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Old Chigwellians' Association Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 03 November 2026
Virtual Meeting on MS Teams

Old Chigwellian attendees:

Mark Cuthbert-Brown. Clive Garfield, Vanessa James, Paul Keska, Dave Mance, Chris McDonald, Tim Miles, Andrew Pearson, Kaeah Sen, Rachael Uttley, Pat Ward and Catherine Xu

School attendees:

Damian King, Lisa Mina and James Rea

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1. Welcome and apologies

- Please note this meeting is being recorded.
- Meeting opened by D King at 7:05pm
- Apologies: Anusha Balasingam, Howard Berndes, Andrew Cockburn, Cole Crossman, Deep Johal, Christopher Norton, Graham Olliffe and Miles Taylor.

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2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

- The minutes of the previous AGM were approved without amendment.

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3. Head's update by D King

- **Speech Day** – Some OCs attended this event in the Sport & Wellness Centre. The guest speaker was Tanni Grey-Thompson, former wheelchair racer.
- **Summer School** - We invited state school pupils to some academic learning days, and they used the boarding house to stay in.
- **Site developments** - The main refurbishment was of the science classrooms and building. We also have an additional girls boarding house, Christies.
- **Exam Results** - We had strong GCSE and A Level results.
- **400th Anniversary** - Rachael Uttley née Cooper (OC 1998-2008) is working on projects for this. We have also submitted planning permission, to be completed in April 2029. There will be a celebration at St Paul's Cathedral.
- **The OC Mitre magazine** - It will be distributed in December and alumni are encouraged to update their contact details.
- **3 OCA Subgroups** – Focusing on:
  - engaging more pupils and OCs to join the football club – L Mina sent an email on behalf of the OCFC to young OCs who had represented the school football teams, encouraging them to get involved. This generated some positive responses.
  - the OCA and OCC working together – D King met with OCs R Taylor and M Taylor to discuss how the SLA arrangements could be streamlined. They took away some suggestions to consider ahead of the next meeting.
  - encouraging reunions at the Shrove Tuesday Supper event – Exploring opportunities to invite the first female pupils at the Prep School, who joined 30 years ago, and the Class of 1987, marking 40 years since they left school.

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4. President's update by D King on behalf of A Balasingam

- **Past events** - There was a successful 10-year reunion event, growth of the Under 25s Network with visits to Edinburgh and Newcastle and Networking Breakfasts including Law and Finance.
- **Upcoming events** – Tower of London private tour on 22 December 2026 and the OC Shrove Tuesday Supper on 09 February 2027.
- **Connect website** - We have seen increased engagement with a high proportion of the Class of 2026 joining. There are now 973 members on the site.

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5. Treasurer's report

- Clive Garfield reported that the OCA remains financially stable.
- The Tower of London event will be raising funds for the charity Forest Hospital Radio.

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6. Elected Officers

- **President – Kaeah Sen**, proposed by D Mance and seconded by A Pearson
- **Vice President – Miles Taylor**, proposed by V James and seconded by A Pearson
- **General Secretary – Catherine Xu**, proposed by R Uttley and seconded by D Mance
- **Honorary Treasurer – Clive Garfield**, proposed by V James and seconded by R Uttley

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7. Election of Representatives

- Year Representatives and Club Representatives were re-elected as below and approved en bloc without objection.

OC years	Representative 1	Representative 2
1940-1959	Pat Ward	Graham Olliffe
1960-1979	Chris McDonald	Andrew Pearson
1980-1999	Anil Kurukulasooriya	Deep Johal
2000-2019	Gabriella Erratt	James Abbott

OC Club	Representatives
Cricket	Rayn Ismail-Ahluwalia
Football	Paul Garfield
Golf	James Houghton
Hockey	Anusha Balasingam
Netball	Vanessa James
Tennis	Ross Berndes
Wednesday Lunch Club	Pat Ward

Heads of School Ex Officio	Representative
Head of School 2026-2027	Yuvan K
Deputy Head of School 2026-2027	Poppy S
Head of School 2025-2026	Raheel Haque
Deputy Head of School 2025-2026	Zara Islam
Head of School 2024-2025	Kayuki Sen
Deputy Head of School 2024-2025	Thomas Rea
Head of School 2023-2024	Isabel Iley
Deputy Head of School 2023-2024	Lucas Goddard
Head of School 2022-2023	Molly Moloney
Deputy Head of School 2022-2023	Rayn Ismail-Ahluwalia

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8. Any other business

- **Future meetings** - The dates agreed are 26 November 2026, 12 January 2027, 18 March 2027 and 15 June 2027 with a focus on alumni engagement, events and project development.
- **Lesley Farmer** – She was one of the first female pupils. Unfortunately, she died last month. Include a page in The OC Mitre magazine 2027 to remember her.
- **Further OCA discussion** – After the meeting, the OCA Executive Committee remained on the call and discussed alumni sports clubs, a possible summer alumni event, and links with Leyton Orient.

Meeting concluded at 7:45pm.

Actions summary

- **L Mina** - Circulate details of the Tower of London event and booking information.
- **L Mina** - Include a tribute to Lesley Farmer in the 2027 edition of The OC Mitre once received by A Pearson or the family.
- **All** - Continue promotion of the Chigwell Connect website and encourage alumni to join.