Saint Felix School
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BEYOND THE HORIZON

with Matt Oakman

Spring 2025

Dear Old Felicians,

I hope that this email finds you well. It has been far too long since we last connected, and I want to take a moment to express my sincere apologies for the silence. Saint Felix has undergone a tremendous amount of positive change in the last 18 months, from academic changes, expanding our co-curricular provision, introducing the Saint Felix Diploma and the renovation and refurbishment of our facilities; we continue to evolve while holding true to the traditions and values that we all cherish, and I look forward to sharing more of the details with you.

You can find a collection of my newsletters that highlight many of the fantastic achievements of our students and progress that the school is making by following this link: Heading Forward Newsletters

Below, you can find out more about some of the exciting events and changes that are occurring at Saint Felix.

Old Felician AGM

We would be delighted to reconnect with you at the Old Felician Annual General Meeting being held on the 7th March 2025 at 2:15pm at Saint Felix.

The AGM will provide a wonderful opportunity to welcome you back to Saint Felix and share more about the school's progress, upcoming initiatives, and ways for you to stay involved. Please find the attached announcement with details. To secure your place, please RSVP by emailing the form to Biddy Strachan, Chair of the OF Society.

Scholarships, Emerging Talent Awards and Old Felician Discounts

I am thrilled to share some exciting news regarding scholarships and emerging talent awards at Saint Felix. We proudly offer academic, drama, music, performing arts, sport, swimming, and visual arts scholarships to both Senior and Sixth Form students who demonstrate exceptional talent in these areas. For our Prep department, we are now offering Emerging Talent Awards for younger students who demonstrate a curiosity towards learning and embody the core characteristics of our new learner profile:

Resilience | Curiosity | Aspiration | Independence | Reflection

Our students are encouraged to engage in a wide range of academic and co-curricular activities that help cultivate these qualities. Whether through sports, music, drama, outdoor education or leadership and service opportunities, we aim to nurture well-rounded individuals who thrive in all aspects of school life and are fully prepared for their time beyond Saint Felix. Our scholarships and Emerging Talent Awards offer students up to 50% fee remission, opening doors to many more young learners who can benefit from a Saint Felix education.

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In recognition of our strong heritage and the importance of celebrating our generational connections, we are pleased to offer an automatic 5% discount on fees for relatives of Saint Felix alumni. The Old Felician discount can also be used in conjunction with a scholarship or emerging talent award. This is our way of honouring the enduring connections that make our community so special. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact our wonderful admissions team by calling 01502 722175 or emailing admissions@stfelix.co.uk

The Saint Felix Diploma

Designed to equip our students with essential skills, knowledge and experiences that prepare them for success, the new Saint Felix Diploma is now part of the weekly timetable. This exciting and unique programme provides structured opportunities for personal development, problem-solving, confidence-building, and independent learning, complementing our academic curriculum. The diploma benefits from a progressive award structure, from gold to platinum, and students can achieve a pass, merit or distinction. With a careers and higher education guidance aspect of the diploma, we ensure each student leaves Saint Felix with a clear sense of direction.

International Centre

Exciting progress is also underway with the development of our future International Centre, which will be located in Bronte. This space will welcome international groups for short stays, further enriching our already vibrant community with diversity and new perspectives. As part of this project, our Nursery, which will remain in Bronte, will undergo significant updates, including the addition of a dedicated, secure entrance designed specifically for our youngest learners.

New Pitches

Our newly laid pitches (one behind Somerville and Gardiner, and one on the old equestrian cross-country field) has flourished beautifully and is now ready for use, providing our students with even more opportunities to develop their sporting skills and enjoy outdoor activities.

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Reunion

Last year, we welcomed Old Felicians who attended Saint Felix pre-2003, when we became a co-educational school. Following the success of this event, we are delighted to invite you to a special reunion celebrating our shared history and community on Saturday, 14th of June 2025, at Saint Felix School. Although the afternoon will have a special focus on our post-2003 graduates, we warmly invite all Old Felicians, regardless of your graduation year.

Come and catch up with old friends over lunch; reminisce about your time at Saint Felix; enjoy a tour with our students and see how the school has evolved over the years; meet some of my incredible staff and hear my vision for Saint Felix. I hope to see you there for an afternoon of laughter and nostalgia.

- 14th June 2025
- 11:00am to 2:30pm
- Saint Felix School

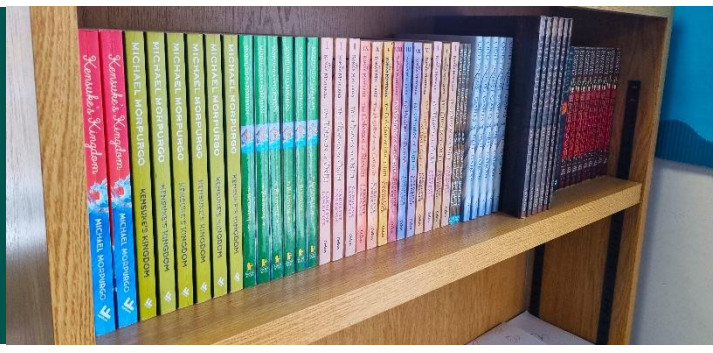
To secure your place, please complete the Booking Form

Data

As part of our outreach to you, I would like to make you aware that we have recently consolidated all contact data for the Old Felicians. Although we would love to stay in touch with you, to share communications, events, involvement incentives, reunions, and much more, we fully recognise that you have full control over your data and can request that we delete all of your details from our database at any time.

A heart-felt thank you

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Isabella Gardiner Trust for the contribution of books to our newly refurbished library made last Spring as well as a broader array of musical instruments for both the Prep and Senior Departments. In addition, we are delighted to share that the Isabella Gardiner Trust continues to look to find ways to help support the school to provide an even better education and provision for our students.



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I truly hope you can join us at the AGM and/or reunion, and I look forward to rekindling the spirit of the Old Felicians. In the meantime, if you have any updates or stories to share, we would love to hear from you. To keep up to date on our latest news, successes, events and announcements, please follow us on our social media channels.

With warmest regards,

Matthew Oakman
Head

Please find dates for your calendar below.

Old Felician AGM: 7th March 2025 at 2:15pm at Saint Felix.

Old Felician Reunion: 14th June 2025 at 11:00am at Saint Felix

Old Felicians vs Students vs Staff at Southwold Golf Club: 24th June 2025. Further details to be announced.

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