

	THE OLD WELBEXIAN ASSOCIATION - CHARTER
VERSION:	1.1
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AIM	<p>1. Aim. The Association will be known as the Old Welbexian Association (OWA). It has 4 aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote a network of life-long friends throughout the Armed Forces and civilian life • To maintain OWs' interest in the College. • To promote the activities of Welbeck DSFC • To assist with fundraising
STRUCTURE	<p>2. Structure. The OWA is governed by an Executive and a Main Committee, with an Annual General Meeting AGM:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Executive</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">President Principal Chairman¹ Secretary Staff Member OWA As directed, members from the Main Committee²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee meets at least once per year • Less the Principal, all Executive members may serve for a maximum of 5 years. • The President, Chairman and Secretary self-appoint their successors; this is ratified at the AGM • The Principal appoints the Staff Member <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. Main</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Executive plus Treasurer Membership Secretary Publicity Officer Projects Officer Events Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Main Committee meets at least three times per year³ • Committee members may serve a maximum of 3 years • The Executive Committee (or Chairman in extremis) appoint the members of the Main Committee; this is ratified at the AGM • Over time, the Main Committee should reflect both the retired and the quad-Service nature of OWs.

¹ The Chairman updates Committee members' job descriptions

² And by invitation, the DSFC Adjutant

³ DSFC members are not expected to travel to attend Main Committee mtgs

MEMBERSHIP	<p>c. AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the OWA are welcome to participate in the AGM (normally held in May or Oct, date tbc) • The AGM reviews and endorses Exec and Main Committee appointments. • The AGM reviews and endorses major Committee decisions <p>3. Membership.</p> <p>a. Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On completion of their 6th Form education, all DSFC students are eligible for membership of the OWA. • DSFC Teaching staff who have completed 5 years • Others as invited by the Executive Committee <p>b. Fee. An annual fee, agreed at the AGM, payable by Direct Debit is required. Life membership no longer exists (although 'grandfather' rights prevail).</p>
FINANCE	<p>c. Database. The Membership Secretary maintains the database and ensures Fofl conformity.</p> <p>4. Finance. The OWA maintain a current and deposit account with Holts Bank. The Treasurer is responsible for account administration and the production of financial statements for Committee meetings and the AGM.</p> <p>5. Events. Annually the OWA hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President's Dinner (the OWA Prize is presented) • The London Reunion <p>6. Communication. The principle means of communicating to members is via the website, www.dsfc.ac.uk/owa. The Publicity Officer and Secretary are responsible for the upkeep of the website (via Hd of Soft Systems) communications. Other methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM • DSFC 'Flyer' Updates (replaced the Welbexian Magazine) <p>7. Projects. A Projects Officer is appointed to administer 'project' work (for example, the sourcing and presentation of Welbeck Abbey pictures to the DSFC)</p> <p>8. OWA Governor. Under College arrangements, an OW sits on the DSFC's Governing Body. He has no formal relationship to the OWA, however a close dialogue is maintained by the President and Chairman.</p>
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