

# THE JAMES GILLESPIE'S TRUST

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To the alumni of James Gillespie's High School, wherever you are ....

Since we know that there's nothing a lot of you like more than having a good old chat with friends, remembering your days at James Gillespie's, Norma Allan (author of 'Box Hats and Blue Stockings' and I are planning to hold **The Gillespie Gathering** on Saturday 13 May 2023. All details below:

## Gillespie Gathering

Calling all alumni from the Gillespie Girls' Era and beyond!

JEAN KNOX of James Gillespie's Trust and NORMA ALLAN, author of 'Box Hats and Blue Stockings' (2019), warmly invite you to

### **The Gillespie Gathering**

to celebrate our memories of these bygone schooldays.

Anyone interested in JGHS's amazing past will be welcome to attend this informal Open Afternoon. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be available, for which there is no charge. A donation towards the enjoyment of the afternoon would be very welcome.

**Saturday 13 May 2023**

**2pm to 4pm**

**The Library in James Gillespie's High School**

Here is a great chance to reunite with old schoolmates and meet new friends. We can imagine the room buzzing with chatter and laughter as alumni recount their memories and favourite stories. You can even dress up in your school hat or any other items you have retained! I know some ladies still have them.

Please reply asap to Jean ([alumni@jamesgillespietrust.com](mailto:alumni@jamesgillespietrust.com)) or Norma ([normaallan.snowgoose@gmail.com](mailto:normaallan.snowgoose@gmail.com)) that you like the idea and intend to come.

With very best wishes,

Jean Knox and Norma Allan

If you attended JGHS between the years of 1975 and 1991, you will remember Dr Patricia Thomas, who was headteacher of James Gillespie's High School at that time. Dr Thomas passed away earlier this month and, if you wish to read her obituary, written by John MacLeod, a former pupil at JGHS, you'll find it here: <https://www.scotsman.com/news/people/scotsman-obituaries-dr-patricia-thomas-go-ahead-head-of-james-gillespies-4071964>.

We hope that you will continue to support us as generously as you have done in the past. If you would like to make a contribution to future projects, please either send your cheque, made payable to James Gillespie's Trust, together with your details (name and dates), to Treasurer, Mrs Jean Knox, at James Gillespie's High School, 120 Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh EH9 1DD or make electronic payment to James Gillespie's Trust, Bank of Scotland account number **17854260**, sort code **80-22-60**, using your name as reference and email her at [alumni@jamesgillespiestrust.com](mailto:alumni@jamesgillespiestrust.com).

Kind regards,

**Jean**

Jean Knox,  
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