

What are the benefits?

The OA Society and the School work together to provide opportunities for social occasions and the continuation of sports and other interests developed at School. It also offers valuable business networking and career development opportunities.

Publications

Each year the OA Society distributes the *Aldenhamiana* magazine to keep OAs informed about activities and developments at their old School and beyond. Articles are often provided by OAs about their own lives and careers and some historical features are carried about people who were at the School many years ago. OA events are promoted and reviewed through this publication as well as via an E-Newsletter and the website www.aldenhamian.org

In the past, the OA Society has published 12 editions of *The History and Register of Aldenham School*, copies of which are still available from the Development and OA Office. The Society and its members made a significant contribution towards the publication of the latest history, *Aldenham School – A Foundation for Success*. Details about this publication and how to buy a copy are available on the School website www.aldenham.com

Events

Members are invited to a variety of OA Society events throughout the year. These include:

★ **Annual Dinner** – A popular occasion, usually held in November at Aldenham. Speakers have included Sir Martin Sweeting (B1964-70), Director of the Surrey Space Centre and CEO of Surrey Space and Satellite Technology Ltd and Major Russell Lewis MC (SHE1986-91).

★ **Regional Lunches** – These provide social occasions for OAs to meet and reminisce about their days at Aldenham and enjoy comparing their own experiences with each other and those of current pupils at the School.

★ **Overseas Reunions** – With OAs throughout the world, reunions are organised to bring members together to socialise and exchange contact details. Events have been held in the USA, Canada, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

★ **Business Networking** – For those wishing to establish business relationships, aldenham.net provides the ideal opportunity.

Sports & Clubs

The OA Society provides a range of ways to pursue interests in a wide variety of sports and other activities. Currently the OA Society supports:

★ **Football** – The Old Aldenhamian Football Club (O AFC) plays in the Arthur Dunn Cup and the 1st and 2nd XI play in the Arthurian



OA Football



Happy days, Pauli's House Sixth Formers

League. The club actively encourages new members. This is an opportunity to play football and meet regularly with friends.

★ **Golf** – The OA Golf Society meets for friendly matches against other schools. Members take part in the Halford Hewitt tournament, the largest schools' alumni competition in Europe. New members at all levels are always welcome.

★ **Fives** – A group meets weekly at Aldenham to play Fives. Members also offer coaching to students who are interested in the game.

★ **Cricket, Hockey, Tennis and more** – Informal games and tournaments are organised and there is potential within the OA Society to support and develop new clubs.

★ **Freemasons** – The Old Aldenhamian Lodge meets four times a year in Central London for former students, teachers and staff of Aldenham School.

Business Opportunities

aldenham.net meets regularly to give OAs the chance to network and develop mutually beneficial business opportunities.

Past meetings have included events at Tring Brewery and Battlers Green Farm in Hertfordshire and The Civil Service Club and Brewers' Hall in London.

A Business Directory is being developed so that OAs may advertise online. It is planned that other members of the Aldenham community, including current and former parents, may take advantage of the opportunity to promote their businesses.

Mentoring

The OA Society is developing a mentoring scheme to provide an opportunity for early to mid-career OAs to discuss personal development and career ambitions with more experienced members. This is a real incentive for existing members to continue to support the OA Society and is an attractive benefit to new members.

A 'University Buddy' scheme is being considered for development by the OA Society and will be pursued if new members feel it would be helpful.

How is the money spent?

It is important to remember that an organisation like the OA Society needs funds to keep it afloat. To that end, membership subscriptions are collected.

OA Society Funds

- OA Society Funds are used to:
- ★ Subsidise the Development and OA Office, staff costs and other expenses
 - ★ Produce and distribute the OA magazine
 - ★ Maintain the database & OA website
 - ★ Support OA Sports & Club activities when required
 - ★ Assist in updating The History & Register of Aldenham School
 - ★ Support School developments

Supporting the School

The OA Society has given funds towards major developments at the School including the Theatre in 2007 and The Wells Centre in 2012 and, as long as funds allow, this support will continue.

School charities

The OA Society assists three charities associated with the School:

★ **The Aldenham School War Memorial Educational Fund** was established in 1947 as a Memorial to OAs who died in the Second World War and provides bursaries in cases where financial support is needed in order for a pupil to attend the School.

★ **The Letchmore Trust** manages various art and financial assets and uses the income from the latter to support School activities and projects, such as the annual Letchmore Trust Prizes awarded to the Senior and Junior Schools.

★ **The Aldenham Club Trust** administers a set of investments of which the income is used to support youth clubs in Kentish Town and adjoining areas.



Film Club

The OA Society sponsors the School's membership to FILMCLUB, by paying an annual subscription.

FILMCLUB is an education charity scheme that helps schools set up clubs to provide young people with the opportunity to watch, discuss and review a diverse range of films – feeding their imagination and nurturing their social and intellectual development.

As a popular extracurricular activity, FILMCLUB has inspired pupils to develop their individual talents and interests relating to the media.



A-level results



Pauli's House reunion in the Dining Hall

What is the OA Society?

The Old Aldenhamian Society was founded in 1902 to maintain a link between OAs and the School and to help OAs keep in touch with each other.

Worldwide Family

OAs are part of a worldwide extended family and the OA Society offers members of all ages the opportunity to keep in touch, wherever their lives may take them. With a school that is over 400 years old, it is inevitable that former pupils and their families have spread widely throughout the world. The OA Society aims to help the School and its former pupils to prosper and retain links with each other well into the future.

Staying in Contact

The majority of boys and girls become members of the OA Society when they leave Aldenham.

A record of names, contact details, education dates, interests and friend & family associations is kept on a secure database within the School and the information is maintained by the Development & OA Office at the School.

OA Society Online

OA Society members can access an online version of the database at www.oldaldenhamian.org to update and amend their own records and search for friends and former staff.



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The OA Office is on the 2nd Floor of School House

Who do I contact?

The OA Society is run on a day to day basis by the Development and OA Office at Aldenham School.

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