

## Supporting the College

Eastbourne College has been built through the loyal and generous commitment of former pupils, parents, staff, friends and neighbours. As a charity, the College has always been reliant on the generosity of those who make donations; buildings, equipment and scholarships which enable us to provide the best possible education to our pupils.

Throughout this exhibition there are many examples of such benefactions. These are not just for the benefit of our pupils, but also for the town and wider community. Ballet Rambert workshops (held at the Birley Centre, right), to which other schools are invited, is a good example of how the wider community benefits.



# The Foundation Office and the Devonshire Society

When the Foundation Office was formed in 2002, one of its first tasks was to recruit members to the newly formed Devonshire Society (those who have bequeathed a legacy to the College in their wills).

Depending on the wishes of the donor, bequests made to the College help to fund bursaries and awards, as well as providing funds for capital projects. Members are invited each year to Foundation Day as guests of the College Charity and Headmaster.



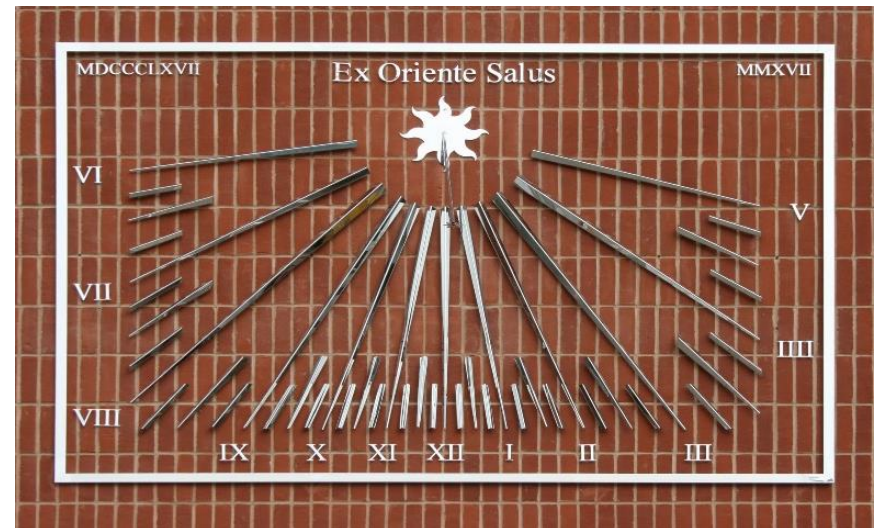
*Devonshire Society  
members in the  
Birley Centre in 2016*

# The Old Eastbournian Association (OEA)

Through the OEA (formed in 1895) and nowadays through the office of the Eastbournian Society, the school keeps in touch with all the constituent members of the College community.

## The Arnold Embellishers

The Arnold Embellishers is a society whose purpose is to add to the beauty and dignity of the College environment through a variety of 'embellishments' that would not normally be funded by the school. It has over 147 members including former pupils, parents, staff and friends of the College. Some 78 embellishments now grace the campus and new projects come to fruition every year, such as the sundial on the side of the Nugee Building, unveiled in 2017.





# Current awards and sponsors

## Trevor Pescud Award

This award is funded from the legacy of Trevor Pescud (Powell 1944-50). Trevor's wish was for his legacy to fund an award for a talented girl pupil who is a good tennis player. Trevor learnt to play tennis at the College and enjoyed playing all his life. He was a regular attendee of the 'Tennis Lunch'. Trevor would arrive in his Rolls Royce and park outside the Headmaster's House and very much enjoyed this occasion. He also enjoyed Devonshire Society Day and school reunions.

*Eleanor Chapman (Blackwater, Upper Sixth)  
is the first recipient of this award*



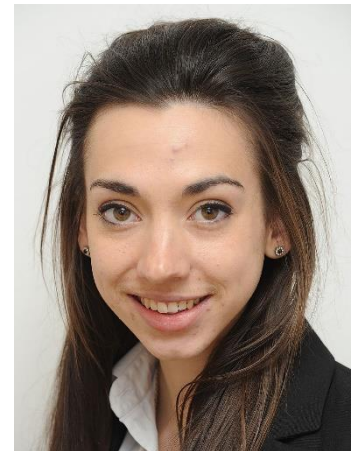
# Bernard Drake Award

This award was initiated and funded by Douglas Fergusson (Blackwater 1966-70), who went on to study economics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and is in recognition of Bernard Drake's inspirational teaching. Bernard introduced economics as a stand-alone subject and became the first head of a new economics department in 1970 until his retirement in 1996. The Bernard Drake Award sponsors a local pupil in the 6th form who is interested in the sciences, mathematics or economics.



