School in 1977 in the third year of the school. I was Assistant Head of Blundell House for a few years before becoming Head of Geography. I was seconded in 2000 for six months to Sefton LA, working with the Geography Adviser, developing programmes of study for Geography in primary schools. It was a totally different but still rewarding experience producing lessons for 5 to 11 year olds.

I enjoyed my time at Range very much- it was a privilege to work with such motivated pupils and dedicated staff. I have fond memories of field trips to Malham, the Lake District and Cwm Idwal to name but a few. I always felt fortunate to have a sand dune ecosystem literally on the doorstep of my classroom. So many pupils carried out research for their A Level projects there, plotting the line of the sand dunes inland, measuring soil pH and identifying vegetation changes. I was involved with many extra-curricular activities from D of E expeditions to skiing holidays.



I moved to Formby High School in 2002 initially as an Assistant Head teacher and then Deputy Head teacher until I retired in 2015.

I married my husband, Nick, in 2011 and now have three grown up stepchildren. We have six little grandchildren who keep us busy in retirement! Up until March this year we have enjoyed travelling but like everyone have had to put our plans on hold. My oldest stepson lives in Wellington, New Zealand. So far, we have enjoyed three visits there since he emigrated and absolutely love the country- it is a geographer's paradise!

I play golf as often as I can, having joined Formby Ladies Golf Club in 2010. I am still in contact with many former colleagues from RHS including my friends Judy Lowe, Cath McHenry, Dee Rudd, Jean Ryan and Suzanne Winch. Suzanne and I started at Range on the same day in September 1977- I can't believe how the time has flown!

I began teaching at Range High School in September 1980 as Head of Mathematics. I was promoted to senior teacher in 1991 with additional responsibility as the schools Examinations Officer. I continued in this role until 1997 when I was appointed Acting Deputy Head Teacher with responsibility for the Curriculum and Time Table.

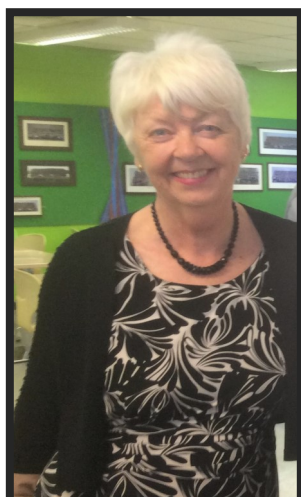
I had now joined the Senior Management Team and continued in this role as Assistant Head teacher and Senior Assistant Head teacher until I retired early in 2010. I agreed to teach Mathematics and Further Mathematics at A level for a further two years, but was persuaded to continue until I finally retired in 2018.

I organised and took part in many school holidays to Switzerland, France and Italy. I was also extensively involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at all levels. I thoroughly enjoyed my teaching career at Range; It was an honour and a privilege to be associated with such an outstanding school. I hope that I fostered a love for and a competence in mathematics for the many students I taught.

Now that I am completely retired, I enjoy walking everyday with my Border Collie 'Bernie' and taking holidays in the UK during school term time!



**George Orchard -
Mathematics**



Anne Hughes - Modern Languages

I had the good fortune to be one of the first ten teachers to be appointed to Range High School. The interviews took place in Bootle Town Hall, as the school was still a building site at the time and term started a week late for the first intake. I remember that 32 stone bicycle racks had been provided but on Day One over a hundred pupils rode to school! That evening I appeared in the Liverpool Echo welcoming Jackie Fisher and Suzanne Bower as two of the first 165 pupils.

For over twenty years, I drove to and from school in my trusty Morris Minor, *Lady Sefton*. It was such a permanent feature parked outside the science block that, when Mrs Hannah designed the cover for one of the first promotional brochures, *Lady Sefton* was in pride of place. Her colour, by the way, for a teacher of French, was an undiplomatic *Trafalgar Blue*!

During a 31-year service there are so many staff, pupils and incidents which come fondly to mind but as a language teacher particularly, it is probably the holiday visits which stand out. Up until the first Lockdown in March, I have happily filled my retirement years. Indeed, like many other retirees, I didn't know how I fitted work into my life. I have enrolled in numerous Art and Literature courses run by the Continuing Education Department of Liverpool University, I regularly attended concerts at the Liverpool Philharmonic and films and live performances at the Light Cinema in New Brighton. I am a proprietor of the Athenaeum, a Director of a Christian and Community Coffee Shop in Wallasey Village and have served as a Church Warden and secretary of Wallasey Churches Together. Each August for many years, I have enjoyed the Open-air theatre productions in Grosvenor Park in Chester.

Unsurprisingly, a large proportion of my time has been taken up with travelling, mostly thanks to several cruise lines. So many places to mention but I thought I'd pick out three natural wonders and three man-made marvels to recommend when travel resumes again. I shall always remember the majestic grandeur of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park, the view of Mount Ararat from the plate glass windows of Yerevan airport in Armenia and the deep deep turquoise water of the Geirangerfjord in Norway. As far as human achievement is concerned, the stained glass windows of the yet to be completed cathedral, *La Sagrada Familia*, in Barcelona, the mind-blowing stone statues in Vigeland Park in Oslo and the quirky, colourful mosaic-ceramic figures in the garden of Jose Martin's *Giant's House* in Akaroa, New Zealand are never to be forgotten.

