



THE EDMUNDIAN ASSOCIATION

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1 Name

The name of the Association shall be The Edmundian Association, herein referred to as 'the Association'.

2 Aims of the Association

2.1 To unite and associate all past and present pupils, staff and friends of St Edmund's College & St Hugh's School and keep them in touch with the College and its affairs

2.2 To provide a framework for the promotion of social and other events for Old Edmundians

2.3 To collect and preserve records and memorabilia of persons and events connected with the history of the College

2.4 To support its members and the College

3 Membership of the Association

There will be three types of membership:

3.1 Full membership

- All former pupils of the school who have attended for at least one academic year and who have paid the relevant subscription as determined by the Committee from time to time

3.2 Associate membership

- The parents or guardians of current pupils in the school
- All current full time members of staff
- All past members of staff
- The parents of Full Members of the Association
- Friends of the St Edmund's who share the aims of the Association

3.3 Honorary membership

- Persons from time to time invited by the Committee to be Patrons of the Association
- Past members of staff of the College at the discretion of the Committee
- Past officers of the Committee at the discretion of the Committee

3.4 All memberships are for life unless otherwise determined at the discretion of the Committee.

4 Subscriptions

4.1 Subscriptions will be payable for Full Membership and will be collected through termly school fees as set out in the Subscription Model agreed between the Committee and the College. The new subscription arrangements apply to all new pupils entering the school in Elements or above from September 2009.

4.2 Full Membership is automatically granted to all past pupils whose entry to the school predated September 2009 when the new Subscription Model was introduced.

4.3 Associate and Honorary membership will be free.

4.4 The Committee shall review and determine subscription rates as appropriate from time to time.

5 Suspension or Termination of Membership

The Committee may in its discretion suspend or terminate the membership of any Member who acts in a way which is incompatible with the aims of the Association or may bring the Association or the College into disrepute.

6 The Committee of the Association

The affairs of the Association shall be run by an Executive Committee of Officers and ex officio members and shall consist of:

6.1 Officers

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Events Co-ordinator
- College Liaison Officer
- Communications Officer

Officers shall be Members elected at an Annual General Meeting for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of three years, after which they shall be eligible for re-election annually for further periods of one year.

6.2 Ex Officio

- President
- Vice-President
- Past President
- Headmaster
- Development Director
- Chaplain
- Head Boy
- Head Girl

The roles of President, Vice-President and Past President are held for a period of twelve months. The President and Vice-President shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. On the completion of his term in office the President will become Past President and the Vice-President will assume the role of President.

6.3 President Emeritus

The honorary ex officio title, President Emeritus, has been created and may be awarded from time to time by the Committee in recognition of special services to The Edmundian Association. The title is to be held for life.

6.4 Representatives

The Committee will be supported by regional, sporting and year group representatives who may be appointed by the Committee from time to time to help with the coordination of Association activities for the benefit of its members.

7 Election of Officers

7.1 At least one month before the date of each Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall inform the Members of, and invite nominations for, all elections or re-elections that are to take place at the meeting. All candidates must be nominated by at least two other Members and must signify their acceptance of such nomination. Candidates shall be elected by a majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, either by a show of hands or by a ballot.

7.2 The Committee may fill vacancies arising between Annual General Meetings for Officers and Representative Members, such appointments to be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting. The terms of office of persons so appointed shall run from the Annual Meeting at which their appointments are ratified. The Committee may also co-opt additional members on a temporary basis for periods of up to one year at a time.

7.3 The Committee shall meet at least twice a year, eight members of the Committee to form a quorum.

8 Financial

8.1 The funds of the Association, both as to capital and income, shall be administered at the discretion of the Committee.

8.2 The banking account(s) shall be in the name of the Association. The signatories on the accounts shall be any two signatories as authorised from time to time by the Committee. Investments shall be held in the name of the Association wherever possible but where they are required to be in the name of an individual, they shall be held in the name of the Treasurer for the time being, as nominee of the Association.

8.3 Notwithstanding rule 8.2 the Treasurer may effect payments arising in the ordinary course of business otherwise than by cheque, provided that the request for each such payment is brought to the attention of, and approved by, one other authorised signatory.

9 Committee Meetings

9.1 There shall be at least one General Meeting of the Association annually, to be held on at least one month's notice as the Annual General Meeting in London or at the College or at some other place accessible to the majority of the membership. A quorum of fifteen Members must be present for the meeting to proceed to business. Should a quorum not be achieved, the meeting shall be adjourned to a further time and place at which those Members present shall form a quorum.

9.2 An Annual Report and a Statement of Accounts shall be prepared by the Chairman and Treasurer respectively and sent to all Members one month before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

9.3 Extraordinary General Meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman, who may also be required to call such meetings on the written demand of eight members of the Committee or twenty one Members of the Association.

10 General

10.1 Notices of death of Members shall be published in The Edmundian, and the names of Members known to have died during the previous twelve months will be read out at the St Edmund's Sunday Mass, when all deceased Members will be remembered. A Mass shall be said for certain Members on their death at the discretion of the Committee.

10.2 Current copies of The Edmundian shall be sent at the expense of the Association to Honorary members of the Association.

11 Amendments

The foregoing rules may not be revoked, added to, altered or amended except by a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting. A full month's written notice shall be given to all Members of any proposed revocation, addition, alteration or amendment.

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