

FRIENDS' SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION



Dear Old Scholar

As you know the school sadly closed on 7th July 2017 and went into administration on 17th July and is in the process of being sold to cover its debts. Below is the link to an article which appeared in the Walden Local.

Walden Local 13 September 2017

<http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=3bc2d0c0-c0eb-4e9e-a6b4-f57caad19178>

For further information on possible future plans for the school site please see below a link to another recent article in the Walden Local.

Walden Local 11 October 2017

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Whilst closure of the school is incredibly sad, the Old Scholars' Association is alive and well and we hope that you will continue to keep in touch with us and your contemporaries via the website www.oldscholars.com and our [Facebook](#) page for those of you who prefer this option.

Subscriptions

If you were one of those who previously changed your annual subscription to the OSA to a regular donation to Friends' School Foundation, **please cancel this now** as the money will go to the school administrators and not to the OSA.

We would be very grateful if you would consider changing this back to a standing order in favour of FSSWOSA. A standing order form can be found in the membership section of the website or contact me at fsswosa@gmail.com. The OSA has limited funds and there are still significant costs involved in running the association, maintaining the database and website. We would also like to continue organising events for you such as the annual reunion and/or other Year Group reunions.

Reunions

Last month both the 1975 Year Group and the 1964 Year Group met up and we know that those Old Scholars who were at school in the 1940s and 50s meet every year so we would

love to hear from you if your Year Group meet up regularly. See the website for photos of the recent 1975 Year Group reunion for whom we were able to organise a tour of the school grounds.

We would also love to hear from those turning 50 and 60 next year (i.e. YG 1976 and 1986) so that we can potentially organise a reunion for you. Please email us at fsswosa@gmail.com if you would be interested in meeting up with your old school mates.

AGM

Due to the sudden announcement of the school's closure in the summer term, we were regrettably forced to cancel the AGM and summer reunion with very little notice. However, there will be an **Extraordinary General Meeting on Saturday 19th May 2018 at 2.30pm** at the Friends' Meeting House in Saffron Walden so please put this date in your diary and email us if there are any issues that you would like to raise. Further details are also on the website.

Committee

The Committee will continue to meet once a term in Saffron Walden and we are looking for new members. If you would be interested in joining or finding out more about what is involved please email fsswosa@gmail.com

Archives

The administrators are aware that we wish to preserve our archives and we hope to be more fully involved when decisions are made. Archives up to 1936 are housed in the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford but some duplicates and post 1936 archives are still in the school. Tony and Margaret Watson are officially retiring as archivists next May so please let me know if you might be interested in helping to save our archives and I can put you in touch with them to find out what is involved.

We will continue to keep you up to date with any developments at the school as soon as we have any news. Please also check the website for further information.

Best wishes,

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