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Dear OP,

It has been really heartening to receive so much positive feedback following the launch of *Opus*, the new alumni magazine for Old Portmuthians. Thank you to all those of you who made contact with your views and who have submitted content for our next issue which will be sent out in May.

We have a variety of planned events this Spring which we hope will tempt many of you to come back and see us. In particular, we are commemorating three important PGS anniversaries in 2010, namely the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PGS Sport at Hilsea playing fields; a centenary of school prefects and the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the PGS Scout Troop. Details of the activities we are holding to celebrate these important milestones in the school, as well as other Development Office events, can be found below, on the enclosed sheets and on the Development section of the school's new look website [www.pgs.org.uk](http://www.pgs.org.uk).

### **Summary of Forthcoming Events**

- **OP Club Guest Speaker: Ed Richards, Chief Executive Ofcom – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010** (David Bawtree Building).  
Please refer to the attached information sheet for details.
- **PGS Guest Speaker: HE The High Commissioner for Australia Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010** (David Bawtree Building)  
PGS, in conjunction with the Britain-Australia Society and Portsmouth City Council, is delighted to host an evening with former High Commissioner to Australia, Sir Roger Carrick, who will be speaking on the subject of '*Admiral Arthur Phillip RN: Founder and First Governor of Modern Australia, Anglo-Australian Hero*'. Drinks Reception at 7pm; lecture commences at 7.30pm. Admission Free, but booking essential by e-mail to [development@pgs.org.uk](mailto:development@pgs.org.uk) or telephone 023 9236 4248.
- **Hilsea 125 Anniversary Celebrations**  
A number of events are planned over the next few months to mark the 125<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of Sport at Hilsea playing fields. The enclosed booklet provides full details of these events and booking information. Do please come along and join in the celebrations. There are plenty of opportunities for sporting participation too!
- **75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of PGS Scouts: Archive Exhibition – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010**  
(Gallery, Number 10 High Street)  
A special exhibition devoted to the history of scouting at PGS featuring a wonderful collection of photographs, reminiscences and ephemera. Admission Free, but booking essential by e-mail to [development@pgs.org.uk](mailto:development@pgs.org.uk) or telephone 023 9268 1385.

- **PGS Guest Speaker: Alex Hibbert, OP - Thursday 20 May 2010**

(David Bawtree Building)

Alex, who featured in the last issue of *Opus*, has been hailed as one of the world's greatest and most fearless modern adventurers. He will be talking about his recent Tiso Trans Greenland Expedition, which TV adventurer Bear Grylls described as a 'hugely ambitious and admirable challenge'. Please refer to the attached information sheet for details.

- **Prefects Reunion: - 100 Years of Prefects at PGS - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

(David Bawtree Building) Never before have we held a reunion of prefects through the ages. If you were a PGS prefect, save the date in your diary and register your interest with us!

E-mail [development@pgs.org.uk](mailto:development@pgs.org.uk) or telephone 023 9268 1385. Thanks to all those of you who have already indicated an interest in attending. More details and a programme for the day will be issued in due course.

In such a busy celebratory year for the school, I hope you will find an event that will encourage you to return and see us.

I should also mention the CCF Auction held last term to raise funds for the construction of a permanent Climbing Wall in memory of the late Roger Harris, former pupil, member of staff and OP Club President. There was a tremendous response to the event from OPs, both in terms of providing wonderful lots for the auction and attendance on the evening. I am very pleased to report that well over £6,000 was raised and that construction is scheduled to get underway in the Summer.

Yours sincerely,

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