

REPORT OF THE J.C.C GENERAL COMMITTEE – YEAR ENDED 2008/9

The General Committee held regular meetings throughout the year. The relationship with the School remains extremely strong and thanks must be given to the Headmaster, David Levin, for his contributions, which are proving beneficial to both CLS and the JCC.

Representatives of the Committee again organised and attended the School Leavers' Lunch.

Our first Alumni Relations Officer ("ARO") was appointed in May by a panel consisting of representatives from the Club, the School and the Corporation. Karen Sage, an experienced public relations professional, took post in June and she has had a busy few months managing our database, organising events and liaising with the School. Karen is based at the School and is happy to receive enquiries by email, post, telephone or in person.

The half- Bursary funded by the Club from its charitable funds has come to an end and Joshua Bada, the beneficiary, is now at university. Members now fund two seven year half-bursaries with their personal contributions, and matched funding has been found by David Levin to make them full bursaries. Contributions are now being sought for a third bursary.

The Club continues to fund coaching for various activities at the School, where sport has been experiencing a successful period.

The Club continues to field teams in Cricket, Fives, Golf, Water Polo and Fencing, with matches against the School once again being a welcome part of our fixtures. The annual report of the Sports Committee will be printed in the next edition of the Gazette.

The Annual General Meeting and Club Dinner, which followed, were again held at the School when the Club welcomed the re-election of Bruce Todd as President for a second year. As has become the recent practice, the Club was pleased to have amongst its guests the Headmaster, Second Master, Director of Admissions and a number of boys.

The objective of making the Club more inclusive and relevant to all Old Citizens and indeed to boys at the School remained central to the Committee's priorities, and was a focus of activity during the year. A sub-committee, chaired by Paul Wickham, concluded its review of the role and functions of the Club and recommended a change to the Rules, which was duly drafted (after much effort) by Keith Baker. Progress reports have been published in the Gazette during the year, with a detailed article by the President appearing in the October 2009 edition, to accompany the resolution contained in November AGM Agenda.

The *Gazette* is now a more attractive magazine for members and the Club is very grateful for the continuing efforts of Brian Millo as Editor. We have reduced the number of editions to two per year, both in print and electronically, with regular updates of news and information appearing on the Club's website.

The Club's financial position remains sound. The investment funds, including those managed by Merrill Lynch, have suffered falls in value, but these have recovered slightly since 30 April 2009, but they have some way to go before they reach pre-recession levels.

In supporting the needs of the Club and other alumni, the costs of a new database and the initial data catch have been met out of general funds and the major part of the costs of our new ARO likewise.

The Club continued to meet its above-mentioned commitments to the Asquith Bursary appeal, made contributions to Prizes, the Sports coaching and the Leavers Ball and Book, as well as making other donations and grants of financial support from its charitable funds.

The Club held its formal (well attended) Dinner at the House of Lords on 9 September 2009, after the original February date had to be cancelled due to snow. Past President Alderman Lord Levene was our sponsor and, despite a very busy schedule, was able to be present throughout. Our President gave us an intriguing expose of the wiles of John Carpenter while Town Clerk and the Head gave a vivid insight into the ways in which Old Citizens can assist the School amongst very heartening news of the current strength of the School. Our principal guest, Sir Paul Judge, gave us considerable insight into the wider aspects of school education. Our next Dinner on 10th March 2010 will also be at the House of Lords, again generously sponsored by Lord Levene to accommodate our guest speaker, Oliver Letwin .

The 100 Club continues to provide financial assistance to the School and Club sporting activities. There are tickets available and these can be purchased via the Promoter, Chris Southgate.

The Club again thanks the Headmaster and Corporation for allowing us use of the School's premises for our meetings and functions.

Total membership today stands at 4,214, of which there are:

Home members:	3,612
Overseas members:	196
Addresses missing:	406

These numbers include 118 who left the School in July 2009. As well as our being able to welcome some new members (in addition to the School leavers who are routinely elected to membership), changes during the year have regrettably included the deaths of some members, among whom were Aleck Craddock (33-39), LVO, President 1988-89; Greg Wand (44-50); Lionel Bell (42-49); and Savvas Regas (97-99).

Our membership includes four Honorary members: David Levin, Headmaster, and three previous Headmasters, Bryan Bass, Roger Dancey and Martin Hammond.

Notifications of changes to the Membership List should now be sent to Karen Sage, the Club's Alumni Relations Officer, based at the School.

Bruce Todd
President

Martin Israel
Hon Secretary

10 November 2009

The attendance at 2008/09 committee meetings was as follows:

K Baker	6	S Mirjafari	0
P Dylewski	1	D Morganstein	1
M Israel	6	A Sawell	5
R Jones	5	C Southgate	4
R Lehman	2	B Todd	7
I Livne	4	B Waters	0
J McDonnell	0	P Wickham	4
B Millo	5	A Willis	7