

## Ian's Speech at St Mark's College 05/12/2021

As a youth my father was apprenticed as an electrician to Spicer & Detmold. His father was a butcher but when he suffered angina, my father was told he had to leave his work and assist the father. In this way my father became a butcher.

When I was about 10 years old I disappointed my father in not following him in the shop but said I wanted to be an Engineer. When my father realised I was serious, both of my parents did everything they could to support my wish.

When I was old enough to go to University, my parents arranged for me to have an engineering course at St Mark's as a full time live-in student. I enjoyed my time at St Mark's and benefited from the experience. Over the years, I have been able to return some of St Mark's benefits.

Today, I am honoured to have had Tsering Hannaford to paint my portrait together with Pammie and after today, our portrait will continue on our long time association with the College.

Please enjoy the arrangements which Professor Don Markwell, Head of College has organised for us all.

Thank you.