

# BSS-S / Boarding School Survivors Support

## NEWSLETTER - (ALMOST) SPRING 2025

THE NEW BOARDING SCHOOL FILM:

### Boarding on Insanity

**LAST FEW TICKETS FOR LONDON PREMIERE AND DIRECTOR'S Q&A - SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025**

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Dear Friends

We hope you are feeling some optimism, as the nights shorten, the days lengthen, and the first buds of Spring are peeking through. A gentle reminder that nothing is static, seasons change, life has hope.



**Spring will come and so will happiness.**

**Hold on.**

**Life will get warmer.**

*Anita Krizzan*

Another change in the air is the increased media attention relating to boarding schools and boarding schools survivors:

## **Boarding Schools on Radio 4**

If you haven't already heard it, [Radio 4, BBC Sounds](#) has Nicky Campbell's 3-part series, exploring the history and influence of British boarding schools. Whilst the series confronts some of the grim realities which often get brushed under the carpet, it ends on high hopes and jolly hockey sticks for a better boarding future - which does rather grate. But as the adage goes, all publicity is good publicity and it is welcoming to have such a high profile platform for the cause.

## **Last remaining tickets for 'Boarding on Insanity' premier**

The premiere of Piers Cross's new film - **Boarding on Insanity** will be at the Rio Cinema, Dalston on **1st March 2025**. With over 75% of the tickets already sold, we urge you to [book soon for this event](#) if you plan to join us.

As well as the film itself, there will be a live **Director's Q&A** with Prof Joy Schaverien, psychologist Martin Lloyd-Elliott, Dr Cathy Wield and members of the film's production team. The Q&A will be moderated by BSS-Support director, Pippa Palmer on behalf of London South Bank University's [Building Future Communities Research Centre](#) where she is leading an initiative to build **a community of practice** for boarding school researchers. To get involved, please email Pippa at [palmerp5@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:palmerp5@lsbu.ac.uk).

## **Online webinars about 'Boarding on Insanity' plus Online launch**

For those who can't make the premiere, Piers will be hosting three free webinars in the evenings of **5th, 10th and 13th March**. These live events will include many of the leading boarding school and trauma voices: Nick Duffell, Suzanne Zeedyk, Alex Renton, Prof Joy Schaverien, Zena Me among others.

And finally, there will also be an Online Launch of the film on **15<sup>th</sup> March**, where you will be able to purchase the film and extras.

You can sign up for the online events with Piers directly [here](#).



### **BSS-South - Brighton meeting - Saturday 29th March 2025**

Our friends in Brighton are delighted to announce that the Brighton & Hove Boarding School Survivors group will be back at the Cornerstone Community Centre, Church Road, Hove BN3 2FL for an in-person meeting, from **9.30 to 1pm on Saturday 29th March**.

Participants will be treated to the usual rich programme of speakers, and invited to contribute ideas for future sessions, which are scheduled for July 2025, October 2025 and January 2026.

Capacity is limited, so please email [gordonknott@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonknott@btinternet.com) to reserve your place ASAP.

### **Another date for the diary! BSS-Support Annual Conference**

Slightly further ahead, the 2025 BSS-Support Annual Conference is taking place on **Saturday 1st November 2025** - again at the Friend's Meeting House, Euston in The Light Auditorium.

*Bookings will open after Easter, so save the date and we'll be in touch!*

### **Sending our love and condolences**

The Directors of BSS-Support were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected passing of Michelle Dawn Silcox earlier this month.

Michelle, the much-loved wife of Piers Cross, played a vital role in supporting the *Boarding on Insanity* film project. Though much of her work took place behind the scenes, her dedication and kindness left a lasting impact.

Michelle will be fondly remembered as a steadfast ally of the Boarding School Survivor community, and her legacy will continue to inspire and support the cause she so deeply cared for.

### **If you need help with your own boarding school recovery**

This newsletter has been sent by BSS-Support, a not-for-profit Limited Company, whose aim is to guide and support former boarders on their healing journey.

If you need support or direction on your boarding school recovery journey, you are invited to write in confidence to BSS-Support.

A member of our team will respond personally, and guide you towards the resources that are right for you.

With warmest wishes from the BSS-Support Directors:

Allison, Caroline, Mike, Paul, Pippa, Tim and Sam.

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