

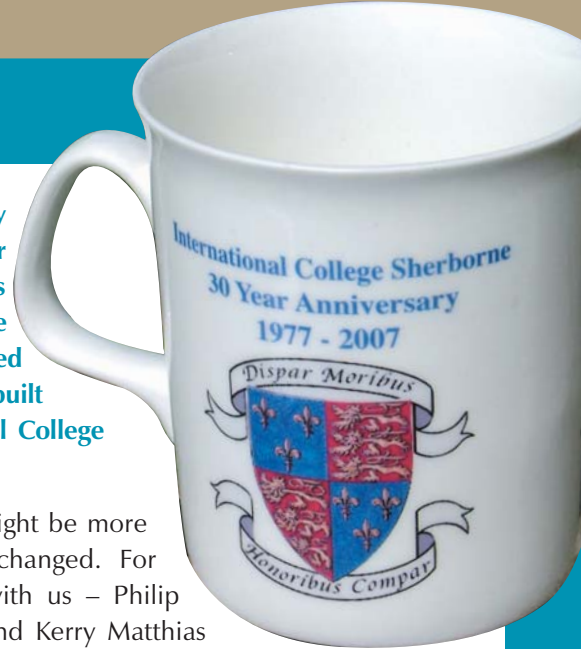


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30 Years Old! January 2007 marked the 30th Anniversary of the founding of International College – or the International Study Centre as it was then. The College has really changed since those first days when Mr and Mrs Francis welcomed one 14 year old Iranian boy. Now, with its purpose-built campus, and its four boarding houses, the International College has an average of 130 students enrolled each year.

Perhaps change should not be surprising these days. What might be more surprising to old scholars are some of the things which have not changed. For example three members of staff from the early days are still with us – Philip Hardaker (who joined the College in 1979), John Stalley (1981) and Kerry Matthias (1984). The editor of "ICOSA news", Mr John Walters, joined the International Study Centre almost at its inception, in 1978. Although he no longer works as a permanent teacher at the College, Mr Walters frequently helps out with supply teaching, exam invigilation, and (of course) by editing the ICOSA news.

The mission of the College, remains the same: to provide the best possible start for non English-speaking non British students who wish to join the British Educational system. To commemorate the thirty years, the College has produced a commemorative mug (see photograph), which will be distributed to all current students and staff. If anyone else would like a mug please contact the College.

The College has continued to push back the frontiers during the current year. We were pleased to have a September record enrolment, of 127 students, as well as achieving record GCSE results (87% higher-grade passes) in 2006. The two external inspections of the College which were held last year produced excellent reports praising the work that the College is doing. The up-grading of the English language qualifications of staff has also really taken off in the last few years. Twenty four of the College's teaching staff now hold the Certificate in Teaching English to speakers of other languages, and five of the nine English teachers hold the (higher-level) Diploma in English Language Teaching. As a result of the investment of resources in these improvements by the Governors, as well as the endeavours of the individual staff involved, the College judged the time right to apply for British Council Accreditation. This Inspection took place in February, and the results are expected in April.

Meanwhile we continue to aspire to even better things! The Governors have decided to press ahead with plans to build a second boarding house for girls (which would make five College boarding houses in total), and the College is still seeking funding to build its multi-purpose hall on the main campus.

I hope I shall be able to report news of further progress on these projects, and others, in future editions of "ICOSA News".

Dr Christopher Greenfield – Principal

The Inspection of the College - Summer 2006

All schools in England are inspected regularly in order to ensure that they are fulfilling their educational purpose. Inspectors come into the school, observe lessons and activities such as meals sport, tutorials, talk to students, teachers and governors and study comments from parents and a great deal of paperwork which shows the school's policies and ability to assess its progress and performance. International College was inspected last summer term and received an outstanding report. I thought it would be interesting for you to see what an independent body thought of your school and hope that it confirms your experience. What follows are direct quotations from the report. If you wish to read the whole report it can be found at www.isinspect.org.uk/reports/2006/0615_06.htm.

"The educational experience provided for the students is excellent. It very effectively fulfils the college's aim to provide a thorough preparation for boys and girls from non-British educational backgrounds who wish to join British boarding schools. The taught curriculum and the wider educational provision in the college contribute well to students' linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical, aesthetic and creative development, and to the acquisition of skills of speaking, listening, literacy and numeracy."

"Students' attainment at GCSE is high in relation to their capabilities and level of English, results over recent years being well above the national average for all maintained secondary schools. Taking into account their level of English on entry, and the short time they are at the college, this represents particularly rapid progress. The values promoted, the educational opportunities provided, and the boarding experience, all promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students very well, and this is a great strength of the college. Throughout the college, the good standard of teaching, together with the excellent staff-student relationships, are key factors in promoting students' learning and achieving good standards."

"This is a remarkably successful school. Its very strong sense of purpose and the excellent quality of the education provided enable it to fulfil its mission exceptionally well. Staff, at all levels, know the students very well; they have a real understanding of their particular needs and a great interest in their progress and welfare. The excellent leadership and management at all levels, and the strong support of the governors, provide a sharp and effective focus for identifying the future direction of the college and creating a willing acceptance of self-improvement and development. The college has many strengths and no significant weaknesses."

This report reflects tremendous credit on all staff, management and students. I hope it makes you feel proud of all your school is achieving.

