



**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH via ZOOM**

Present: Andrew Rees President
David Budds Assistant Head
Zey Kagan Chair
Bhawana Sanyal Treasurer
Rachael Peek Secretary
Amit Singh Vice Chair
Omolola Rahman Vice Secretary
Ping Chan
Victoria Cattermole
Anand Ganguli
Shivanand Jadhav
Ezinne Kanu
Murali Krishnan
Mark McBennett
Judith Nakimuli
Rajesh Rawlani
Rochelle Saldanha
Seema Singh
Joshia Sivabalan
Hai Ying Song

Apologies: Susi Rushton
Sara Alade
Uloaku Ikegwu
Rajiv Bhatnagar
Asma Meer
Adebisi Akpomuje

The **Minutes of the General Meeting of the Association** held on 25th November 2020 were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Bhawana

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President's Report delivered by Andrew Rees – Headmaster

It has been a number of years like no other, and one which has seen a great deal of change in so many areas of our lives in school, at home and in the workplace. Regardless of the change going on in the wider world and the challenges which we all face, what has not changed is the unwavering support of our Parents' Association at St Olave's, and our gratitude as a school for that unwavering support.

I would like to formally thank all members of the St Olave's Parent's Association for all of the incredible hard work and dedication which they have shown over the last year. I have spoken before about the great privilege which it is to lead this school and work with some of the brightest, most remarkable and most hard-working young people in the country. It is no less applicable to the parents of those young people who have worked tirelessly with the school for the greater good of our school community.

There is more to be said than might reasonably be covered in a brief speech such as this, but I will do my best. We know that had this been a normal year, the money raised by the mock tests would have been considerable and whilst this did not materialise in no way diminishes the school's gratitude for all the hard work and preparation which would have taken place. Amit, Bhawana and Rachael did organise Mock Paper sales in preparation for the Year 7 tests. This has raised £12,618 over the 2 sessions.

We are looking forward to celebrate a community fundraising event in the form of a multi-faith Itfar in April and we know that the systems and the infrastructure underpinning these events will be good to go when normality returns. Despite the disruptions this year, the amount of money which is raised by this PA, and the excellent support which it facilitates for your children, continues to make you one of the most remarkable and successful bodies of your kind in the country. The figures shared by the Treasurer remain a testament to the hard work of all of you who have given generously of your time, expertise and indeed money. As ever though, the high profile and highly successful fund-raising and social events are not necessarily the things which most closely define the work of the PA, wonderful and worthwhile though they are. The DNA of the PA and its work shines through in the regular commitment to the low key, bread and butter events which ensure the smooth running of the school and the sense of care, community and belonging which it engenders, irrespective of the fact that many of these things have not been able to take place as usual this year. Whilst my thanks and praise do indeed go to the organisers of the large scale events, even though they may not have taken place, they go very much also to those who ensured the provision of service with a smile at Parents' Evenings, Old Olavian Dinners, concerts and plays, and to those who made provision for uniform sales where we raised over £1000 and at all sorts of other smaller events. All of these things, large and small, make this PA what it is, and make me incredibly proud and humbled to be its president.

I thank Zey for her excellent and committed work as Chair. I would also like to thank all of the other post-holders on the Committee and indeed on all the sub-committees for their commitment and hard work. We would not be where we are today without you.

I know I speak also for Mr Budds and all others on the school's staff who work closely with the PA in saying that whatever challenges we may face, we are very much looking forward to continuing to work with you all on developing and enhancing the community, the culture and the environment of the school to make this community of learning the most welcoming and successful place it can possibly be, and a place in which your children can continue to flourish. Thank you.

The following were ELECTED as Officers and Trustees of the Association for the coming year:

Chair:	Zey Kagan
Treasurer:	Haiying Song
Secretary:	Shivanand Jadhav
Vice Chair:	Amit Singh
Asst Treasurer:	Bhawana Sanyal
Asst Secretary:	Rachael Peek

All attending the meeting were ELECTED as the members of the Association Committee.

Any Other Business

None