

Anglo European School Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Historical Exhibition

Anglo proudly commemorated its 50th anniversary with a grand historical exhibition, celebrating five decades of educational excellence and community impact. The event, held on Friday 21st June brought together alumni, ex-staff, students, parents, upcoming parents and students and community members to reflect on the rich history and achievements of the school.

A Journey Through Time

The historical exhibition showcased the evolution of the Anglo European School from its founding in 1973 to the present day. Attendees were able to view a variety of memorabilia, including the bamboo cane pre-dating 1970, the Punishment Book, Headteacher's Log Book, Trophies, past Year books and old newsletters dating as far back as 1974. A memory wall of photos was also put together from all the photos received from ex-students and staff, evoking nostalgia. The displays put together depicted the development of the school, taking over the site of the old Ingatestone Secondary School, which was threatened with closure and then in 1973 Mr Pitt, Headteacher, secured the approval from the Council of Europe to use the circle of 12 gold stars. The school was then opened as the Anglo European School in September 1973.

Reflections on the past inform the future

Mrs Gee, current Headteacher said: "Our 50th anniversary is not just a celebration of our past but a reflection on our journey and the values that have guided us. This exhibition beautifully encapsulates the spirit of our school and the countless memories made here." Mrs Gee's speech reflected on how all present had contributed, in so many ways, to the development of the vision, aims and international curriculum and how these had all informed our life pathways, principles and achievements.

Attendees not only had the opportunity to learn more about the history of this unique school but also shared memories with our current students who were able to show them around and talk to them about what it is like to be an Anglo student in 2024. One member of the community said, "I spoke to lots of people and all agreed it was a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones." Another said, "It was a truly lovely evening talking to pupils past and present and meeting ex-staff members too"

Over the past 50 years, the school has grown and evolved, continually adapting to meet the educational needs of its students, while maintaining a commitment to academic excellence, community partnerships and an international baccalaureate education.

Where will the next 50 years will take us ...?