John Walker



Philippe Gens

After not hearing from him for twelve years, I spoke to Philippe in November 2006 when he felt there was enough good about the College for him to recommend it to another student! He told me he had great memories of the College. After leaving Sherborne ISC, Philippe went to Brook House College where he got 'A', 'A' and 'B' in his 'A' levels. After that he went to the University of Birmingham, where he graduated in Law. He then returned to Russia and held several posts before now working as a director for asset management for one of the largest companies in Russia. He sees all this as a way of gaining valuable experience so that he may at sometime move into his father's IT business in years to come. I look forward to seeing Philippe in Moscow shortly, when I am sure we will catch up on old times.



Michael Nelson

Many of our older students will remember Michael who was, in fact, the first Gap Year student ever appointed by the International Study Centre. He joined us for a year, aged 18, and having completed a very successful stay at Sherborne, then went on to take a Bachelor of Education, specializing in PE at the University of Ballarat (graduating 1993). Whilst studying, he was also employed as a resident boarding house tutor at Ballarat and at Clarendon

College. He then taught at Hamilton College – a small, country, independent school in Victoria’s western district.

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Here he taught PE, Maths and Geography. In 2006 he moved to Melbourne and to the Methodist Ladies College where he is still working. In his eleven years there he has held a

couple of positions of responsibility, namely Head of Krome House (2000-2005) and his present post as Head of the PE department. His main involvement in sport at Methodist Ladies College has been as the first Hockey XI Coach (1996-2006) and Sprints Coach (1998-2006). The highlight of his teaching career was undoubtedly Methodist Ladies College’s 1999 Hockey tour of England. In 1997 Mike married Jo and had twins, Angus and Charlie, in 2004. Their third child, Edward (Ted), was born in November 2006.

Michael would be delighted to hear from any students who were at the International Study Centre at the same time that he was. He has asked me to release his e-mail address which is [<nelsonmj@mic.vic.edu.au>](mailto:nelsonmj@mic.vic.edu.au).

It would be a great thrill for Michael to hear from any of our old students who were at the International Study Centre at that time, so please contact him!



Milos Mijalkovic

Milos left Greenhill House in 1985 and is keen to catch up with his friends from that time. Milos has made his career in scuba diving and has been involved in various projects that are connected to the marine world. He has spent some

time in Switzerland, Germany, Sweden and visiting most of the world – wherever his business has taken him.

Milos now lives in Ontario, Burlington, Canada where he works for the Canadian Coast Guard.

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Ryuichi Ngai

I heard from Ruichi by pure chance. He had very kindly sent Christmas cards to myself, Mr and Mrs Mowat and Mr Walters and they had been sent, quite correctly, to Greenhill House. Unfortunately Greenhill House has not been part of the school since 1991 and therefore it would have been quite easy for someone to have found them, not known who they were for and for them to have been left unopened for years to come. However, by chance, somebody from Greenhill took them to neighbouring houses and shops to see if anyone knew who these strange people were! This involved going to The Green restaurant where my daughter works, and was therefore able to ensure, by chance, that the Christmas cards arrived at the correct destination! Ryuichi is now 40 years old and is married with two children.

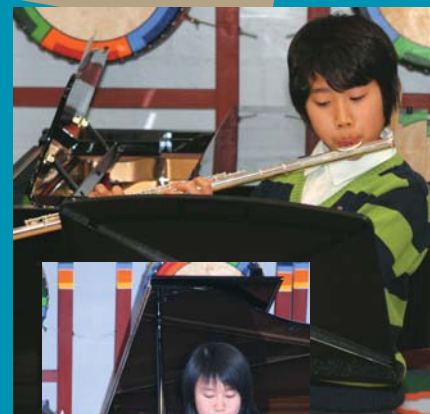
After leaving the UK, Ryuichi went back to Osaka, where he entered a Japanese high school for returnee students before majoring in Economics in Japan and studying for an MBA in America.

Having worked previously for the American company Bauch and Lomb, Ryuichi has returned home to Japan where he is in charge of overseas sales for a Japanese rubber company.



College Concert

Sunday 4 February 2007



Saxophone	La Cinquantaine	Gabriel-Marie
Piano	Dance of the reeds	Chinese
Singing	When I fall in love	Heyman and Young
Piano	Can you feel the love tonight	Elton John
Piano	Under the sea	Ashman/Menken
Piano duet	Swans on the lake	John Thompson
Piano	The man in the moon	Walter Carrol
Flute	March of the farmer's men	Yann Tiessen
Piano	Comptine d'un autre été	Grovez
Guitar	Pepita	Paul Hart
Piano	Bertie's Blues	Beethoven
Singing	Sonatina	Franck
Clarinet	Paris Angelicus	Traditional
Flute	Greensleeves.	Pamela Wedgwood
Piano	Spell it out to me baby!	Burns
Guitar	Wise guy	Tchaikovsky
Voice	My love is like a red, red rose	Gustav Lange
Guitar	Once upon a dream	Traditional
Drums	Flower Song	Pachelbel
	Oh when the saints go marching in	Chopin
	Canon in D	Chinese
	Valse Op 69 No 1 in A flat major	Chinese
	The late autumn	Richard Chen
	Go back to the past	Chen and Li
	When she smiles	
	The lightning hits my guitar	

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