I look forward to discovering more treasures once restrictions are lifted and I wish you all a safe and speedy release from the current Covid-19 confinement.



News of Former Pupils

Alumni members were asked to respond to a post from Heads of Faculty regarding A Level subjects and career choices. These are a few of the replies. We will be making this a regular section and would very much welcome news from any former pupils with career choices from different pathways.

Please contact me via alumni@range.sefton.sch.uk with your stories and photos.

Nicole Woods

2004—2011, Derby House



I started Range 6th Form in 2009, after attending the High School from 2004 onward. My elected AS levels were Drama, Media Studies, Maths and I.T, as I was still torn between a career in the media, or a finance based one at the time. After continuing onto my A levels, I dropped Drama, and continued on with Media, Maths and I.T. Upon qualifying, I went on to study a 4 year degree in Accounting and Finance, with the 3rd year being a placement year at IBM, which ended up leaning more towards I.T experience than finance. I graduated university with a 1st class honours degree, and decided I wanted to spend a bit of time travelling before embarking on my career. I graduated in 2015, and then worked for a travel and tourism company (TUI), in Finland, Austria and Italy for a year, before deciding I was ready to start my career.

I applied to many graduate courses, with my aim to be a position within one of the 'Big 4' accounting firms. I was successful in obtaining a job with Ernst & Young (EY), after a lengthy application process, which was to start in September 2017. I was worried that my time travelling would impact my ability to get a job, but I felt it actually helped with my confidence and overall experience, and showed I wasn't afraid to step out of my comfort zone. I was offered the job in January 2017, and had some time until I started, so had one last adventure in New Zealand for 6 months before returning to the UK.

I opted to work as an Auditor in EY, as I enjoy building client relationships, and liked the idea of working with different teams and different companies on a day to day basis. I am currently in my third year at EY, and have almost completed my professional accounting qualification, which is funded by the company, as well as giving us time off through the year for exams. Going forward, I find I enjoy working for companies in the Retail sector most of all, therefore once my graduate course is complete, I will be looking to move to an industry role in that area, with the aim to work towards being a Financial Controller."

I look back on my time at Range High School & 6th Form with fond memories, and I am ever appreciative of Mrs Breen and Dr Tenwick (my Maths teachers), for pushing me to work to my full potential, and for doing their best to manage my chatterbox ways!



Helen Atkinson (nee Welby) ~ 1987—1993, Sefton House

I studied A levels in History, Economics, Home Economics and General Studies. I knew I wanted to travel so went on to study Hospitality and Business Management at Leeds University, in my 3rd year out I went to work in Guernsey and Michigan.

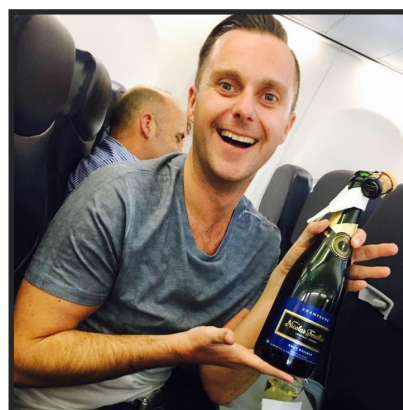
I gained a 2:1 degree and then, as a graduate, went to work in Florida for 2 years. I tried to stay in the States but I was unable to get a visa and reluctantly came back to the UK.

Fast forward a few years I now live back in the North West with my husband and 3 boys! I went back to college to study child development, I now work part time in a nursery with babies under 18 months, I love my job!



Paul Clark ~

1991– 1996, Sefton House



I selected A Level French, Geography and Maths. Geography was my core subject and I went on to study it at Liverpool University. Post degree, I went on to complete an MBA at the University of Central Lancashire.

Whilst studying I also worked as a travel agent and in later years a representative in the Algarve. The combination of the practical experience and my academic qualifications meant that I was able to secure a place on a Graduate Scheme for the Tour Operator First Choice in their Product Department. This team are largely responsible for defining flight capacity to different regions, selecting hotel product, pricing holidays, monitoring rate of sale and much more besides.

15 years later, I am still working for the same organisation, but now as a General Manager with a team of people and a principal responsibility of developing and growing new business lines such as TUI multi-destination holidays and TUI tours. It's a fantastic role



Thomas Hughes ~ 2008 - 2015, Sefton House

English was my favourite subject at Range so choosing English Literature for A Level was an easy decision. I was delighted to be offered a place on the English with Creative Writing course at the University of Nottingham.

My time at Nottingham not only gave me the chance to study fascinating areas of English (the history of place names, the Old English poem Beowulf, and the linguistics of politics to name but a few) but also opened career opportunities. The School of English offered work experience placements to students, and it was through this that I got a taste of marketing and communications, sparking my interest in this sort of career.



