Beautiful music from Junior and Senior girls accompanied by Mrs Clare, welcomed back our Alumnae to the Bromley High School Annual Reception on Saturday November 14th. Memories flooded back across the well-attended evening with alumnae re-united, catching up and reminiscing with school friends and staff. In a week preceded by our Remembrance Service, we take real encouragement from the warmth and affection expressed in many letters from old girls who continue to feel an abiding interest and pride in their school and in the achievements of this generation of Bromley High School girls. Old girls had a chance to tour the school and were duly impressed by new developments even since the last Reception: a Sixth Form Fitness Suite, Apple Mac Music studios and the recently renovated Staff room.

The next event in the Calendar will be a Summer Garden Party on Thursday, June 9th 2016. Next Year’s Annual Reception will be held on Saturday, November 12th 2016.

If you are in touch with friends who like to attend please encourage them to do so and to contact Denise Woodfield at bromleyoldgirls@bro.gdst.net or Tel 020 8781 7025 who will be delighted to help them keep up to date.

**Alumnae in School**

**Rebecca Grant (BHS 2003 -2010).** We were delighted to welcome back Rebecca in the summer term, to speak to the girls at their STEM day and to attend our Alumnae Tea. Rebecca is a STEM ambassador and has recently been awarded the Sir Robert Martin Achievement Prize, one of the three premier awards for graduating students at Loughborough University, in recognition of both her academic achievement in her Product Design Engineering Degree and her role as Chair of the Women’s Engineering Society. Rebecca has also won the Institute of Mechanical Engineering (IMechE) Postgraduate Research Scholarship. Rebecca will be back at Bromley High before Christmas to run a STEM workshop.

**Dr Mary Baker MBE (BHS 1943 – 1953).** Former President of The European Brain Council, Dr Baker is currently responsible for running ‘The Year of the Brain.’ Dr Baker was our Guest of Honour at the Summer Prize Giving. In her inspirational speech she spoke to the girls and parents about the importance of The Brain ‘Your most vital asset’ and the challenges posed by an ageing population. An article based on Dr Baker’s address will be published in this year’s school magazine.

**Annual Old Girls’ Reception**

Bromley High School
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2015

Some events in school life are special and the Remembrance Service is certainly one of them.

It is important that we take the time to pause for the minute of silence at our annual Remembrance Service. The girls, arrayed in their hundreds, so reverent and respectful, stood patiently to watch. Laying the wreath on behalf of the staff was Mrs Lesley Clare our indefatigable Junior School Deputy Head who has been central to the life and ethos of the Junior School for so many years and whose personal warmth and enthusiasm have radiated through countless concerts and productions. Mrs Clare will be retiring this summer when we will be able to give proper recognition to her outstanding contribution to the school.

Head Girl, Katerina Chrysostomou, layed a wreath on behalf of the Senior School; Junior School Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl, Hannah Platts and Emily McLennan layed a wreath on behalf of the Junior School.

Many thanks to the girls and parents for supporting the poppy appeal so generously.

SUBLIME MUSIC AT THE SWISS CHURCH LONDON

After a second spectacular Southwark Cathedral Concert last November we decided upon a new venture and venue for this year, the Swiss Church in Covent Garden. This beautiful, central London performance space allowed our scholars and academic musicians the opportunity to perform in a more intimate environment. The programme offered a wide range of styles with some pieces specifically linking to the Franco-Germanic Swiss heritage, including Rutter’s beautiful arrangement of Faure’s Cantique de Jean Racine. There were many incredible performances ranging from soloists to chamber ensembles and choirs and we left with a glowing sense that this wonderful venue had inspired both our girls and audience alike. Click on QR code to listen:

Ms Daniel, Director of Music

ALUMNAE IN THE NEWS

Amy Yule (BHS 1998-2012) has won the prestigious Royal Northern College of Music Gold Medal. The RNCM held its tenth Gold Medal Competition on Saturday 13th June 2015 featuring ten of the College’s finest performers and four of its leading young composers, who wrote new works for student ensemble A4 Brass (winners of the 2014 RNCM Chamber Ensemble of the Year Award). This year’s winners were undergraduate pianists Dominic Degavino and Tom Hicks, undergraduate flautist Amy Yule and postgraduate composer Tom Harrold.

Laura Kruszewski (BHS 2008-2013) We are delighted to announce that Laura Kruszewski, currently studying Veterinary Science at Cambridge University, has won a prestigious Salters’ Award for achieving the second highest mark in the UK in the recent Salters Advanced Chemistry Examination. Laura will receive her award in December at the Salters’ Institute Annual Awards Ceremony at Fishmongers’ Hall from Professor Sir John Holman.

Catherine Edmunds (née Tanner (BHS Class of 77)) has recently won the Creative Future Literary Awards which were held in London and hosted by Lemm Sissay.

Hannah Woollard (BHS Class of 2010) is currently working with Peter Young Design, in London. Hannah’s undergraduate work was selected for exhibition at the New Designers’ Show in London, July 2015, the premier showcase for emerging young talent from British universities.