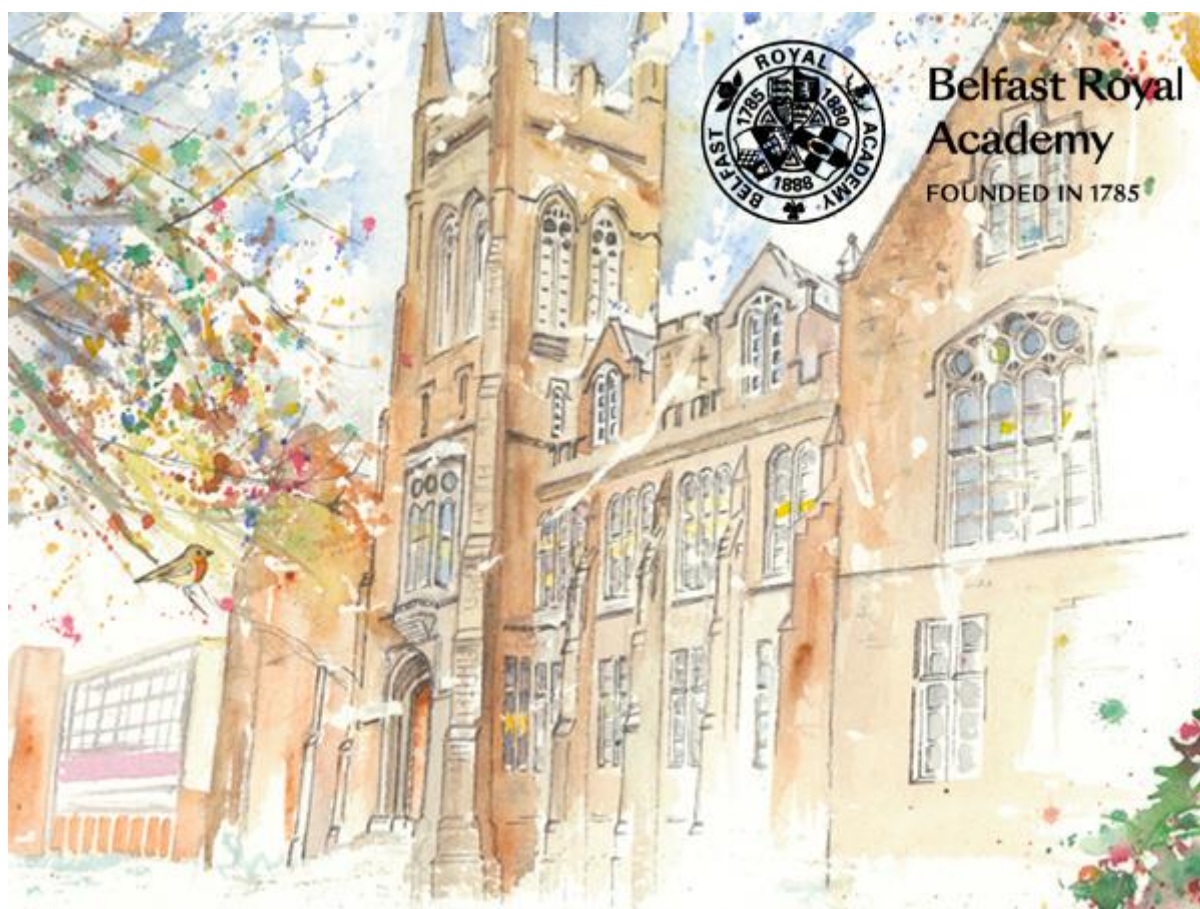


## Festive Greetings from the Academy Alumni Association



With the Christmas tree shining brightly in the Crombie foyer and the echo of carols and festive music ringing round the School, it is time to reflect on the year drawing to a close. For many different reasons, not least as a result of the Covid pandemic, 2021 has been a year which has been extremely busy for pupils, staff and Governors. This is the opportunity to review the many challenges that have been overcome, take pride in the achievements of our pupils, and look ahead with hope to 2022.

It has been a pleasure to meet and hear news and updates from many of our alumni from all over the world throughout the course of the year, and we were thrilled to welcome back alumnus Tony Danker, Director General of the CBI as guest speaker at our recent Prize Day. We are looking forward to seeing many of you back in School for milestone anniversary celebrations in 2022 and we do hope that alumni from these year groups will consider attending. We also plan to relaunch our popular Business Breakfasts in Belfast, details of which will follow in due course.

Another highlight this year has been the launch of our new 1785 Foundation which is a new and important way to help support the School on a regular basis and is the principal means by which the entire Belfast Royal Academy community can assist with the School's programmes and activities. Please do consider this worthwhile fund, as all contributions, big and small, are very gratefully received. However, the most important aspect of the 1785 Foundation is the opportunity for alumni to reconnect with the Academy and to share some of the pride and ambition that we have for our pupils.

As a School that is founded on the principle that education has the power to transform lives, we hope you are immensely proud to be an Academy alumni. There is a huge amount of positive work happening in our School and we are optimistic that we will have more great news to share with you in the New Year. We thank you all for your part in our success and we have every confidence that the School will continue to grow and prosper, always with pupils at its heart.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas on behalf of everyone at Belfast Royal Academy.

#### **The Academy Alumni Association**



**The 1785 Foundation** is a new and important way in which you can support the programmes and activities of Belfast Royal Academy.

The support of generations of alumni, parents and friends has been the basis upon which the School has been able to provide a level of education, facilities and activities that have enriched the education of all our pupils.

We have plans for a range of future development projects which will enhance the School experience of pupils for many years to come. These projects and the quality of the educational experience could not be sustained without continuous support and generosity.

You can become a member of the Foundation by making a periodic contribution to the School through a range of different plans and options. All donations, whether large or small, are welcome.

To find out more, visit the "Support us" section of the School website [The 1785 Foundation](#)

#### **Calling all Alumni from 1972, 1982 and 1992**

You are invited back to Belfast Royal Academy in 2022 to celebrate your milestone 50th, 40th and 30th anniversaries with a complimentary lunch and the opportunity to reunite and catch up with old School friends. You will also have the chance to look round the School and see all the developments that have taken place since you left.

**Class of 1972 - 50 year reunion - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Class of 1982 - 40 year reunion - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Class of 1992 - 30 year reunion - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Please spread the word with any former classmates who you keep in touch with.

To find out more and confirm your attendance please email [alumni@belfastroyalacademy.net](mailto:alumni@belfastroyalacademy.net)