I gained experience at a social enterprise and a digital marketing agency, which gave me the confidence to apply for further experience through the university's internship scheme. The experience I gained in these placements and internships was vital to me gaining my first full-time job in communications at a large car retailer in October 2018, and I am now a Communications Officer at a national charity in the education sector, a role that I am really enjoying.

Throughout my career, I will not forget that if I had not studied A Level English Literature at Range in the first place, I would not have even considered a career in communications. Furthermore, skills I use in my job every day, such as being able to write clearly about complicated topics, creative thinking, proofreading, and research, were honed through the many writing assignments I completed in sixth form and at university.

Lindsey Heynderickx (nee Henwood) ~ 1984-1991, Blundell House



Studying a Fashion degree at The University of Northumbria was challenging and fun!! Four years of intense study (and partying!) and the rest is history! I've been working as a Fashion Designer in London for about 23 years. I have loved travelling around the World, designing for some of the best-known high-street brands including Top Shop, ASOS and Debenhams..... and working with some incredibly talented and ambitious people (most of whom are my good friends now!).

I've got twin boys who have just started their secondary school, so I really hope that they have a brilliant experience, follow their dreams, and leave with as many happy memories as I have of Range!



Debbie Blake (nee Crosby) ~ 1994—2000, Blundell House

I studied AS/ A Level at Range in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and PE. I went on to study Physiotherapy at Northumbria University and now work as a Spinal Specialist Physio in the North East. I love my job and am very grateful to all the teachers at Range who helped me to achieve my dream, in particular Mrs Morrissey (Maths), Mr Whiteman (Maths) and Mrs McIlraith (Chemistry).

I am also very grateful to Mrs McHenry who helped me complete a lot of extra curricular activities which helped guarantee my university place, as at the time, physiotherapy was very competitive to get into. The extra curricular work also enabled me to achieve a National Award—Young Sports Volunteer Recognition Award presented to me by the Youth Sport Trust in 2002. Without the support, extra lessons, time and dedication from Range teachers, I would not be where I am today.



THANK YOU!

**Debbie Jowett
(nee Jones)**

1983-1990, Weld House



I studied English Literature, French and History at A Level and went on to read Modern European Studies at university majoring in French with a minor in History spending the third year of my degree living in the South of France as an English Assistant working in a Lycee.

I now work as an Event Manager for an event agency and travel across the world using my French regularly. In my experience, knowing at least one other language unlocks your understanding of lots of others, so that whilst you may not be able to talk or write, you can understand and make yourself understood in many different countries.

I work with people of all nationalities now and even though the international language of business is English, understanding how to write an email or hold a conversation with someone whose first language isn't English is extremely important. Studying a language gives you these skills. Pairing French with History and English Literature furnished me with analytical and writing skills that have proved invaluable throughout my career and History especially, has given me an understanding of how and why our world is the way it is today.



Retirees

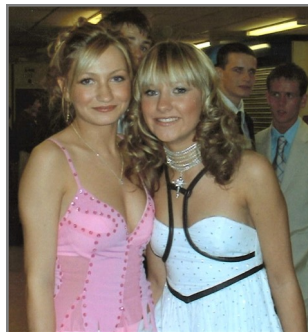
Members of Staff who have retired in the past five years.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Andy Mackenzie | Teacher – MFL |
| Anne Belcher | Senior Science Technician |
| Anne Riley | English Teacher |
| Barbara Cahill | Exams Officer—p/t |
| Beryl Drury | RE Teacher – p/t |
| Carol Trill | CAL – Food Technology |
| Chris Wolf | Office Manager/ Exams Officer |
| Clair Quinn | Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral) |
| Debbie Breen | Maths Teacher – p/t |
| Eileen Knowles | Science Teacher |
| Gill Scott-Taggart | Music Teacher p/t |
| Gill Tenwick | Maths Teacher p/t |
| Graham Aldridge | Headteacher |
| Hilary Hawkins | Librarian |
| Janet Morrissey | Teacher - Maths |
| Julie Edwards | MFL Teacher |
| Lynn O'Hara | Teaching Assistant |
| Lynn Wrennall | HLTA |
| Margaret Gambon | Clerical Officer - Reception |
| Norman McDonald | DT Technician |
| Ruth Burns | Maths Teacher p/t |
| Sandra Mornington | Head of English |
| Shirley Pike | Food Tech Technician |
| Viv Gunby | Senior Cover Supervisor |



Proms at Range

The school prom was first introduced in 1988 and has been the highlight of the year for students ever since.





Reunions





Upcoming Reunions



1975 - 2025



We will be planning events to celebrate our school turning 50.

Please visit our Facebook page where we will post further information nearer the anniversary date.

Flashback Fridays

Join us on Facebook for Flashback Fridays. Tutor groups, school holidays, prom photos. Or send in your own to

alumni@range.sefton.sch.uk

The Alumni

Thank you for registering with us and a special thanks to those of you who have been in touch with school to offer support and advice to our Sixth Form pupils in their chosen A level subjects and future university courses.

Association