



# Grey College Durham University

## News From Grey College

### *Peter Dunn Retires after 33 years!*



Many of our alumni will have fond memories of 'Peter the Porter' who started at Grey in 1990, rising through the ranks to become our Operations Manager. We were sad to see him go and wish him well for a happy retirement – Peter is looking forward to returning to College events without having to worry about Health and Safety, and fixing up his old Land Rover! If you have a message or memory to share with Peter, please email [grey.principal@durham.ac.uk](mailto:grey.principal@durham.ac.uk).

### *Formal Dining is Back!*



We were delighted to host the Black History Month Formal in our newly refurbished dining hall and welcomed a mix of students including from the African and Caribbean Society to a celebration of diversity at Durham and an inspirational talk by educator and activist, Frances Trought.

## ***We Have a New Boat!***



Grey College Boat Club has a new addition to its fleet! An Empacher 8+ named 'Eric Halladay' in honour of the former Grey Master and avid rower.

Bought to Durham in the snowy conditions that surrounded Rutherford Head, this boat will become GCBC's new first 8+ and they are looking forward to training and racing in it this term. Our former top 8+ 'TJ' will now become the second 8+ and unfortunately the much-loved 'Brian Seal' is being retired from GCBC.

This purchase is the result of many years savings and investment by the club, and a generous contribution from alumni via the College Trust. The GCBC will focus on more fundraising in the coming years to keep Club participation and performance up, helped by the creation of a new Fundraising Officer role. The target is to purchase a new 4+ which we hope to achieve over the next few years.

We will be racing in 'Eric Halladay' at Women's Eights Head of the River Race and the Head of the River Race so if you are in London, keep an eye on the Thames!