

Ovingdean Hall News

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PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR DEAF CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE

A fantastic club!

We have helped Deafness Support Network (DSN) deliver Youth Vibe, their weekly group for D/deaf children and young people in the Cheshire area.

Our grant supported the activity timetable for 8-19 year olds, plus the provision of opportunities for their Young Leaders, aged 13-25 years, to volunteer within these sessions. The aim of the group, which brings D/deaf children and young people, their friends and siblings and the children of Deaf adults together, is to reduce isolation, improve independence and increase accessibility.

Our grants advisor Jonathan visited a Youth Vibe meeting in March. The session included a celebration of International Women's Day, featuring a local Deaf business owner as a guest speaker. The young people also made pancakes, and designed banners for the British Sign Language rally in London, which a number of the young people attended.

'Youth Vibe is a fantastic club,' said one parent. 'My son has become a mature happy young man who has become a young leader and doing his Duke of Edinburgh Award all through Youth Vibe.'



Some of Youth Vibe meet up for a summer picnic

'I started Youth Vibe when I was 12 and now I'm 18 years and a Young Leader,' said one young person. 'Every year I've got more confident, I am friends with other deaf people like me. Youth Vibe has given me loads of different opportunities, last week I did a day placement at ITV studios, it was amazing!'

We look forward to continuing to support this wonderful youth club.

The lower-case d deaf refers to anyone who has a severe hearing problem. The capital D Deaf refers to people who are culturally deaf, who primarily use sign language and who may identify as part of the Deaf community.

Find out more at: www.signhealth.org.uk/about-deafness/deaf-or-deaf/



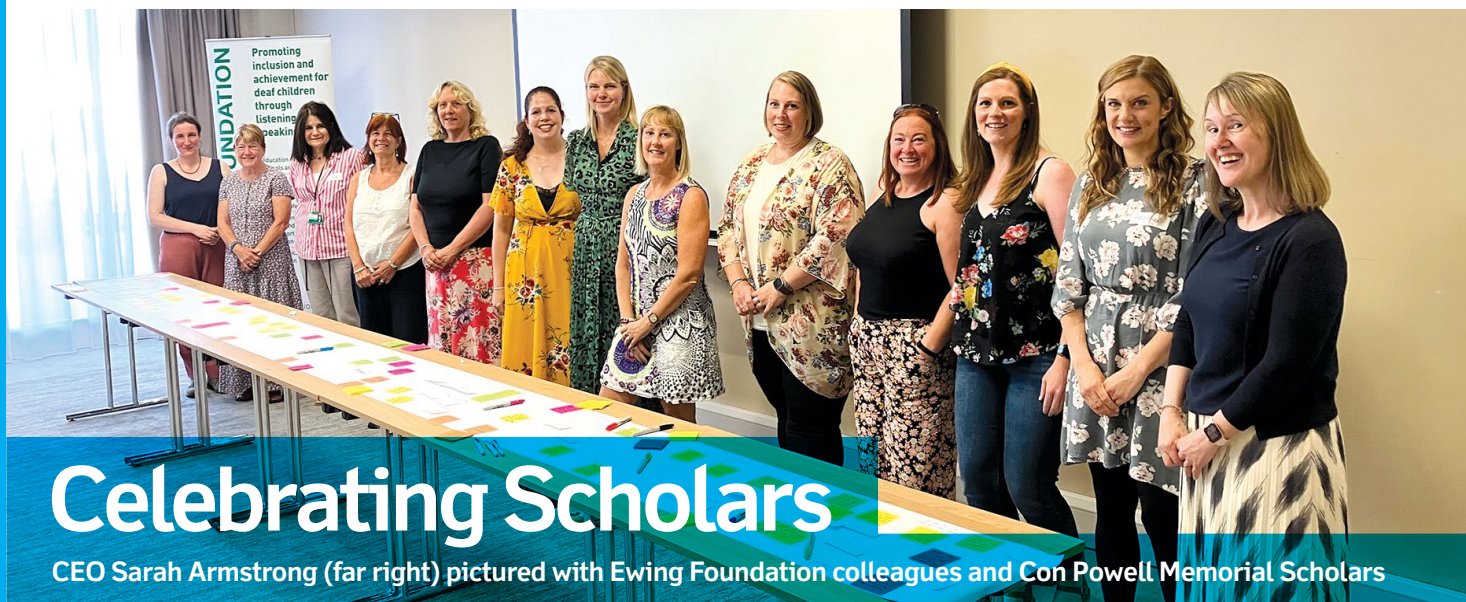
Thank you to John

Trustee John Hughes has retired after ten years of dedication and service on the board of OHF. Previously, he was a governor of Ovingdean Hall School, staying with us as we became a grantmaker. In 2014, he ran the Great South Run for OHF.

On his retirement, John said: 'OHF exists to widen the horizons of deaf young people and show them that the world can be a good place.'

'I would like to thank John for his outstanding contribution and commitment,' said our Chair Hamish McAlpine.

'He has brought immense compassion and insight to our work, and he will be greatly missed.'



Celebrating Scholars

CEO Sarah Armstrong (far right) pictured with Ewing Foundation colleagues and Con Powell Memorial Scholars

Our Con Powell Memorial Scholars, past and present, have reunited for a special event to celebrate ten years of OHF's scholarships for trainee Teachers of the Deaf.

During the event, Scholars developed a timeline marking their progress over the last decade, noting the defining moments in their personal journeys and their careers. Four former Scholars shared their tips for getting the most out of the training and for moving into employment as Qualified Teachers of the Deaf (QToDs).

'The event provided a lovely opportunity to review the last ten years, better understand what the Scholarships meant to people and encourage them to continue to share progress and support one another going forward,' said Sarah Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer of OHF and our partner charity Ewing Foundation.

'The Scholarships are fantastic,' added Catherine, a former Scholar who is now working as a QToD, 'The support

from other Scholars, QToDs and the Ewing Foundation transformed my learning experience.'

The Scholarships are named in honour of Con Powell, the first President of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD), the organisation that manages the programme on behalf of OHF. Scholars also receive mentoring from deaf education specialists at our partner charity Ewing Foundation, where Con was also the first Chief Executive. Over the past decade, 45 people have completed the programme.

Thank you to all who attended this special day marking ten years of supporting the next generation of deaf education professionals.



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A HUGE thank you to all of our friends for funding these important projects for deaf children and young people. If you would like to help our work, please can you donate at www.ovingdeanhall.org.uk/support-us or please send your cheque or CAF voucher (payable to Ovingdean Hall Foundation) to the address below.

Thank you very much!

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