

Ovingdean Hall News



Winter 2015

A tribute to Ovingdean Hall School



The tree of remembrance in the garden funded by OHF.

Last summer, our partnership with The Elizabeth Foundation was celebrated with the opening of Ovingdean Building at the charity's headquarters in Hampshire.



Since 2011, we have funded a number of projects at The Elizabeth Foundation, a charity for deaf babies and toddlers. These include a minibus for days out, a new playground, a memorial garden, solar panels, and communications technology.

We have also funded the refurbishment of their hearing test centre.

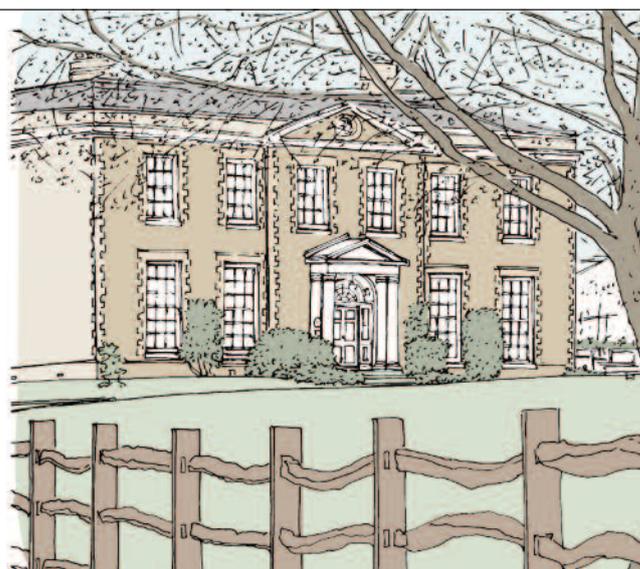
The extension where the test centre is based has been named Ovingdean Building in tribute to the staff, students and supporters who made Ovingdean Hall School such a special place to live and learn. The building was opened by our former Chair Father Martin Morgan.



Ovingdean Hall and students on seaside trip in 1948



Ovingdean Hall and students on Prom-night in 2008



Between 1841 and 2010, Ovingdean Hall School for Deaf Children (formerly Brighton Institute for the Deaf) was a special place to live and learn for generations of students. Since 2010 Ovingdean Hall Foundation has provided much-needed financial assistance to charities with similar aims, including The Elizabeth Foundation. The founders, trustees and staff of The Elizabeth Foundation are deeply grateful for this support, which had made so much good work possible.

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The plaque in the foyer of Ovingdean Building.

All Aboard

We have contributed toward the National Deaf Children Society's new Roadshow bus. The bus travels the country, demonstrating hearing equipment to deaf children, and we are delighted to have funded the technology on board.



'I think the Roadshow is brilliant!' says eight-year-old Oscar. 'My favourite gadget on board is the vibrating alarm clock which I want at home to wake me up in the mornings.'

Learning language through play

AUDITORY VERBAL UK
Creating a sound future for deaf children

We are proud to support Auditory Verbal UK (AV UK), a charity which teaches deaf babies and children to listen and speak using Auditory Verbal Therapy (AVT).



AVT helps parents to develop their child's listening and spoken language skills. It is a play-based approach delivered by Auditory Verbal Therapists who have all undergone postgraduate training. Children with hearing impairment typically acquire language at half the rate of their hearing peers, and AV UK's programme aims to close the gap by the time they start school. 80% of children who complete AV UK's programme achieve language on a par with hearing children, and most go to mainstream schools.

We are funding five bursaries for speech and language therapists and teachers of the deaf to train as Auditory Verbal therapists, and also covering the part-time salary of a newly qualified therapist.

Thank you to all our friends for helping us support these wonderful projects. If you would like to help at this time, you can donate online at www.ovingdeanhall.org/support-us or send your cheque (payable to Ovingdean Hall Foundation) to the address below.

Thank you very much.

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