

- ✦ League of Nations in Geneva, where she so impressed the judges that they invited her back to the next session on the Isle of Wight.

Hannah's intention is to build on her personal experiences of different cultures, and to use that foundation to learn and appreciate broader aspects of international relations in both social and business environments, with the goal of a career in Consultancy. After getting three As at A-level, Hannah is fulfilling her ambition to study for a degree in Business and Economics at Manchester University – which she then might follow with a conversion course to study Law.

Abigail Mackrill: Scholar 2006-2009

Abigail (Abz) said when she applied, that she feels very strongly that Framlingham College is her Home. She joined in year 10 having chosen the school for herself. She found Fram an enormous contrast from her earlier school and, although a late joiner, she was immediately made welcome and found friendships which she believes she will have for life. Her favourite subject is History, but she loves languages (she has already taken part in a French Exchange programme) and English Literature. Ever one to keep her horizons broad, she included Chemistry in her AS level studies.

She was deputy head of Victoria House and Secretary of the Sixth Form Society where, with her fellow-scholar Hannah, she wrestled with the issues of changing licensing laws and their impact on social gatherings.

Abz was a keen member of the CCF Navy Section where, as Leading Rate, she developed teamwork and leadership skills that will be vital both in her career, and as a Moreau Scholar acting as a focal point for her year-group.

A keen and analytical debater, she involved herself in the College's Model United Nations team and represented it at the Isle of Wight Assembly and then in Geneva where she represented Ecuador. She says that the research elements of these assignments were really rewarding, developing the ability to read, understand

and collate information into a fluent and coherent response. However, she derived greatest pleasure from getting to know other members of the team really well, working as a group and being responsive to others.

Abz is an accomplished Ballet dancer and has performed publicly in Croydon and at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket. She's not sure how long she can keep this up, as ballet demands enormous efforts to maintain fitness and keep in practice. After getting three As at A-level, Abz has gone on to read History at York University and then perhaps to branch into Law. She still plans to keep up her languages though, and expects to include a new language in her university studies.

Wallace and Old Framlinghamian Scholarships

Every year, the Society awards a number of leaving scholarships, based on student profiles compiled by the College and passed on to us by the Head. The photograph below shows this year's winners with our President, Andrew Wright.



STANDING: WILLIAM POOLE, ANDREW WRIGHT (PRESIDENT SOF), JOHN WYBAR;
SEATED: MICHAEL AUSTIN, ROSEMARY LAWRENCE, BEN MARK, ALEXANDRA REID,
(ABSENT: JOANNA HULME)

Rosemary Lawrence was also subsequently presented with a special President's Award on Speech Day. All the scholarship winners have now moved on, gap years, university etc. Hopefully they will write something for the next Yearbook at the end of their first year away from the College.

You, dear leavers, are the most elusive of Framlinghamians, caught up, as you are, in the excitement of travelling, making new friends, taking new courses at university, and setting out on new careers. Our thanks to those who do let us know what happens to them in the immediate post-school years. We do include at least two items of news relating to degrees achieved in Here and There, but more feedback in this area would be welcome – just drop us an email, so that those who remember you, teachers and College friends, can keep up with what you have achieved and which directions career paths are taking.

We do now ask those who are awarded Old Framlinghamian Scholarships to let us have a brief note of what they do in their first years away.

Colette Hamilton (V 92-05) responded by sending the reflections that follow:

I am coming to the end of a wonderful first year at **Loughborough University** where I have been studying English and Sport Science. I am enjoying both aspects of my course and the social side of life at university. I have made some fantastic friends who will no doubt be visiting Framlingham in the near future – so look out Fram - Loughborough students are on the way!

Hall of Residence: I am currently in Elvyn Richards Hall of Residence, and have had much fun representing the Hall at netball, hockey, basketball, volleyball and girls' rugby. Later this month we, the Elvyn ladies, are taking part in the Nottingham 'Race For Life', a 5km sponsored race in aid of Cancer Research.

My course: My academic work has proved very stimulating. The English course has opened up entirely new areas of literature and I truly love it. The Sport Science Modules have been just as inspiring. On the practical side I have, these past two semesters, ventured into the gymnastic hall, learning backflips, vaults, and parallel upstarts. Sport has always been a large part of my life, and it is wonderful to have

found a course which really expands my horizons. Where better to study Sport Science than at Loughborough?

