

**TDA Panel
Meeting Minutes
11th February 2015**

Location: ITV Studios, 200 Grays Inn Road, London

Attendees: Simon Daghish, Chris Crowcroft, Chris Winter, Allan Mayo, Abigail Trench, Nick Scott-Kilvert, Jenny Grant and Katherine Seton

Apologies: Chris Russell, Amanda Baker, Charlotte Davies, Graham Chipperfield, Andy Wilkes, Steve Sheppard

NSK - The new website

We are looking at getting the new website up and running by the end of the summer. Using 'School Website' (company) after getting quotes from two other companies. No real possibility of pushing the date forward as there is a lot of work to be completed in each section.

The website is considered important for TDA engagement – option of TDA link-through on toolbar is being explored, as well as possibility of a sign-in to a private TDA-only area. Carefully considering encompassing a conversational element but need to be sure of feasibility/security etc. 'Free text' – more inclined to provide up-to-date information. Need to be aware of client access rights/licensing. Regional groupings: would be good to have someone responsible for each area: distribution of ownership of activity.

ACTION: COMMUNICATE VISION OF THIS IN NEXT DUKIE NEWS

(JG)

JG - Dukie Database - update

Database assessed according to numbers in different generations, and stats produced (attached). The stats show 823 on TDA database; of the 92% fully recorded with dates, 48.5% left pre 1990 (i.e. are early 40s+), 51.5% from post-1990. The biggest cohort is the 1990s (21%) and there are 104 women in total (13%).

Is there currently automatic registration of leavers? Does the school have a forwarding email address? At present it feels like we are losing people through a technicality. Ideally leavers would 'opt out' rather than 'opt in'. Would be advantageous to offer a DOYRMS email address to all leavers.

ACTION: Check how A-level results are sent out, ask School Website re setting up DOYRMS email addresses for leavers. TDA permanent sign-up point also needed on Facebook to capture those who are on FB but not registered on database.

(JG)

NSK - School Production

West Side Story was a huge success, an excellent production. 14/15 students travelled over from West Point Virginia. Tickets were advertised locally but there wasn't a huge take-up - locals feel we're a closed site. As a comparison, Astor College's performances are outstanding and sold out every night.

Need to encourage people to come – how? Old Dukies generally don't attend - too far to travel. Numbers may improve once the School has more local parents. More likely to get parents to attend if held at beginning or end of school terms, but for this production it was necessary to work to an American timetable. Joint USA production planned every two years.

CC - Drama/Music

Dance/Music meet has been arranged for Feb 24th with a view to a music/dance workshop at the end of the summer term – CC and AM. Great if the School gains reputation for performing venue, such as Astor has done.

BTEC in Performing Arts will be offered from September.

Would be good for school stage to have an 'apron' in longer term.

NSK - Weekly Boarding

Weekly boarding is being introduced from September – 6 compulsory weekends – including Beret Parade, Remembrance Weekend and a Founder's Day. Need to keep interesting things on compulsory weekends, rest of time up to students and parents to decide. Only one fee.

NSK - School Recruitment

School recruitment is ahead in Feb 2015 compared to the same time last year.

NSK - Executive Principal

Chris Russell is staying on for 2 additional years, until Summer 2017.

From July 2015, the process will begin for the recruitment of his successor. Discussion re: TES/vs head-hunter. TES is read by everyone in education, but a head-hunter is better for targeting people who haven't 'looked' for jobs.

CW - OBA Update

An agreement had been reached that OBA would disband, but in January a proposal was submitted to say that the original votes were no longer valid. OBA – AGM – 5th March.

November's Remembrance Dinner – perceived errors from some of the OBA guests were flagged e.g. reference to the toast and introductions.

Important to get correct contact information from Old Dukies, can't keep them informed without email/postal addresses - 'Invitation Only' to future events?

It was suggested that the Dukie News should include obituaries. **(JG to action)**

If and when the OBA merges with the TDA, any available funds could be used for the Clocktower Society.

SD - Panel Structure

It was proposed that everything be kept 'as is' until after the OBA AGM – discuss in next meeting.

Reps from each decade should be sought, using stats produced.

Gaps identified: Leavers 2010+
 Females from the first cohort leaving 1996-99
 Male from Dukies leaving before 1960
 Males leaving 2000-2009

Ideas for suitable candidates:

 Ian Kennett (rugby)
 Dick Catt (at Dover Rugby Club)
 Graham Chipperfield (already invited but would like to attend next)
 Charles Graham

Two from rugby or other interest groups?

CW won't be representing OBA in future but would like to stay on panel.

AT – girls are hard to get on board – don't seem keen – have moved on. Probably a matter of time and patience.

CC - Fundraising

Donor list once a year in Dukie News. Not amounts, just names? Needs further discussion. However, need to ensure donors can remain anonymous if requested. Bursary/Scholarship – hardship + talent is best criteria.

KS - Careers Fair

33 confirmed. Also compiling list of those interested in doing targeted careers talks from Sept.

ACTION: **NSK to speak to Gary Coward re talk** **(NSK)**

Events

TDA Summer Drinks – we have Mall Galleries booked for Friday 10th July – venue is free.

20th Anniversary of Dukie Girls as theme?

At Saatchi, tickets for 250 people would need to cost £80 per ticket for it to work.

ACTION: Check availability & costings for an alternative to Mall Galleries. (JG)

Numbers attending previous events: 95@ Mall Galleries; 250 @ Launch

Would be hard to mirror numbers from launch. Mall Galleries on a Friday would expect higher attendance than on a Wednesday.

Founders Day – 1801 - April/March – would need to be at school as should include current pupils.
CW approaching organist from Christ's Hospital Horsham – parade, church service, London.
Outdoor marquee or MOD Buildings?

Dukies involved in Battle of Waterloo?

ACTION: CC/Art to look into this – article for next Dukie News (CC)

AT – nothing up for girls re recognition – Head Girl board?

ACTION: JG to look into this (JG)

Upcoming Dates

Next TDA Panel Meeting	22 nd May 2015 (2pm)
OBA Dinner	18 th April 2015
Careers Fair	20 th March 2015
Grand Day	3 rd July 2015
TDA Summer Drinks	10 th July 2015

TDA Current Stats

Dukies Database Update 11/2/15	Number of Members	Panel Representation
Total number of members:	823	9
Males	719	7
Females	104	2
Females leaving 1996 - 1999	8	0
Females leaving 2000 - 2009	56	2

Females leaving 2010 - 2014	25	0
(15 unknown)		
Males leaving 1930 - 1939	2	0
Males leaving 1940 - 1949	20	0
Males leaving 1950 - 1959	34	0
Males leaving 1960 - 1969	100	2
Males leaving 1970 - 1979	102	2
Males leaving 1980 - 1989	105	2
Males leaving 1990 - 1999	156	1
Males leaving 2000 - 2009	95	0
Males leaving 2010 - 2014	29	0
(76 unknown)		