

Jocelyn Bailey (OW Staff 1972 – 1986)



In the Marquee, Parents Day 1974

Jocelyn Bailey was an immensely popular teacher and Housemistress at King Edward's, who also supported school productions by helping in the costumes and props department, and teaching Fencing for Duke of Edinburgh students.

Jocelyn began her career at Malvern Girls' College (1966 – 69) before moving to teach in Germany until 1971. On her return to the UK she joined King Edward's as a teacher of German and Elizabeth Housemistress. Departing in 1986 she returned to Malvern Girls College, remaining there until and beyond retirement. Jocelyn died in Malvern in August 2016.

Many pupils remember her fondly, and some of their memories are shared below:

"I still use the odd German phrases she taught me to say phonetically and many Germans are impressed even today. She was a brilliant teacher" (OW 1974)

"Miss Bailey's...tall elegant figure was often seen 'stalking' the corridors of Elizabeth House, reminiscent of a heron, and her calm, unruffled demeanor was admirable amongst the chaos of many a teen crisis. She was a woman of surprises and her gracious, gentle firm and fair ways provided stability in turbulent times." (OW 1982)

"RIP Miss Bailey – she was a good teacher. A kind, gentle, poised woman, who would suddenly laugh out loud, quite heartily, but always like a lady (and it was always delightful when she did.)" (OW 1987)

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During the Queen Mother's Visit to the School 1976