*Former Joint Head of School, Matt Ginno (Reeves 2012-14), Bernard Drake Award recipient, seen here with Douglas Fergusson on Devonshire Day 2014*

*Lucy Hyde (Watt 2014-16), Bernard Drake Award recipient, went to Oxford to study PPE*





# Peter Bibby Award

The annual golf challenge raises money for the Peter Bibby Award, which gives a local youngster with an aptitude for cricket the chance to come to the College by providing bursary funding. Recipients include:



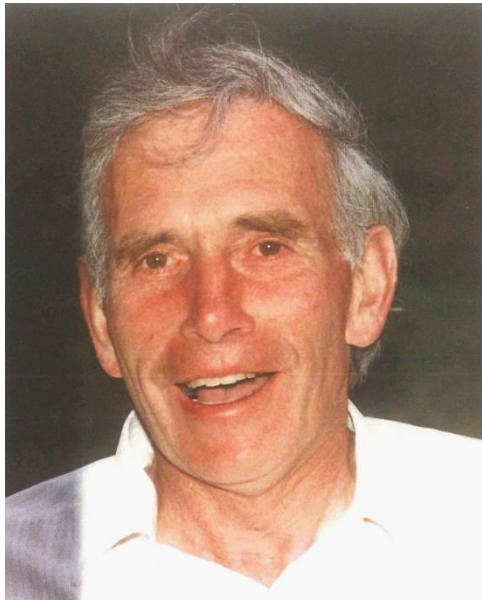
*Harry Finch  
(Craig 2011-13)*

*Ben Twine  
(Craig 2013-17)  
(bowling)*



*Joe Pocklington  
(Craig, Lower Sixth)*

## The Robin Harrison Award



This award is for a talented rugby player and is presented in memory of a man who devoted his life to the College and who had a lifelong passion for the game of rugby. Robin was a pupil at the College (Pennell 1942-47) and was Head of House and Head of School. Following university at Cambridge (where he was awarded a rugby blue), he returned to teach at the College in 1953, retiring in 1989. He was responsible for College rugby from 1955 to 1974,

Head of Geography from 1966 to 1979, Housemaster of Craig House from 1978 to 1986 and Master-in-Charge of Golf from 1978 to 1986.

## Grand Hotel Rotherwick Foundation Award

The recipient of the Grand Hotel Award, sponsored by The Rotherwick Foundation, will start in September 2018. It is for an academically gifted pupil who is intellectually curious and who would work hard, and may also be a remarkably gifted musician, artist or sportsperson.

## **The Sevorg Award**

This is funded from the legacy of James Groves (Pennell 1949-54) for a talented pupil who would otherwise not have come to the College. James believed in the importance of maintaining friendships, pursuing a satisfying career and protection of animals and the environment. A pupil will benefit from James's generosity in September 2018.

## **The Green Woodpecker Trust**

This trust is funded by an Old Eastbournian and sponsors a talented all-rounder pupil who will give back to society in the future. The second beneficiary is currently at the College.

## **Scoresby-Jackson Science Award**

This award is the result of a generous legacy from the will of Thomas Scoresby-Jackson (Pennell 1925-29). His family were well known for their exploration of the polar regions. Tom wished to help pupils to study science at A-level.



## Professor Soddy Awards

In addition to providing academic, art, drama, music and sports awards, the College now offers fully funded sixth form places to highly academic pupils as part of its 150th anniversary celebrations. Known as the Professor Soddy Awards (named after the eminent former pupil and Nobel Prize winner in chemistry), the awards are open to pupils from the state sector who wish to attend the sixth form.

### Walter Huchu

One pupil who has recently benefited from the provision of an award is Walter Huchu (Gonville 2013-15) who came to the College in the sixth form. An outstanding sportsman, he played cricket (captaining the 1st XI team), rugby and hockey. He was also appointed one of the Heads of School and is pictured here with the Duke of Devonshire.

