

# THE OLD ALDENHAMIAN SOCIETY

## OBJECTIVES AND RULES

**The Society was founded at a meeting held on 9th April 1902, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London**

## OBJECTIVES

- a. To keep a register of the addresses, both postal and electronic of past members of the School, having due regard to whatever the appropriate legislation dictates or advises in its use;
- b. to maintain a means of communication between the School and Old Aldenhamians and between Old Aldenhamians;
- c. to arrange, if possible, for at least one number of the "Aldenhamiana"/"OA Review", containing a summary of events of interest to Old Aldenhamians, to be sent annually to all members who shall have paid their subscriptions;
- d. to arrange for an Old Aldenhamian Dinner to be held from time to time;
- e. to promote communication between Old Aldenhamians by means of Annual and other meetings;
- f. to enable Old Aldenhamians, by means of their Committee, to take united action in any matter concerning the interest of the whole body;
- g. to further the interests of the School and of its past and present members in such other ways as may from time to time be possible.
- h. to facilitate both sporting and other activities for Old Aldenhamians.

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## RULES

1.

The Society shall consist of all Old Aldenhamians whose appropriate subscription has been paid and others who have been elected and in accordance with the following provisos.

2.

a)

All pupils educated at the Senior School, for at least one year, on or at any time after leaving, shall be eligible for membership of the Society on payment of such subscription as may be determined by the Committee. All pupils educated at the Preparatory School for at least a period of one year, who progress to educational establishments other than the Senior School, may apply to become members of the Society after completion of their secondary education. Such applications should be addressed to the Hon.Secretary who will present them to the OA Society Committee for consideration on an individual case-by-case basis.

b)

Former pupils of Aldenham Senior School who meet the other criteria for membership, and who were in receipt of a Bursary which was 75% or greater, shall be granted life membership to the OA Society should they wish and will be asked to contact the Honorary Secretary of the OA Society.

3.

a)

Every member of the Common Room or employee of similar standing who has been with the Foundation for five years shall be invited to become an Honorary Member of the Society, no subscription being payable.

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b)

The Society may confer Honorary Membership of the Society upon any person not being an Old Aldenhamian in appreciation of services to the Foundation or the Society.

c)

Honorary OAs are not eligible to represent OAs in any activity which requires the participants to be former pupils.

d)

Honorary OAs are not eligible to be elected to the committee; nor take up any ex officio positions on the committee.

4.

Members have life status, however they are invited to pay a voluntary annual subscription at any time but especially after a period of 20 years after leaving.

5.

a)

The management of the Society, election of the new Committee members, and the administration of funds of the Society, shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of the ex-officio members and up to ten members elected by the Society. The Headmaster, or his/her representative and such other representatives as have been agreed, may also attend as observers without the right to vote.

b)

If a Committee Member fails to attend an OA Committee meeting on 3 consecutive occasions excluding an AGM they should be asked to step down unless they have a valid excuse and have notified the OA President in advance.

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6.

The President of the Society, having been endorsed by the committee and elected at the AGM shall hold office for three years but may be elected for one further term.

The Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary shall be elected annually at the AGM as ex officio members of the Committee.

Vice-Presidents as may be elected by the members of the Society, shall be ex officio members of the Committee.

When the period of office of the current OA President is coming to an end, any potential candidate(s) must make a declaration in writing of their intent to the current OA President or Honorary Secretary one calendar month prior to the OA Society AGM.

Any OA wishing to be considered for President must receive the approval of the OA Committee at the Pre-Meeting to the AGM.

With regard to all OA Society elections, voting will be restricted to Full Members of the OA Society who are present at the AGM either in person or online via Teams.

7.

At meetings of the Committee four shall form a quorum, of which three Committee members must have voting rights, and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of equality.

8.

The Committee may delegate any of their powers to any sub-committee appointed by them for any specific purpose or purposes.

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9.

Casual vacancies on the Committee or among the officials of the Society in any year may be filled by the Committee, but any member or officer so appointed shall only hold office until the next annual general meeting; and any vacancy or office not filled at any annual general meeting may similarly be filled by the Committee subsequently, if so authorised by such meeting.

10.

Committee meetings shall from time to time be called by the Honorary Secretary as he/she shall think fit, and in addition he/she shall call a meeting at any time within one month after being required in writing to do so by two members of the Committee, stating the objective.

11.

Members are elected to the committee for three years and retire at the third AGM after their election but those retiring are eligible for reelection.

12.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held every year before the end of April at such place as the Committee shall arrange, and at least fourteen days' previous notice thereof shall be given to the members by the Honorary Secretary, stating shortly the business to be transacted.

13.

Such other meetings of the Society shall be held from time to time as the Committee shall think fit.

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14.

a)

The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society and shall present at each annual general meeting of the Society a balance sheet showing income and expenditure, and the financial position for the time being of the Society. The Annual Accounts must be approved at the AGM of the OA Society.

b)

The Honorary Treasurer will sign off all purchases made on behalf of the OA Society and he / she / they will approve all expenditure before any commitment is made by either, a member of the of the OA Committee or, an an employee of the School.

15.

The Rules of the Society shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting, and unless the alteration be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting. Any member desirous of proposing any alteration in the rules of the Society, or bringing forward any resolution at the Annual General Meeting, shall give notice in writing of such proposal to Honorary Secretary by 1st December previous. Proposals, of which notice shall have not been given as above, shall only be put at any meeting by leave of the Chairman thereof and two-thirds of the members present and voting.

If, however, due to extenuating circumstances, such as Government Legislation, it is necessary to modify the rules to comply with the legislation, then it will be necessary to agree such changes outside of the timings set out before.

In such cases proposed changes may be submitted to and agreed at a normal committee meeting or one convened in accordance with rule 10 and subject to the approval criteria as detailed before. Such changes may then be reported at the next AGM.

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16.

Any group of Old Aldenhamians who propose to form a club or society for the purpose of playing games or engaging in other pursuits shall not use the style “Old Aldenhamian” in describing their activities unless the approval of the Committee has first been obtained. The committee can withdraw the use of the style if it is considered detrimental to the good name of the school. The latter must be endorsed by the Annual General Meeting. All such affiliated OA clubs must be governed/organised by an official committee, with appropriate Rules and Regulations, and financial accounting that is formally approved by the OA Society and an Annual report presented to the Committee.

17.

The Society will retain ownership of the database containing the register of those associated with the school but will grant access to the data but its use will be subject to agreement by the officers of the OA Society.

18.

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 the role of Data Controller is deemed to be the Fully Elected Members of the Old Aldenhamian Society Committee.

As such it is responsible for registration and compliance with regulations.

19.

Any OA or Honorary OA, who by his or her unacceptable behaviour brings the OA Society into disrepute, shall be immediately suspended from membership of the Society for a period of five years, or such period of time as the President and Committee shall consider appropriate.

20.

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