



THE EDMUNDIAN ASSOCIATION

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Developing the Association

I want to let you know about our plans to simplify membership of The Edmundian Association and change the way it is funded.

Founded in 1853, the Association was established to maintain links between the College and its alumni. Our aim, as we approach the 450th anniversary of the College's foundation in 2018, is to develop a flourishing network to which every Edmundian belongs and to provide opportunities that will continue to encourage active membership as widely as possible.

On their subscription renewal dates, the current annual and ten year members will automatically be converted to life membership, with no requirement to pay a further subscription. They will continue to enjoy all the benefits of membership, including regular newsletters and invitations to a varied and growing programme of social and sporting events. This development is very much in line with other alumni organisations and we hope it will enable our active membership to grow in the years to come.

For those of our members wish to continue making regular payments to us, we are setting up a separate fund which will be used for the preservation of the College's rich historical heritage and the creation of a digital archive for the benefit of all our members.

To ensure we do not lose touch with younger Edmundians and to help our network to flourish, in future the Association will be funded by membership contributions made by parents on behalf of their children. Not only will this provide the Association with a regular income but it will also mean basic rate tax can be reclaimed on all contributions through the Gift Aid scheme. More importantly it will mean that in future every pupil will leave school with life membership of The Edmundian Association.

I would like to thank all those who have supported The Edmundian Association and its activities in the past, and look forward to keeping in contact with you.

Yours sincerely,

David J S Kay
President