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We hope that you enjoy this issue of Goodenough News and if you would like to share an update or a publication in a future edition we would love to hear from you.

With best wishes,

The Development & External Relations Team

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Alumni Noticeboard

How do I update my details?

You can update your details via the Goodenough Alumni Online portal:

www.alumni.goodenough.ac.uk/goodenough-alumni

How do I make contact with an old friend from the College?

Simply send an email to alumni@goodenough.ac.uk with the details of the person you wish to reconnect with and we will forward your request to them.

Can I visit the College?

Of course! We love to see familiar faces and to welcome back old friends; alumni and their family and friends are welcome back to the College at any time. The Development team are located in London House, next to Freddie's. Please do drop by and say 'hello' whenever you are in town.

How do I book accommodation?

If you are visiting London and would like to stay at the College we have a number of options available to alumni. These include sublets, short-stays, sabbatical accommodation and of course we offer excellent discounted rates at the Goodenough Club. For more information please visit www.goodenough.ac.uk/alumni/a-lifelong-community/accommodation-for-alumni

I know someone coming to the UK to study. How do I put them in touch?

No one can explain just how remarkable life in the College is quite like our alumni, and you will know first hand how rewarding it is to live in such a diverse community. If you know someone who you think could benefit from College life, please point them towards our website www.goodenough.ac.uk and we would also like to encourage you to act as their referee.

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"Dear Diary, The Royal Visit was more than Goodenough"

by Stacee Smith (WGH 15-)



"O.M.G. Prea, the Queen is coming to my residence!" I eagerly messaged my best friend in Canada. I had received the official letter informing members of the upcoming visit and I couldn't contain my emotions!

The College was abuzz with a range of "wow!"s and "did you see the e-mail?!"s. As Prea and I later chuckled, I could almost say the Queen was coming over to my house for tea.

The night before the big event, I passed through London House to

collect my customised name badge and bumped into my friend doing the same before we returned to Willie G. Along the second floor hallway we saw our neighbours Devi and Anu who solicited our opinions on Devi's dress and shoes. It was so exciting. We couldn't wait to see Her Majesty up close and personal!

Before leaving my room on that morning, I peeped through my window curtain to see a well-dressed crowd gathering outside to set the scene.

I had been assigned to a group representing the Commonwealth and the Queen's Young Leaders (QYL) programme, which I had assisted with during their stay at the College last summer.

We patiently stood in the Campbell Stuart Library awaiting Her Majesty's entrance, along with a few other groups with whom many of us had made deals to take photos of each other from our respective vantage points as she approached. During the dress rehearsal a couple of days before we had practiced our bows and curtsies, and one person even showed me a short script they had prepared to memorise exactly what they would say to the Queen in case they happened to be too star struck!

I was ready with my Bermuda flag pin sitting atop my name badge, which Luisa – my Bermudian buddy at the College – had ordered for both of us to wear with pride.

Dressed beautifully in yellow, the Queen entered the library with grace and elegance, closely accompanied by her retinue. All eyes were fixed on her every move as we stood anxiously anticipating the moment she would reach our group.

Lord Bilimoria introduced her to each member of my group as she made her rounds, offering a chic glove-clad hand and sweetly exchanging a few words with us.

One particularly touching moment was when a man in my group showed the Queen a photo she had taken with his grandmother a number of years ago in his home of Anguilla.

Everyone then gathered downstairs to see Her Majesty unveil a plaque commemorating the occasion. Once she had bid the College farewell we all continued to enjoy the special day by celebrating with champagne and canapes in the Willie G Large Common Room.



Stacee Smith meets Sir William Goodenough



It was truly an honour to meet Sir William Goodenough as I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the College. It was also lovely to see everyone (including children and even babies) dressed in a range of traditional attire from around the world.

Once the reception drew to a close that evening, we enjoyed a hearty meal in the Great Hall for a special

"Dining-In Night" before we made our way to the garden for what turned out to be a very impressive display of fireworks.

Everyone in the garden was full of joy and bundled up in their winter coats and scarves. The ambiance twinkled with warmth and magic. I chatted with friends as the sound of a brass band played in the background, and

the yummy flavours of Bakewell tarts, hot chocolate and mulled wine tickled our taste buds!

What a wonderful day it was to be a part of the Goodenough College community, and a once in a lifetime experience that I'll cherish for years to come. ■

