

# Bafta winner's early days

Gresham's has been known for nurturing many well-known names in its long history – Britten, WH Auden, Stephen Frears and more recently rugby greats Tom and Ben Youngs. Now it can boast a double Bafta winner among those in the shape of actress Olivia Colman.

Olivia, who attended Greshams from 1990-1992, recently won two Baftas, taking the prizes for best supporting actress for *Accused* and best female in a comedy programme for *Twenty Twelve*.

In her acceptance speech Olivia, who was known by the name of Sarah at school, thanked Paul Hands, her former drama teacher, who was honoured and delighted at being mentioned.

He said: "It was very typical of Olivia's generous nature. She can be very funny or can make you cry, like nobody else I know."

The actress is pictured with others who have seen success in the spotlight.

Sienna Guillory (bottom left), moved to Norfolk when she was 11, the daughter of the famous Cuban-born guitarist Issac Guillory.

She became a model appearing in high profile campaigns for Armani and Dolce & Gabbana. She received her first acting break at 16 when she was cast to appear in *Rider*, which was partly filmed locally, before



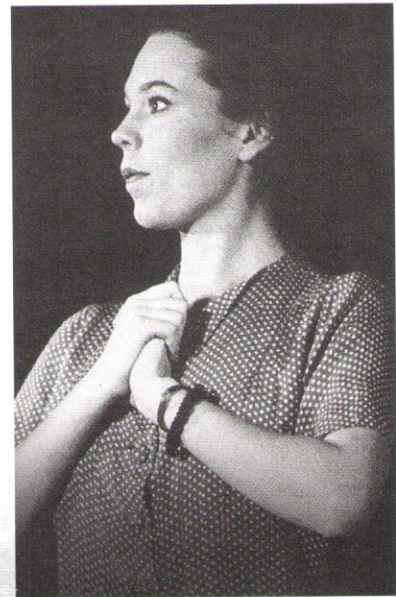
going on to take numerous roles in TV and film, which included *Eragon* and *Love Actually*.

Whilst at Greshams Sienna formed part of a small theatre group under the direction of Paul. This was his first theatre

studies group as head of drama at the school.

It was a remarkable group to start his career with at Greshams, with not just one but many talented actors and actresses in the group.

He said: "Sienna was very



**EARLY DAYS:** Olivia (Sarah) Colman pictured left at school in illustrious company, alongside Sienna Guillory (bottom left). Above: In a school production of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*.

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talented and always had ambitions to be on the stage, she played the role of Adelaide in the school production of *Guys and Dolls* alongside Olivia Colman."

Also pictured is Sam Gough (back row, far right) who appeared in *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the West End as well as the *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. He now sings with a 14-piece band in Paris and is about to move to Los Angeles to record an album.

His granddad was Michael Gough, an English character actor who made more than 150 film and television appearances and played the role as Alfred in *Batman*.

Caroline Tasker (pictured front row, far right) attended performing arts school and married Will Greenwood the former English Rugby Union player.



## Birds of prey put in picture

Birds of prey were brought along to Loades Hall in Holt for the members of North Norfolk Photographic Society.

Tina and Tim, from *Out on a Wing Falconry*, brought six birds from their collection for the photographers get the best angles. A favourite was Titan, a white-faced scops owl.

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