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In our quest to raise awareness of Christ's Hospital's ethos to help us raise funds and communicate its valuable purpose to wide audiences, we are frequently asked for real-life examples of how CH has transformed lives. It would be enormously helpful to have at our fingertips, some Case Studies based on your experiences, that we can use to demonstrate this point and which you would be happy for us to use, either in conversation or in printed form.

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The following are a couple of examples, one from an older but still very much involved? Old Blue, the second an amalgam of some of the many younger Old Blue stories that I have heard.

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KEITH LUGTON (Prep A/ Mda, 1953–1960)

Background

Keith was brought up in Southwark, a poorer part of London, an only child he lived in a flat in a block of offices where his father was caretaker. The surrounding area consisted of poorly maintained blocks of flats and bomb sites, where homes had been destroyed in the blitz. Keith attended St George the Martyr Primary school. The standard at the school was not high, in one year the highest mark for 11+ arithmetic was 66%. Local secondary schools were little better and Keith's parents and teachers felt that it would be advantageous for him to go to Christ's Hospital.

At Christ's Hospital

Aged 9, Keith did sufficiently well in his 11+ to be offered a chance to sit the entrance exam for CH which he passed. In 1953 during their first year, Keith and fellow pupils learned French from the legendary Arthur Rider, Housemaster of Middleton A. Keith ascribes much of his success in life to Christ's Hospital and that Housemaster.

Further Education

After A Levels (Maths, Additional Maths, and Physics), Keith went straight to work in the City of London as an actuarial student. He studied for his Actuarial exams during the evening after work, as was common at the time. Now most Actuarial students go to university for part of their studies.

Career

Qualifying in 1967, Keith remained in the Actuarial profession for more than 40 years, working for only two employers, Royal London Insurance and Guardian Royal Exchange Insurance (now part of AXA). Working in London until 1968, during which time he played rugby for the Old Blues Rugby Club, Keith subsequently moved to New Zealand until 1976. There he learned Japanese and Maori at evening classes at Auckland University, played rugby for a (very social) Auckland University side and took up refereeing. He refereed rugby for 22 years.

Whilst in New Zealand, Keith kept in touch with Christ's Hospital via the extensive Old Blue network, attending many gatherings organised by NZ Old Blues.

Returning to the UK with Guardian Royal Exchange, he successively became Marketing Manager, Customer Care Manager, Personnel Manager and finally Director of Corporate Communications. He was for a time seconded to the Institute of Customer Service, set up by Guardian Royal Exchange and other companies, before retiring in 1999.

Keith has been a Trustee of the AXA Group Pension Scheme and of the Insurance Charities. He and his wife Jennifer are also heavily involved with local charities and organisations.

Continuing Links with CH

Keith continues his involvement with Christ's Hospital and Old Blues. His involvement with the Old Blues rugby club remains, he has helped to organise house reunions and is a Steward of the CH Founder's Day Dinner. He has been a Director of the Benevolent Society of Blues and for eight years chaired the committee which distributes its charitable expenditure. He became a Governor of CH in 1997 and is currently Treasurer of the Amicable Society of Blues. He became an Almoner of Christ's Hospital in 2008 and a member of the School Governing Body in 2009.

How CH Has Affected My Life

Keith acknowledges that without Christ's Hospital, his life could have been very different. He says that none of the other children with whom he grew up in Southwark were given the opportunities in life which were given to him by CH and he has tried to live up to the Charge given to all Blues at the time of leaving.

He adds that Christ's Hospital helped to develop his interests in sport, people and all things mathematical, and these interests have been continuing threads throughout his life.

YOUNG OTHER (MaB 78-85)

Background

Young Other was born in a poor district of Grimsby in West Yorkshire to a single parent, whose health was not good and who already had two other children. Young's father periodically came back into his life but was unreliable and frequently disappeared again. The area was recognized as having a high crime rate with over 30% unemployment, many of his local peer group subsequently having problems with drug related activity.

The likely academic prediction in Young's local schools was low, most in his primary class achieving low SATS scores and an average of 2 GCSE's at secondary level. Teachers at Young's primary school recognized that Young was a bright child in spite of a difficult home background. With the help of his Head Teacher, Young applied and was accepted at Christ's Hospital. His place at CH was additionally secured by the interest of an Old Blue Governor who had seen in him the potential to succeed and elected to make Young his Presentee.

At Christ's Hospital

Young arrived at CH aged 11, and quickly proved an adept pupil with a keen interest in the sporting opportunities the School was able to offer. He also joined the CH band and played at many prestigious events – Lord's Cricket Ground, St Matthew's Day in the City and at the Menin Gate in Belgium. He made friends with peers from many different areas who have subsequently remained in touch following his departure from CH. He gained eight GCSE's two with star grades and four A* levels in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Further Education

Young subsequently went to Sheffield University to study Biochemistry and was awarded a first class honours degree in Micro and Molecular Biology. He undertook a further two year study period and obtained a PhD in Molecular Biology.

Career

He started work in a Pharmaceutical Company at the age of 26 in a junior research position and has subsequently changed companies and currently heads a Research Section of five graduates studying the genetic make-up of organisms from natural resources that may have useful biological activities. He regularly lectures on this topic.

Continuing Links with CH

Young continues his involvement with Christ's Hospital and Old Blue peers. He regularly meets up with his contemporaries, attends reunions at the School and has formed a jazz band with other former band members. He recently returned to perform in a concert involving the current CH band.

How CH Has Affected My Life

Young speaks about CH as being a life changing experience as far as he was concerned. CH gave him a degree of security and stability and an opportunity that otherwise he would not have had. The support of staff and peers effectively provided him with an extended second family, without which he may have taken a very different path. The musical skills gained at CH have given him a life-long hobby and he remains in touch with many of his contemporaries both via the Internet and in person, most of whom have gone on to have equally successful careers.

Speaking of his Governor, Young comments that he became like a second Grandparent and the support he gave at specific times in his life was invaluable, particularly during times of family stress and whilst considering University. He is considering becoming a Donation Governor himself, as he says "If I can help a child in a similar situation, then I feel I should, without CH I was staring into an abyss, it literally changed the course of my life"

YOUR NAME (optional), YEARS AND HOUSE

Background

At Christ's Hospital

Further/Higher Education

Career

Continuing Links with CH

How CH Has Affected My Life

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