**St Joseph’s Stories – Be a Role Model**

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Dear Alumni

One of the most valuable things you as alumni can impart on our pupils, is to show them the unlimited possibilities that await our pupils once they leave our school; to show them that through hard work and dedication, anything is possible.

For me, one most memorable moments in my time at St Joseph’s was when we opened our new library and I watched our pupils go through and choose new texts to read, amazed by the wide variety of options we now had, from a new generation of authors, reflecting the multi-cultural diversity that makes up our global community.

Instinctively, the pupils moved towards books and characters which resembled themselves. When you ask them why, they said, “I like this book, because the hero looks like me” or “when I grow up, I want to be like him/her, because they inspire me.”

Help your school and the next generation (essentially, your younger selves!) by being that inspiration!

We are looking for alumni who would be willing to contribute a picture and short profile of themselves to feature on our website and in displays around the school. Tell us about your time at St Joseph’s, which school you went to afterward, what career(s) or travel or adventures you have been on, and perhaps even a small bit of advice for our next generation. Even better, get in touch with us about visiting the school and meeting our staff and pupils.

To contribute, we would kindly request:

* a recent **high-quality landscape** picture of yourself, either in your work environment or doing something that you enjoy or are passionate about; and
* answers to some key questions which we can use to write a concise 2-paragraph summary for your profile. Please see the suggested questions on the following page. If you would prefer to write the paragraphs yourself, that would also be welcome.

Please send your pictures and the completed questionnaire to:

[alumni@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dave Navarro, School Business Manager

*Suggested questions for Alumni Profile*

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| **Questions** | **Answers** |
| 1. What is your name? |  |
| 2. Are you (select all that apply):  A) Past student or parent  B) Past staff member  C) Past Governor  D) Any combination of the above  E) Another link to the school |  |
| 3. Which years were you at St Joseph’s?  Do you remember who the headteacher was when you were at school? |  |
| 4. What were your best memories of St Joseph’s?  Do you remember your favourite teacher’s name? |  |
| 5. Which secondary school(s) and other higher-learning institutions did you go on to after St Joseph’s? |  |
| 6. Where do you live now? Do you have any links to St Joseph’s today? |  |
| 7. What is your profession/career or which industry are you in? |  |
| 8. Do you have any advice for our pupils? |  |
| 9. Whom do you remember from your days at St Joseph’s?  While we cannot guarantee we can reacquaint you, we occasionally can match up old friends through these links |  |
| 10. Finally, tell us something that you know, that the current staff or pupils may not know, about the school (optional question)? |  |