Next year: So I have been very busy this year, and have still more plans for next. I have booked dates for coaching and refereeing courses so I can gain those qualifications. My interest in teaching has remained strong so I will be looking to gain experience, where possible, in schools, with a view to opening up future career options. What I am really enjoying about university is the opportunity to do things I had never dreamt of doing.



COLLETTE HAMILTON (FRONT, LEFT) TEAMS UP AT LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

Friends from here and there: If I had to choose one thing that has helped make my time here so enjoyable, it would have to be the really fantastic people I've met. I have a fabulous group of friends and it's been great introducing them to my Framlingham friends who have been to visit. There are quite a few old Framlinghamians here too and we catch up every now and then. My sister (**Kimberley Hamilton**, V99-03) is here and from her year there is **Emma Tuckwell** (M99-03) and **Will Clephane** (G99-03). It's good to have a circle of friends that includes both the old and the new.

The Town and Union: Loughborough is quite compact. Most of what you need you can get on campus. However the town is only a stone's throw away and Nottingham and Leicester are easily accessible by train so there's plenty to do. We have a fantastic Union, the biggest in the UK. Nights out

there are really good fun. During the day it acts as a great hangout for friends with a coffee shop, book shop etc. It's a perfect size: big enough to lose yourself but small enough to know and meet lots of people, get to lectures on time and chill out without travelling too far.

Moving away: Making the first move away from a familiar environment can be hard. I found the jump from Framlingham to Loughborough terrifying. I had been at Brandeston for 8 years and Framlingham for 5 and so the people I knew had become like family. Coming here was very scary but the welcome was incredible. The people are so friendly. Although the prospect of meeting new people is daunting, you just have to remember that almost everyone is feeling the same way as you, so the best thing to do is to jump in with both feet and meet as many people as possible in that all-important Freshers' Week. It's not a time to be shy!

University or Gap Year? For me coming to university straight away was the right thing. I have heard so many wonderful stories from my friends who have been travelling and these stories have inspired me to go travelling at some point, but I want the security of a degree under my belt first.

My advice for those planning to go straight to university is not to feel you are missing out on anything when all your friends are living out of backpacks in darkest Peru or soaking up the sun on the beaches of Australia. If it's right for you to go straight to university, then go – there's time enough for travel once you've graduated. I'd say the same to those planning a gap year too: university will still be there when you get back. If you're not sure about your course or your offers, take some time out to ensure that you'll really get the most out of university when you do go. Whatever you decide, just enjoy it and take opportunities as they arise... just enjoy.

Toby Hough (K 01-05) *writes in similar upbeat vein:*

Edinburgh University: Arabic and French and much else. In September 2005 I started my degree course in Arabic and French at Edinburgh University and quickly settled into university life. After joining about 20 clubs and societies at the Freshers' fair (ranging from tennis to whisky-tasting and chocolate-eating) I soon realised that this was a little ambitious! In the end I did some sailing and a lot of singing with the University Chamber Choir, and I plan to carry on with drama in my second year. I relished my first year in the Scottish capital, and have made some really great new friends. At Easter I had a very busy holiday, spending the first 10 days backpacking around the south of France with **Sandy Walker** (R 96-05). (*How's the shooting going Sandy? Ed.*) During the second half I sang with the National Youth Choir of Great Britain in concerts in Leeds, Manchester and finally in the Royal Albert Hall for Classic FM. July and the BBC Proms series also provided another opportunity there, again with the NYCCGB – something I joined during my time at Framlingham.

And travelling too: As our exams finished so early, two friends and I decided we should use the time to do some travelling in the Middle East. We were lucky enough to be awarded a University bursary for educational travel and fieldwork so spent all of June living in an apartment in Cairo, attending a language school in the city. This was vital for my peace of mind as I returned to England certain that Arabic is the right course for me, and that my ambitions lie in the Middle East. So really I can say that the best thing that has come out of this year is

a love and fascination for that part of the world, a stone that would have been left unturned had I not decided to take the risk of choosing Arabic as my degree.



TOBY HOUGH (LEFT) WITH SANDY WALKER