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**Old Chigwellian Association Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 16th September 2025 - 7:00pm
Virtual meeting on MS Teams**

OC Attendees:

James Abbott, Anusha Balasingam, Mark Cuthbert-Brown, Paul Garfield, Christopher Norton, Andrew Pearson, Aegean Simpson, Miles Taylor, Pat Ward and Catherine Xu

School Attendees:

Scott Franssen, Damian King and Lisa Mina

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

Howard Berndes, Andrew Cockburn, Mike Hutchin, Stuart Jefcoate, Phil Johnson, Chris Lord, Graham Olliffe, Godfrey Rooke, Cornelis Van Den Broek and James Rea

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2024

Approved by Mr Damian King and Aegean

4. Head's updates

- Speech Day – We had prize giving, speaker (Fergal Keane, OBE) and the ball in the Sport & Wellness Centre. We were unable to get an OC speaker, hopefully next year.
- Summer Wednesday Lunch Club – Great to see OCs in the school Dining Hall.
- Summer school - For aspirational Year 12s and local state schools
- Results days - Pupils did well and got in to their universities of choice.
- Lots of building works – The day houses, Harsnetts for more boarders (32 and growing), science building and library refurbishment.
- House Music – Caswalls' won
- Admissions – Numbers are good. We have 1,150 pupils from Reception to Year 13.
- OC Clubhouse - We have not heard from Leyton Orient about the Clubhouse.
- Gas and water mains - The water mains sprung a leak last year which meant the water company have had to dig a big hole. There has also been a gas leak this year but not a major one.
- The OC Mitre is coming along.



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5. President's report on the activities of the OCA since last AGM

- OC Football centenary – We had lots of speakers, Will Hoyle (Chairman of the Arthurian League) and OCs Miles Taylor, Paul Garfield and Rory Taylor. The event was organised by OCs Cole Crossman and Pat Ward.
- 2014 10-year reunion – This happened last September. A successful evening with many teachers attending too.
- 2015 10-year reunion – This is next week and we have a good response on numbers, 35 to date.
- Shrove Tuesday Supper – It was a successful evening with 109 attendees and a large age demographic with more of the younger generations. We reintroduced the football match. We will try and get a netball match next year. Paul Garfield suggested a hockey match.
- University visits – These are based on where most recent leavers are going. Very successful. Former teachers, David Gower and Jerry Morris, are still running them. There will be more next year, maybe Edinburgh. It includes a dinner, with phone calls to those recent leavers who can't make any of the events.
- MVI Assembly – Myself and Rory Taylor attended the assembly online. It was great to speak to the younger generation and soon to be leavers (Class of 2025). There was lots of talk about sports clubs, networking and staying connected.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Not applicable as Clive Garfield was not at the meeting.

7. Election of Officers

- The following candidates were elected:

Position	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Anusha Balasingam	Miles Taylor	Aegean Simpson
Vice President	Miles Taylor	Aegean Simpson	Anusha Balasingam
General Secretary	Catherine Xu	Anusha Balasingam	Aegean Simpson
Honorary Treasurer	Clive Garfield	Miles Taylor	Paul Garfield

8. Election of Representatives

- Up to eight OCs drawn to represent various year groups

OC years	Candidate 1	Candidate 2
1940-1959	Graham Olliffe	Richard Rosser
1960-1979	Chris McDonald	Andrew Pearson
1980-1999	Anil Kurukulasooriya	
2000-2020	Gabriella Erratt	Amrita Sandhu



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- Representatives from the main OC activities. Click on a club name to join.

Club

[Cricket](#)
[Football](#)
[Golf](#)
[Hockey](#)
[Netball](#)
[Tennis](#)
[Wednesday Lunch Club](#)

Representatives

Rayn Ismail-Ahluwalia
Paul Garfield and Rory Taylor
James Houghton
Anusha Balasingam
Vanessa James
Ross Berndes
Pat Ward

- Heads of School Ex Officio roles

Role and years

Head of School 2025-2026
Deputy Head of School 2025-2026
Head of School 2024-2025
Deputy Head of School 2024-2025
Head of School 2023-2024
Deputy Head of School 2023-2024
Head of School 2022-2023
Deputy Head of School 2022-2023
Head of School 2021-2022
Deputy Head of School 2021-2022

Representative

Raheel H
Zara I
Kayuki Sen
Thomas Rea
Isabel Iley
Lucas Goddard
Molly Moloney
Rayn Ismail-Ahluwalia
Lewis Bond
Anna Sagoo

9. Clubs update

- Football (Miles Taylor) – The 1st XI team have been promoted up to the Premier League. They are happy but this may be a more challenging season for them.
- Tennis (Miles Taylor) – The tennis teams also got promoted as Connaught had points deducted.
- Golf (Miles Taylor) – We are doing well. There are 24 people at Deal this weekend. We have qualified for the Grafton Morrish finals in 2 weeks' time. The over 50s team lost in the final of the Cyril Gray tournament.

10. Any other business

- Shrove Tuesday 2026 – This falls in half term. The week before clashes with Cadogan Hall concert. Attendees voted in favour of 24th February was agreed. Please share the date with other OCs and let us know who you would like to attend, including any former teachers and encourage others to join for the football match again.



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- Cricket match – Damian King suggested a summer cricket event and moving the AGM to the same date. Paul Garfield would like the cricket match but is not sure about an AGM the same day. Andrew Pearson also liked the idea of a summer cricket match and is happy to umpire.
- Objectives for the next year – Scott Franssen mentioned we want to boost more sport matches OCs vs Pupils in football, hockey and cricket. We have the Shrove Tuesday event and 10-year reunions. Are there any more reunions OCs want? 20 years? 50 years? Email philanthropy@chigwell-school.org or call Scott on 020 8501 5769 if you have any thoughts on this. Don't forget to create your profile on Connect to network, see more digital photos from archives, including whole school photos. Our next project is to digitise the Chigwellian magazines.
- 2029 the 400th anniversary – Scott Franssen invited all to a launch of the plans for 2029 with a gala dinner on 22nd November at Chigwell School. Presentations will be made for the rest of the community in New Hall at a later date and then distributed to all via email.
- Future OCA Committee meetings - Scott Franssen proposed the following dates for upcoming virtual committee meetings, all held at 7:00 PM (UK time) on Tuesdays.
 - 18th November 2025
 - 20th January 2026
 - 24th March 2026
 - 19th May 2026
 - 6th October 2026 (AGM)
 - 10th November 2026