

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2019

I am grateful to those members who have met regularly as a Sub-Group throughout the year. It has dealt with many issues and the work is beneficial. However, I believe these efforts can be greatly enhanced if we revert back to the initial suggestions discussed 12 months ago and this is the subject of a separate paper being submitted for consideration to the meeting.

I have continued to work with the Archives Team who are working well and adding photos and new material to the website on a regular basis.

Through the efforts to organise a Reunion in March 2020 this has enabled me to update our OSA Database considerably and many new email addresses have been added and existing ones amended. As this is an on going process it becomes imperative new "csv" files are obtained when bulk emails are sent in the future.

There are areas we still need to work on i.e. ensuring new Pupils starting at the College are recorded, if only with basic info i.e. name and start date and Leaving Pupils are recorded with the Leaving Date on their record.

I am hopeful we can also reach agreement on what benefits we are going to provide to those Pupils who do join the OSA. It is irresponsible, in my view, not to offer "Benefits" to those Pupils whose Parents do pay the Fee for joining.

Finally, I am starting my final year as President and I mention it now so that consideration can be given to my successor. I shall be happy to remain on the Committee if required but my tenure as President has run its course.

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