

# Princess Anne attends Gresham's Senior School Speech Day in new role as School Governor

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal flew in to Gresham's by helicopter this month to officially open Gresham's new music school, the Britten Building and to hand out prizes to pupils at the annual Speech Day celebration.

Her Royal Highness was the Guest of Honour for the Senior School Speech Day in her new role as The Prime Warden of The Fishmonger's Company. As part of that role, she will be Gresham's Ex Officio Governor.

Princess Anne was met by an excited group of Pre-Prep and Prep pupils who were eagerly waving Union Jack flags as she made her way to the School's Memorial Chapel to enjoy a service for Upper Sixth leavers and their parents.

To commemorate the opening of the Britten Building, Princess Anne planted a tree outside and after a tour of the building and time spent chatting to donors and school governors, she unveiled a plaque in the building's foyer.

Speeches took place in the School's beautiful Theatre in the Woods, attended by pupils, parents, governors and staff. Head of School, Zara Raslan and Deputy Head of School, George Jefford both gave speeches and closed them with a wonderful musical performance. Gresham's Chairman of Governors, Andrew Martin Smith announced that Cromer-born and former Gresham's pupil, Sir James Dyson, would become a governor representing the Old Greshamian Club.



Douglas Robb, Gresham's Headmaster said "We feel deeply honoured that HRH The Princess Royal has agreed to become a Governor of Gresham's in her capacity as Prime Warden of The Fishmongers' Company. She follows in the footsteps of her father and Gresham's Patron, The Duke of Edinburgh who has been a Governor previously."

"Gresham's is also very excited to welcome Sir James Dyson OM as a

Governor from September. The School is in great spirits after a lovely speech day and the opening of new facilities. We are lucky enough to enjoy growing school numbers and are well set for the future."

Princess Anne handed out prizes to 80 pupils and took the time to speak to each one in turn. After her departure by helicopter, guests enjoyed lunch and many stayed to watch a 'Staff vs Leavers' cricket match.

